SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6th March, 2012

1. The Senate met at 11:21 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, 1st March, 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 the Federal Judicial Service Commission:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

March 1, 2012

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

In conformity with Section 154, Sub-section (1) and (3) and Paragraph 12(f) of Part I to the Third Schedule of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, which gives the President powers to appoint two members, not being Legal Practitioners, of the Federal Judicial Service Commission after consultation with the Council of State and subject to confirmation by the Senate, I have the honour to forward the under-mentioned names for consideration and confirmation:

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(i) *Alhaji Ayinla Olomoda, OON* - *Re-Appointment*

(ii) *Lt. Col. Daudu Suleiman (rtd)* - *Fresh Appointment*

While hoping that this request will receive the usual expeditious attention of the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Your Sincerely
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) ***Appreciation:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Zaynab A. Kure (*Niger South*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Senator Zaynab A. Kure
Niger South Senatorial District

5th March, 2012

Sen. David Mark GCON.
Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I am highly delighted to express my heartfelt appreciations to you and the Deputy President of the Senate for the honour you have done us to have sent a special Senate delegation to the wedding of the son of my uncle and colleague-Senator Dahiru Awaisu Kuta.

Similarly, I am overwhelmed and wish to express my profound gratitude to all distinguished colleagues who demonstrated an enormous act of goodwill with their esteemed presence at New Bussa and Minna for the ceremony.

I also wish to acknowledge with thanks all those who through various means expressed their regrets but felicitated with us in the moments of joy and happiness.

Once again, all the goodwill shown are immensely appreciated as they not only add glamour to the occasion but served as platform of fondest memory especially for the young couple. May Allah reward you all abundantly.

Thank you and please accept my appreciations and the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours truly,
(Signed)
Senator Zaynab A. Kure

(b) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Citadel International College, Ikare-Akoko, Ondo State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2012 (SB.117) — *Read the First Time*.

(ii) Criminal Code Act Cap. C38 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB.92) — *Read the First Time*.

(iii) Ministerial Nominee Assignment of Portfolio Bill 2012 (SB.108) — *Read the First Time*.

(iv) National Youth Service Corps Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB.116) — *Read the First Time*.

(v) Nationwide Toll Bill 2012 (SB.129) — *Read the First Time*.

6. Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2012 (SB.54):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Erosion Control and Prevention Commission and vest it with the Responsibility for the Prevention, Control, Management and Redress of Erosion and for other Related Purposes, Bill 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senator Hope Uzodimma — Imo West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Environment and Ecology; and Special Duties to report within four (4) weeks.

7. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2012 (SB.107):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith Bill 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

8. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 7th March, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:14 *p.m.*

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