SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 15th February, 2012

1. The Senate met at 10:44 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, 14th February, 2012 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Appreciation:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ehigie Uzamere (*Edo South*) as follows:

Senator (Arc) Ehigie Uzamere
EDO SOUTH
Chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign & Local Debts
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

SEN/EDO/105/ADM.05/37 — 13th February, 2012

The President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,

Your Excellency,

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Uzamere family, I wish to express our profound gratitude to His Excellency, the President of the Senate, Senator David Mark and his dear wife, and all Distinguished Senators and their spouses who honoured our invitation to my beloved daughter's wedding with their esteemed presence on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

We equally appreciate your generous gifts and prayers you freely offered for the new couple.

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My family and I are indeed grateful for the outpour of love and show of solidarity. It is our prayer that the Almighty God will continue to bless and protect you and your families in Jesus name, Amen.

(Signed)
Senator Ehigie E. Uzamere, ksc

4. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Alhaji Garba A. B. of his constituency on wrongful termination of his appointment by the Central Bank of Nigeria. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition Laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41 (3)].

5. Newspapers' Publications:

The Senate attention was drawn to various newspapers' publications credited to Senator Ahmed Maccido, Chairman Committee on Appropriation over increase of the 2012 Budget. Senator Ahmed Maccido was invited for clarification over the matter.

Senator Ahmed M. Maccido denied giving such information, however, he accepted telling a Journalist that Mr President's ban on Ministers lobbying the National Assembly to increase their Budgets has tremendously helped the Committee on Appropriation against the inclusion of fictitious projects in the 2012 Budget.

6. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) National Social Security Agency (Establishment, etc) Bill 2012 (SB. 114) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) National Social Welfare Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill 2012 (SB. 115) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Trade Union Act Cap. T14 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB. 120) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Privileges of the Floor:

Admission of Senator Joy Emodi, Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters and Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde:

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke and suspend Rule 17(1) to admit Senator Joy Emodi, Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters, and Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde to the Floor of the Senate respectively *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Senator Joy Emordi and Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde accordingly admitted.

8. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde, as the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Screening of Nominee)

Nominee screened:

Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the request of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde, as the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and approved his nomination.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nomination:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde, as the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde, as the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) accordingly confirmed.

9. **Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:**
Report on the screening of nominee:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):**
Report on the screening of nominees:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Committee on Heath:**
Report on Cholera - a Recurring Epidemic:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Central Bank of Nigeria Act, Cap, C4 LFN, 2007 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB.75):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Preservation and Control of National Grazing Reserves (Establishment, etc) Bill 2012 (SB.60):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. National Youth Service Corps Act Cap N84 LFN 2004 Bill 2012 (SB.70):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 16th February, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:04 *p.m.*

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