SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 14th February, 2012

1. The Senate met at 10:39 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, 9th February, 2012 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 the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:
Request for approval for Pipeline Projects:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

February 10, 2012

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR PIPELINE PROJECTS UNDER THE MEDIUM TERM (2012-2014) EXTERNAL BORROWING PLAN

I write to present the attached list of Pipeline Projects for the Medium Term (2012-2014) to the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for consideration and inclusion in the 2012-2014 External Borrowing Plan.

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I wish to inform you that a number of special initiatives were designed to put the economy back on track through growth and employment activities geared towards the implementation of the Transformation Agenda. In that regard, a number of projects have been designed to create employment opportunities with a view to growing the economy.

The Pipeline Projects are at various stages of finalisation. Therefore, I present herewith a total external pipeline borrowing in the amount of US$7,905,690,000.00 or US$2.64 billion a year being cumulative facilities offered by the World Bank, African Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, Exim Bank of China and Indian lines of credit. Details of the pipeline borrowing are attached as Annex 1.

In this regard, the Distinguished Senate President is invited to:

i. note that the objectives of the projects conform with the Transformation Agenda of our Administration and cut across various sectors of the economy;

ii. note that the initiatives are meant to put the economy on track through growth and employment;

iii. approve the list of pipeline projects for inclusion in the Medium Term (2012-2014) External Borrowing Plan of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

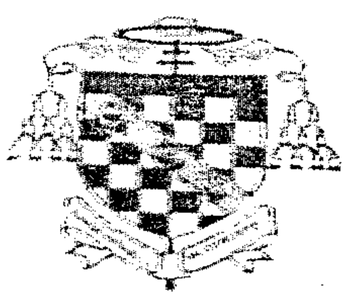
4. Announcements:

(a) Demise of Senator (Dr.) Paul Oluohu Ukpo:

The Senate President read a letter from Archbishop Joseph Edra as follows:

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Cross River State, Nigeria
West Africa

10 February 2012 *Date:.....*

Senator David Mark
Senate President
National Assembly Abuja.

Death of Dr. Senator Paul Oluohu Ukpo

With gratitude to God for the life of my brother Dr. Senator Paul Ukpo and on behalf of the Ukpo Family, Okpoma, Yala LGA Cross River State, I hasten to announce the passing away to glory of Dr. Senator Paul Oluohu Ukpo. The death occurred on Saturday 4th February 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa.

On Friday 17th February 2012 at 11am, there will be a Funeral Mass at Christ the King's Catholic Church, Okpoma, Yala LGA, Cross River State followed by internment at the UKPO Family Compound.

He was born on the 2nd September, 1951, he completed his primary and secondary education in 1971. He was an outstanding Student and made excellent grades in the West African School Certificate Examination. He then proceeded to the University of Benin where he graduated in Physics with high honours in 1975.

In 1980, he graduated at the top of his doctoral programme and earned a Fellowship Position in Applied Physics at the John's Hopkins School of Hygiene and Medicine. Dr. Paul was a pioneer Scientist involved in research work that led to the development of the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technology that is widely used today in Medical Diagnostics.

Soon after his post doctoral Fellowship and research in Nuclear Medicine at John Hopkins, Paul and his wife returned to Nigeria in May 1981 and settled in Lagos.

Dr. Paul Ukpo was Chairman UNIC Insurance Company and was also a member of the Governing Council of the University of Lagos (2003 - 2007) where he contributed his quota to the development of the University.

The need for proper representation of his Yala people at the National level prompted him go into politics in 1992 He contested and won the Cross River State North Senatorial District election and became the first Yala man elected into the Nigerian Senate in 1992. Dr. Paul has since then played pivotal roles in Nigerian politics. He did not always succeed as a politician but was an effective leader for change. He was a Philanthropist with a large heart and touched the life of many people during his life time.

Senator Dr. Paul Ukpo departed on Saturday 4, February, 2012. He is survived by his Wife, 8 Children, Brothers, Sisters, Nephews, Nieces, numerous relations and friends who would miss him dearly.

May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen
(Signed)
Archbishop Joseph Edra Ukpo
Archbishop of Calabar
Cross River State, Nigeria.

(b) Disclaimer:

The Senate President read a letter as follows:

The President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

DISCLAIMER

I have just been informed that a group known as AfriStride Resources has been writing letters to Distinguished Senators requesting for money to organise a national hero award for me.

It is imperative to inform you that AfriStride Resources has no mandate from me or any of my staff to organise an award in my honour.

I therefore urge any of my Distinguished Bosses who might have received a copy of the said letter from AfriStride Resources to disregard it and stop further discussions with the group.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Senator (Dr.) David A. B. Mark, GCON, fnim
President of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria

(c) Appreciation:

The Senate President read a letter as follows:

The President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

APPRECIATION

I wish to express my gratitude to all of you, my Distinguished Bosses and especially, to your spouses for the immense support and solidarity which my wife received towards her 60th Birthday anniversary irrespective of the fact that plans to mark her 60th birthday had to be cancelled suddenly due to the passing away of her younger sister.

My wife was deeply touched by your understanding and kindness and insists, I convey her appreciation.

On behalf of my wife and the entire Mark family, please accept our sincere appreciation.

(Signed)
President of the Senate
14 Feb. 2012

(d) Delegation to Senator Paul Ukpo's Burial:

The Senate President named the following as Senate delegation to Senator Paul Ukpo's Burial to condole with the Family, Government and the People of Cross River State:

(*i*)	Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba	—	Leader of Delegation
(*ii*)	Senator Barnabas Gemade	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Christopher Nwankwo	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Hadi Sirika	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Robert Boroffice	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Abubakar Tutare	—	Member

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of Senator Paul Ukpo.

(e) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of ARWA Basic School, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Nigerian International Financial Centre Bill 2012 (HB. 15) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) State of the Nation Address Bill 2012 (HB. 91) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Confirmation of Ministerial Nominees (Procedure) Bill 2012 (HB. 75) — *Read the First Time*.

6. **Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):**
Report on the screening of nominees:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), on the screening of Nominees for appointment as Resident Electoral Commissioners in the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC) *(Senator Alkali Jajere — Yobe South)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **Committee on Health:**
Report on Sickle Cell (Prevention, Control and Management) Bill 2012 (SB. 59):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. **Joint Committee on Heath; and Employment, Labour and Productivity:**
Report on the Institute of Safety Professionals, Occupational Safety and Health Bills 2012 (SB. 2 and 4):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. **Committee on Heath:**
Report on Cholera-a Recurring Epidemic:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Health in respect of the motion, Cholera-a Recurring Epidemic *(Senator Gyang D. Dantong — Plateau North)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. **Motion:**
Demise of Professor Samuel Adepoju Aluko:
The Senate notes with heavy heart, the death of Professor Samuel Adepoju Aluko, A foremost unquestionably, and understanding Economist of our time on Tuesday 7th February 2012 at the age of 81 years;

notes also that Professor Sam Aluko was born on August 17, 1927 to the Aluko Fagbohun family of Ode Ekiti in the South Senatorial District of Ekiti State;

notes further that the Late Professor Sam Aluko began his Primary Education at St. Mary's Primary School, Ode Ekiti from 1936 to 1940 before moving to Emmanuel School, Ado Ekiti. He also attended the famous Christ School, Ado Ekiti. He studied privately and bagged a second class honours in Economics at the University of London from where he proceeded to London School of Economics where his exceptional brilliance excited the authorities of the School following which the school decided to continue footing his scholarship. He finished his Masters degree with distinction which was described as a rare feat. He returned to Nigeria thereafter;

observes that the Late Professor Sam Aluko was a devout Christian of the Anglican Faith throughout his life time; and a good family man who loved all his children among who is Senator Gbenga Aluko. He was a Prolific Writer, a renowned Author, an Orator, a Politician, and a Philanthropist who had touched many lives positively within and outside the Country;

observes that the Late Professor Sam Aluko served this country in various capacities hereinafter stated.

(i) Principal of Zik's College of Commerce, Sapele;

(ii) Vice Principal, Lagos City College, Lagos;

(iii) Lecturer and later became Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) and the University of Nsukka between 1959 and 1967;

(iv) He was appointed Professor of Economics at the then University of Ife in 1967 where remained till 1980;

(v) He was appointed the Economic Adviser by Late Chief Adekunle Ajasin, the First Executive Governor of Ondo State from 1980 to 1983 and also served as Adviser to the Old Bendel State for the establishment of Ambrose AlIi University, Ekpoma;

(vi) He was the Chairman, National Economic Intelligence Committee (NEIC) from 1983 to 1999 when he resigned.

convinced that Professor Sam Aluko was a Nationalist and a renowned economist of no mean standard, he was conferred with the National Honour of the Commander of the Federal Republic (CFR) in 1988.

aware that Professor Sam Aluko was a loving family man, an advocate of social justice, a great Economist and Administrator of no mean repute whose death is a great loss to Ekiti South Senatrioal District, and Ekiti State in particular but to Nigeria as a Nation.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:
(i) *observe* one minute of silence in honour of late Professor Sam Aluko.

(ii) *send* a delegation to condole with his family, the Government and people of Ekiti State.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of late Professor Sam Aluko. — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do send a delegation to condole with his family, the Government and people of Ekiti State — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:
(i) observe one minute silence in honour of late Professor Sam Aluko; and

(ii) send a delegation to condole with his family, the Government and people of Ekiti State **(*S/Res/034/01/12*)**.

One minute silence accordingly observed.

11. **National Agency for the Promotion and Preservation of Local Languages in Nigeria Bill 2012 (SB.55):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Agency for the Promotion and Preservation of Local Languages in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected therewith Bill 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa — Lagos East*).

Debate:

Bill withdrawn by the Sponsor (Rule 89)

12. **Trade in Counterfeit Goods Bill 2012 (SB.53):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 15th February, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:13 *p.m.*

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