SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 3rd October, 2012

1. The Senate met at 10:18 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, 2nd October, 2012 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Principal Officers of the House of Parliament, Students' Union, Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Mohammed B. Jibrilla (*Adamawa North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the killings in Mubi, Adamawa State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

That the Senate notes the killings of students of Federal Polytechnic and other people in Mubi, Adamawa State;

aware, that the gunmen involved in the killings were not known and if action was not urgently taken, it could spread to neighbouring towns or other higher institutions; and

further note, that those killed were mostly students which has led to the closure of the Polytechnic.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:
constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the remote and immediate course(s) of the killings.

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the Proposed Resolution and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"(*i*) That the Senate do condemn in strongest terms the killings of innocent students and other people in Mubi, Adamawa State (*Senator Ahmed A. Ningi — Bauchi Central)*.

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Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*ii*) That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to expeditiously apprehend the perpetrators of this act and similar acts and bring them to book (*Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi — Kaduna North*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*iii*) That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives (*Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir — Sokoto East*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*iv*) That the Senate do commiserate and sympathise with the Government and people of Adamawa State (*Senator Atai A. Ali — Kogi East*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

(*i*) That the Senate do condemn in strongest term the killings of innocent students and other people in Mubi, Adamawa State;

(*ii*) That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to expeditiously apprehend the perpetrators of this act and similar acts and bring them to book;

(*iii*) That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives; and

(*iv*) That the Senate do commiserate and sympathise with the Government and people of Adamawa State ***(S/Res/012/02/12)***.

One minute silence accordingly observed.

5. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Tobacco Control Act CAP T16 LFN (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2012 (SB. 213) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) National Health Insurance Scheme Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2012 (SB. 214) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Further Alteration) Bill 2012 (SB. 216) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Works:

Report on the screening of nominee:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Works on the screening of Hon. Nnoli J. Nnaji (*South East*) for appointment as a Member of the Governing Board of the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (*Senator Ayogu Eze — Enugu North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **Medium Term (2012 - 2014) External Borrowing Plan:**
Request for Approval for Pipeline Projects under the Medium Term (2012 - 2014) External Borrowing Plan:

Consideration of request deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. **Auditor-General for the Federation, and Audit Service Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2012 (SB. 18):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act for the establishment of the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation, Audit Service Commission, additional Powers and Functions and Matters Connected Therewith 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ahmad I. Lawan — Yobe North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

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

9. **Labour Act CAP L1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB.145):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Labour Act CAP L1 LFN 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senator Oluremi Tinubu — Lagos Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity to report within three (3) weeks.

10. **Electronic Fraud and Electronic Transfer of Funds in Nigeria Bill 2012 (SB. 69):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Petroleum Act Cap Pl0 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB. 146):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Committee on Interior:**
Report on the Prisons Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2012 (SB. 42):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Committee on Investment:**
Report on the National Automotive Design and Development Council Bill 2012 (SB. 25):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Committee on Aviation:**
Report on the Violation of Aviation Laws and Practice by Foreign Airlines in Nigeria:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, ... (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:10 *p.m.*

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