SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 22nd February, 2012

1. The Senate met at 10:45 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, 21st 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:

Appointment of Members of Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

February 20, 2012

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE REVENUE MOBILISATION, ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION

The Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission is one of the Federal Executive Bodies established under Section 153(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended. By the provision of Paragraph 31, Part 1 of the Third Schedule to the Constitution, the Commission shall comprise a Chairman and one Member from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

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In the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Sections 154(1), 155(c) and 156(3) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended, I hereby present the underlisted nominees for the kind consideration of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as Members of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission.

S/No.	Name	State	Remark
1.	Alhaji Bello Usman Maitambari , CON	Kebbi	Fresh Appointment
2.	Dr. Rafiq Olayiwola Ogunbambi, OON, mni	Lagos	Fresh Appointment
3.	Rev. Ajibola E. Fagboyegun	Ondo	Re- Appointment

While hoping that this request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Distinguished Senators, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards and esteem.

Yours Sincerely
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) ***Further Development and Maintenance of Apo Legislative Quarters Mosque:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator A. D. Sodangi (*Ag. Chairman Apo Central Mosque Management Committee*) as follows:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CENTRAL MOSQUE

19th February, 2012

The Distinguished President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

ATTENTION:
Senator Bello H. Gwarzo (Chief Whip)

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF APO LEGISLATIVE QUARTERS CENTRAL MOSQUE–DEDUCTION OF N20.000.00 FROM MONTHLY SALARY

It will be recalled that Muslim Senators and Hon Members in the 5th National Assembly made contributions from their monthly salaries for the construction of a befitting edifice that now serves as the Central mosque for the Legislative quarters Apo and environs. The mosque was commissioned in 2007 by His Eminence the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Mohammed Sa'ad Abubakar. Contributions were resumed in the 6th National assembly for the purpose of building a residence for the Chief Imam and also for the maintenance of the Mosque. While the upkeep of the mosque remains on course, the construction of the Chief Imam's residence has just started.

There is a need to sustain the monthly contribution so as to accomplish the afore-mentioned tasks. Considering the origin of the mosque and its location, we find it still necessary to seek the financial support of the Muslim Senators until such a time that the mosque can find an alternative source of funding.

To this end, we humbly request that the consent of Distinguished Senators be ascertained through your good offices to commence the deduction of ₦20,000.00 from their monthly salaries for the development and maintenance of the Central mosque.

We urge our Muslim colleagues to continue to be part of this SADAKATUL–JARIYA!.

(Please see attached list).

Kindly communicate to our most Distinguished Senators for their necessary action please.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)
Senator A.D. Sodangi
Ag. Chairman

(Signed)
Hon. Shuaibu H. Abdullahi
Secretary

(*b*) ***Acknowledgment:***

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

(*i*) Staff and Students of Olumawu College, Wuse II, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Government Day Secondary School, Wuse II, Abuja.

5. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ibrahim Musa (*Niger North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Adamu Magaji, on wrongful dismissal from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA). 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)].

6. Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Report on the screening of Ambassadorial nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the screening of Chief (Mrs.) Sifawu Inu-Umoru Momoh (*Edo State*) and Mr. Okafor Matthias Ojih (Ebonyi State) for appointment as Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Senator Matthew Nwagwu — Imo Central).*

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

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

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, Cap, C4 LFN, 2007 to Enhance the Powers of the Bank to Prohibit Transactions with Foreign Currencies in Nigeria and to Compel the Bank to Submit its Annual Budget Before the National Assembly and for Related Matters Bill 2011 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*).

Debate:

By leave of the Senate Bill withdrawn (Rule 89).

8. Electronic Fraud and Electronic Transfer of Funds Bill 2012 (SB.69):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Provide for prohibition and punishment for Electronic Fraud and Electronic Transfer of Funds Crime in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters Bill 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senator Adegbenga S. Kaka — Ogun East*).

Debate:

By leave of the Senate Bill withdrawn (Rule 89).

9. National Youth Service Corps Act Cap N84 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB.70):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act Cap N84 LFN 2004 and for other matters connected therewith Bill 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senator Olubunmi A. Adetunmbi — Ekiti North*).

Debate:

By leave of the Senate Bill withdrawn (Rule 89).

10. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 23rd February, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:23 *p.m.*

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