SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 29th November, 2012

1. The Senate met at 10:15 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 28th November, 2012.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements:**
(a) ***Appreciation:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Abubakar A. Saraki (*Kwara Central*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Sen. Abubakar Bukola Saraki CON
Kwara Central Senatorial District

27th November 2012,

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

Your Excellency,

Letter of Appreciation

On behalf of the entire family of His Eminence, Late Dr. Abubakar Olusola Saraki (the Waziri of Ilorin), I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and profound appreciation to Your Excellency, Mr. President, Senator David Mark (GCON), the Deputy Senate President Distinguished Senator Ike Ekweremadu, Senate Leader, Distinguished Senator Ndoma-Egba (SAN), the Principal members of the Senate and all my Distinguished Colleagues for finding time to be with our family to commiserate with us on the passing away of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Dr. Abubakar Olusola Saraki.

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Your Excellency, Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, on the 20th of November 2012, the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in its wisdom, dedicated a special plenary session in honour of our father, Late Dr. Olusola Saraki, as the only Order of the day. This act of comradeship is unprecedented in the history of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. On this singular honour and privilege given to our family, we say thank you.

The tremendous outpouring of comments, kind words and tributes rendered by all Distinguished Senators on the day of the special plenary and thereafter means a lot to us as it captures the essence of our relationships which shows that our dearly departed Oloye is resting in the eternal paradise of Almighty Allah. We shall forever be grateful to this noble institution and all Distinguished Senators.

Mr. President, as if this were not enough, you took time out of your tight schedule and visited us in Ilorin in your personal capacity and also as the political leader of the North Central zone of the country. Further to your visit, the official Senate delegation under the able leadership of Distinguished Senator Ndoma-Egba (SAN), also visited us to convey the Senate's condolence message. For all these, we deeply appreciate you.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, we cannot thank you enough but to reassure you that the legacies and good works of our father shall be sustained for the good of our country. Our prayer for you all is that Almighty Allah will shower His blessings upon you and your family and grant you long life so that we can continue to serve our fatherland.

Once again, on behalf of my humble self and the entire family of late Dr. Olusola Saraki, we say a big THANK YOU.

For the Saraki Family

(Signed)
Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki (CON)
Kwara Central Senatorial District
Federal Republic of Nigeria

(b) Briefing Session by ICRC:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ita S. J. Enang (*Akwa Ibom — North-East*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND BUSINESS
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX

28th November, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform Distinguished Senators that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will be holding a briefing session on the Domestication of the ECOWAS Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, their Ammunition and other Related Materials with the underlisted Committees:

1. Rules and Business

2. Defence

3. Foreign Affairs

4. *Judiciary*

Date: Thursday, 29th November, 2012.

Time: 1:00p.m

Venue: Committee Room 107, Senate New Building.

Members of these Committees are hereby requested to attend promptly please.

(Signed)
Senator Ita Enang
Chairman,
Senate Rules and Business Committee

(c) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Great Light Scholar's Academy, Masaka, Nasarawa State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2012 (SB. 225) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2012 (SB. 226) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Treaties (Making Procedure, etc) Act CAP T20 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB.227) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Criminal Code Act CAP C38 LFN 2011(Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB. 228) — *Read the First Time.*

5. Senate and House of Representatives Joint Committee on Aviation:
Report on the Crash of Dana and Allied Aircrafts:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Senate and House of Representatives Joint Committee on Aviation, on the Crash of Dana and Allied Aircrafts (*Senator Hope Uzodinma — Imo West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Conference Committee:
Report on the Money Laundering Act 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB.208):
Motion made: That the Senate do now adopt the Conference Committee Report on the Money Laundering Act 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (*Senator Victor Lar — Plateau South*).

Report presented.

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

7. **Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs:**
Report on the screening of nominees:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs, on the screening of the following nominees for appointment as Members of the Federal Character Commission:

(*i*) Alhaji Yarima Aliyu Giade (*Bauchi State*)
(*ii*) Hon. Andie T. Clement (*Bayelsa State*)
(*iii*) Barr. Alakayi T. Mamman (*Nasarawa State*)

(*Senator Dahiru A. Kuta — Niger East*)

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee*(Deputy Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs, on the screening of nominees for appointment as Members of the Federal Character Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Alhaji Yarima Aliyu Giade (*Bauchi State*)	—	*Agreed to*
(ii)	Hon. Andie T. Clement (*Bayelsa State*)	—	*Agreed to*
(iii)	Barr. Alakayi T. Mamman (*Nasarawa State*)	—	*Agreed to*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs, on the screening of Alhaji Yarima Aliyu Giade (*Bauchi State*), Hon. Andie T. Clement (*Bayelsa State*) and Barr. Alakayi T. Mamman (*Nasarawa State*) for appointment as Members of the Federal Character Commission and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Yarima Aliyu Giade (*Bauchi State*) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Yarima Aliyu Giade (Bauchi State) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Andie T. Clement (*Bayelsa State*) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Andie T. Clement (Bayelsa State) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. Alakayi T. Mamman (*Nasarawa State*) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Barr. Alakayi T. Mamman (Nasarawa State) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

8. **Committee on Land, Housing and Urban Development:**
Report on the Social Housing Bill 2012 (SB. 61):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. **Equipment Leasing Bill 2012 (SB. 118)**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **National Commission for Persons with Disabilities Bill 2012 (SB.102):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now suspend Plenary Sitting and resolve into Sub-Committee on Appropriation to resume Plenary on Tuesday, 11th December, 2012 at 10.00 a.m.(*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 11:20 *a.m.*

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