SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2nd October, 2012

1. The Senate met at 10:09 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, 27th September, 2012 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Burial Ceremony:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Olugbenga Obadara (*Ogun Central*) as follows:

SENATOR OLUGBENGA ONAOLAPO OBADARA
Ogun Central Senatorial District
Chairman, Senate Committee on Privatization

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NOTICE!

THE SENATE PRESIDENT, SENATOR DAVID A.B. MARK, GCON
DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES

SENATOR (DR) EMMANUEL ANDY UBA'S LATE MOTHER'S BURIAL CEREMONY

Kindly recall Senator (Dr) Emmanuel Andy Uba's invitation to the burial ceremony of his mother, Dame Ezinne Bessie Chinwe Uba's (JP) burial ceremony scheduled for Uga, Aguata L.G.A. of Anambra State on Friday 5th October, 2012.

All interested Senators are to kindly indicate their intention to attend at the Registration Desk for travel arrangements. Flights available at the Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport on Friday, 5th October, 2012 by 8:00am prompt.

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Whilst thanking you in advance for your anticipated cooperation, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours truly,

(Signed)
SENATOR OLUGBENGA OBADARA
CORDINATING CO-ORDINATOR

4. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Nigerian Public Health Bill 2012 (SB. 210) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Engineers (Registration) Act, CAP Ell LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB. 211) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) National Health Bill 2012 (SB 215) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2012 (SB. 212) — *Read the First Time.*

5. Motion:
Congratulations to Nigeria and Nigerians on her 52nd Independence Anniversary:
Motion made: That the Senate notes that on Monday, 1st October, 2012, Nigeria did mark her 52nd Independence Anniversary having attained Independence from Britain on October 1, 1960;

that steadily and gradually in Nigeria, we are developing our domestic production capacity as an Independent nation;

that we have as a Nation become a big player in International affairs within the Committee of Nations; and

appreciates that from May 29, 1999 till date, Nigeria at 52 has had the longest reign of democratic government in her political history.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:
(*i*) congratulate the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR, the Government and people of Nigeria on the 52nd Independence Anniversary of Nigeria; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal, States and Local Governments and all the Leaders of Nigeria, to work harder to return Nigeria to the path of economic growth, sustain and strengthen national unity (*Senator Ita Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):
Question: That the Senate do congratulate the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR, the Government and people of Nigeria on the 52nd Independence Anniversary of Nigeria — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal, States and Local Governments and all the Leaders of Nigeria, to work harder to return Nigeria to the path of economic growth, sustain and strengthen national unity — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(i) congratulate the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR, the Government and people of Nigeria on the 52nd Independence Anniversary of Nigeria; and

(ii) urge the Federal, States and Local Governments and all the Leaders of Nigeria, to work harder to return Nigeria to the path of economic growth, sustain and strengthen national unity ***(S/Res/011/02/12)***.

6. 2013 - 2015 Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR for the approval of the 2013-2015 Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (*Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committees on Finance; and National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to report on Tuesday, 9th October, 2012.

7. Customs and Excise Management Act 2004, CAP. C45, Laws of the Federation (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2012 (HB.238):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Customs and Excise Management Act. CAP. C45. Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Other Customs and Excise Laws, to Establish the Nigeria Customs Service; Reform the Administration and Management of Customs and Excise in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters, 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader)*.

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Finance to report within two (2) weeks.

8. Nigeria Customs Service (Establishment, etc) Bill 2012 (SB.148):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigeria Customs Service; Reform the Administration and Management of Customs and Excise; Repeal the Customs and Excise Management Act and Other Customs and Excise Legislations; and for Purposes ancillary Thereto, 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senator Domingo Obende — Edo North)*.

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Finance to report within two (2) weeks.

9. Nigerian Communications Satellite Corporation Bill (HB.208):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Communications Satellite Corporation Empowered to Engage in Purchase and otherwise acquire or take over the assets, business, company, firm or persons and act in furtherance of all and any business associated and or relating to the satellite communications industry 2012 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader)*.

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Communications to report within three (3) weeks.

10. Office of the Auditor-General (Establishment, etc) Bill 2012 (SB.18):

Consideration of Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

11. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 3rd October, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:38 *p.m.*

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