SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17th April, 2012

1. The Senate met at 10:40 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.

2. **Closed Session:**

Closed Session	—	10:55 a.m.
Open Session	—	11:37 a.m

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Deputy Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings (2) of Thursday, 29th March, 2012 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Messages from Mr President:**
The Deputy Senate President announced that he had received two letters from Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

(a) Re-Appointment of Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

April 10, 2012

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

Your Excellency,

RE-APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY GOVERNOR
CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

In line with the provisions of Section 8(1) and (2) of the CBN Act, 2007, I forward the name of Dr. (Mrs.) Sarah Omotunde Alade for kind consideration and confirmation by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for re-appointment as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

It is my hope that, in the usual tradition of the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic, this will receive expeditious consideration.

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

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(b) Confirmation of Resident Electoral Commissioners:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

April 4, 2012

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

Your Excellency,

CONFIRMATION OF RESIDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSIONERS

In consonance with the provisions of Section 14(3)(a) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended, I write to request for the confirmation of the following nominees as Resident Electoral Commissioners:

S/No.	*Name*	*State*	*Remark*
1.	*Habu Zarma Hinna*	*Gombe*	*Re-Appointment*
2.	*Aniedi Ikoiwak*	*Akwa Ibom*	*Re-Appointment*
3.	*Mr. Baritor Lenusikpugi Kpagih*	*Rivers*	*New Appointment*

It is my hope that the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will consider and confirm the nominees in your usual expeditious manner.

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

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

5. Announcements:

(a) Notice of Absence:

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senate President as follows:

The President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

NOTICE OF ABSENCE

I wish to inform you my Distinguished Bosses that I will be away to Israel for medical treatment from Monday, 16th to Friday, 20th April, 2012.

The Deputy Senate President will preside accordingly. I wish you fruitful deliberations during the period of my absence, as always.

Please accept the assurances of my esteem regards.

(Signed)
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
06 April, 2012

Senators James E. Manager and Ahmad I. Lawan prayed for the quick recovery of the Senate President.

(b) Birthday:

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Dahiru A. Kuta (*Niger —East*) as follows:

SEN. DAHIRU AWAISU KUTA

(Niger East)
Chairman, Senate Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

17th April,2012

The Senate President,
Principal Officers,
Distinguished Colleagues,

BIRTHDAY

Mr. Senate President, Distinguished Colleagues, yesterday, Monday, the 16th of April was my birthday.

I urge you to please join me in thanking the Almighty God for His protection throughout all these years of struggle to liberate the common man from the shackles of the capitalist and capitalism.

May the Almighty God continue to shower His mercies on us.

Thank you all

I remain yours in the struggle.

(Signed)
Comrade Dahiru Awaisu Kuta

(c) Appreciation:

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu (*Lagos —Central*) as follows:

Senator Oluremi Tinubu, OON
Lagos Central Senatorial District

Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

30th March 2012

His Excellency
Senator (Dr) David A. B. Mark, GCON
Senate President
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly
Abuja

Your Excellency

ANNOUNCEMENT: ASIWAJU BOLA AHMED TINUBU'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

This is to express our sincere appreciation for your support towards the success of events organized for the celebration of my husband's 60th birthday. On behalf of the entire Tinubu and Mogaji families, I wish to convey our deep gratitude to you and my distinguished colleagues for the role you played, during the celebration.

The immense goodwill that both your good self and other distinguished colleagues demonstrated during Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu's 60th birthday celebration is a testimony to our joint commitment to Nigeria's development and recognition of individuals dedicated to making Nigeria better.

Once again I thank you for taking time out of your very busy schedule to join us in honouring a man whose struggles and achievements over the past sixty years gives us hope of evolving a truly progressive nation.

We pray that God will reward you richly - now and in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Senator Oluremi Tinubu, OON

(d) Demise of Madam Grace Ovu Nwagu Nwankwo:
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Christopher C. Nwankwo (*Ebonyi —North*) as follows:

Senator (Chief) Chris Nwankwo mni, OFR
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Date: April 6th, 2012

His Excellency,
Distinguished Senator David A.B. Mark, GCON,
The President of the Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone, Abuja.

NOTIFICATION OF THE DEATH OF MY DEAR MOTHER, MADAM GRACE OVU NWAGU NWANKWO.

With a deep sense of loss but with gratitude to God for the privilege of having such a woman of virtue as mother, I, on behalf of the entire family of Chief John Nwagu Nwankwo of Ezza-Inyimegu in Izzi Local Government Area of Ebonyi State announce the call to eternal glory of my dearly beloved Mother, Madam Grace Ovu Nwagu Nwankwo who slept in the Lord on 20th March, 2012, at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki. She was aged 102 years.

Madam Grace Ovu Nwagu Nwankwo was the wife of our late father, Chief John Nwagu Nwankwo, a first Republic Parliamentarian that represented Abakaliki North West Constituency in the Eastern House of Assembly. Like her late and dear husband, she was a great farmer, renowned Community leader, and Benefactor. Nature endowed her abundantly with a kind and generous heart and her life was a symbol of hardwork, self - discipline and dedication to duty.

She loved and promoted education in the family and the community. Infact, Mama touched the lives of many and was generally regarded as a role model.

She lived and died a devout Christian.

She will be interred in the family Compound on Friday, April 27th, 2012, after a Requiem Mass to be celebrated by His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. M.N Okoro, the Catholic Bishop of Abakaliki Diocese.

It will be a great honour and privilege to my family, if my distinguished colleagues will be disposed to grace the occasion.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Senator (Chief) Chris Nwankwo, mni, OFR.

(e) Demise of Pa Jacob Agbo Ogbuewu:

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Anthony Agbo (2007-2011) as follows:

Senator Anthony Agbo(2007-2011)

Tel: 08035078376

April 17th, 2012

Your Excellency,
The Senate President,
Senator (Dr) David A.B. Mark, GCON, fnim
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

To: All Distinguished Senators

Your Excellency Sir,

NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION

It is with due regards that I write to inform you of the demise of my beloved father, PA JACOB AGBO OGBUEWU whom it pleased God to be called to glory recently at the age of 89 years.

I and my family members earnestly wish to request your kindness to honour us with your esteemed presence on the burial ceremony fixed for Friday 20th April, 2012 at Sen. Anthony O. Agbo's country Home at Umuogudu Akpu Ngbo, Ohaukwu L.G.A of Ebonyi State.

It shall be unforgettable record and invaluable favour to my family if Distinguished Senators will oblige us your presence during the burial ceremony.

God bless you all.

Yours very Sincerely,

(Signed)
Sen. Anthony O. Agbo
For the Family

6. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Pius A. Ewherido (*Delta Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr Blessing Onoriode Unuata, over unlawful dismissal by Total E & P. 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)].

7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Mohammed S. Saleh*(Kaduna Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the recent bomb blast in Kaduna. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day {Rule 42(2)}.

8. Demise of Igwe Mathias Ekeremadu:

The Senate Leader drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Igwe Mathias Ekweremadu, the father of the Deputy Senate President, Senator Ike Ekweremadu. On behalf of the Senate, he condoled the Deputy Senate President and the family and prayed for the repose of his soul and the fortitude to bear the loss. He moved for the Senate to observe a minute silence in his honour.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

9. Motion:

Nomination of Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala for the President of the World Bank:

Motion made: The Senate, notes that Dr. Ngozi Okonjo - Iweala was nominated for the position of the President of the World Bank which made her one of three persons contesting for the position;

observes that her nomination elicited staunch support and universal acclaim not only by African Countries, but also South American and all developing countries as well as her colleagues at the World Bank and eminent and corporate citizens of the world;

notes further that her candidature as Africa's nominee also received strong endorsement and proactive backing by Nigeria's Legislature and members of Nigeria's vibrant media;

convinced that Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala's knowledge and expertise, as well as her first hand experience of managing complex financial and economic development issues at national and international levels qualifies her to lead the World Bank;

further convinced that her nomination was a clear indication of the trust the World Bank had in her abilities to deploy her skills, commitment and professionalism to steer the affairs of the World Bank;

disappointed that the candidature of Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala did not receive fair consideration in an open, transparent and merit - based process;

concerned that all the past Presidents of the World Bank have been citizens of the United States and or nominees of the United States since the World Bank was founded in 1944 as follows:

S/no	Name	World Bank Presidency Nominee Country	Tenure
1	Eugene Meyer	United States of America	June 1946 to Dec 1946
2	John J. Mccloy	United States of America	March 1947 to June 1949
3	Eugene R. Black	United States of America	July 1949 to Dec 1962
4	George D. Woods	United States of America	Jan 1963 to March 1968
5	Robert S. Mcnamara	United States of America	April 1968 to June 1981
6	Alden W. Clausen	United States of America	July 1981 to June 1986
7	Barber B. Conable	United States of America	July 1986 to August 1991
8	Lewis Preston	United States of America	Sept 1991 to May1995
9	James D. Wolfensohn	United States of America	June 1995 to May 2005
10	Paul Wolfowitz	United States of America	June 2005 to June 2007
11	Robert Zoellick	United States of America	July 2007 to April 2012

observes that the candidature of Dr. Jim Yong Kim received Europe's backing for the World Bank job because the United States had backed France's nomination of Christine Lagarde for the top role at the International Monetary Fund after the resignation of Dominique Kahn;

worried that the continuous United States - European duopoly in the IMF and World Bank has come under increasing criticism in recent years;

convinced that the emergence of Dr. Jim Yong Kim, another nominee of the United States of America, as the President of the World Bank is an indication of the need to ensure an open, transparent and merit - based process in the election of the World Bank President;

The Senate accordingly resolves to:

(i) commend the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, GCFR, the Government and the people of Nigeria for supporting and officially sponsoring a Nigerian of good standing, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo - Iweala as candidate for the President of the World Bank;

(ii) congratulate Dr. Ngozi Okonjo - Iweala, the Nigeria 2 - term Minister of Finance, and Co – Ordinating Minister of the Economy, Emeritus Managing Director of the World Bank 2007 - 2011 and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria, for her outstanding world service record and her strong showing in the contest for the World Bank Presidency;

(iii) appreciate the emerging world economies, the Presidents and Governments of African Nations, the African Union, ECOWAS, African Ministers of Finance, Nigerian Legislature, Civil Society Organisations, the International and National media and corporate citizens of the world for their support for our Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala's candidacy;

(iv) urge the Government of the United States of America, the European Nations and their allies to open up the process of the selection of President of the World Bank, and ensure that in the next term, a candidate of the emerging economies, an African, preferably a Nigerian is chosen as President of the World Bank, thus making the World Bank a truly world institution of equal opportunities to member nations; and

(*v*) congratulate Dr. Jim Yong Kim nominee of the United State of America on his appointment as the President of the World Bank(*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North-East)*.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do commend the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, GCFR, the Government and the people of Nigeria for supporting and officially sponsoring a Nigerian of good standing, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo - Iweala as candidate for the President of the World Bank — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do congratulate Dr. Ngozi Okonjo - Iweala, the Nigeria 2 - term Minister of Finance, and Co- Ordinating Minister of the Economy, Emeritus Managing Director of the World Bank 2007 - 2011 and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria, for her outstanding world service record and her strong showing in the contest for the World Bank Presidency — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do appreciate the emerging world economies, the Presidents and Governments of African Nations, the African Union, ECOWAS, African Ministers of Finance, Nigerian Legislature, Civil Society Organisations, the International and National media and corporate citizens of the world for their support for our Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala's candidacy — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Government of the United States of America, the European Nations and their allies to open up the process of the selection of President of the World Bank, and ensure that in the next term, a candidate of the emerging economies, an African, preferably a Nigerian is chosen as President of the World Bank, thus making the World Bank a truly world institution of equal opportunities to member nations — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):
Question: That the Senate do congratulate Dr. Jim Yong Kim nominee of the United State of America on his appointment as the President of the World Bank — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(i) commend the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, GCFR, the Government and the people of Nigeria for supporting and officially sponsoring a Nigerian of good standing, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo - Iweala as candidate for the President of the World Bank;

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(*v*) congratulate Dr. Jim Yong Kim nominee of the United State of America on his appointment as the President of the World Bank (***S/Res/047/01/12***).

10. Joint Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity; Health; and Establishment and Public Service:
Report on Institute of Safety Professionals; and Occupational Safety and Health Bills 2012 (SB. 02 and 04).

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act 2004 Cap A8 LFN (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2012(SB.93):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 18th April, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:05 *p.m.*

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.