SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 6th February, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:24 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Closed Session — 10:27 a.m.**

   Open Session — 10:39 a.m.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
   The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 5th February, 2013.

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

4. **Announcements:**
   (a) **Burial Arrangements:**
   The Senate President read a letter from Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (*Cross River Central*) as follows:

SENATOR VICTOR NDOMA-EGBA OFR, SAN
SENATE LEADER
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

February 01, 2013

Your Excellency
Senator (Dr) David A.B Mark GCON
The President of the Senate
The Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS OF (ELDER) JUSTICE EMMANUEL TAKON NDOMA-EGBA OFR, JCA (rtd)

Further to our earlier correspondence informing His Excellency of the death of our father (Elder) Justice Emmanuel Takon Ndoma-Egba, Officer of the Federal Republic, Justice of the Court of Appeal (retired) find enclosed the programme for his burial.

He was a Judge of the High Court of the Old Cross River State (now Cross River and Akwa Ibom States) before his elevation to the Court of Appeal where he served in the Benin, Jos and Port Harcourt Divisions.

After his retirement in 1993, he led a quiet life in Ikom serving the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria as Elder, Trustee and Patron of the Boys Brigade.

The entire family will indeed be honoured by your presence and the presence of Distinguished Senators at the burial on Saturday 23rd February, 2013.

Remain assured of my highest esteem and loyalty.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)
***Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba** OFR, CON, SAN*
Senate Leader
(Son)

(b) **Notice of Workshop:**
The Senate President read a letter from National Institute for Legislative Studies as follows:

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE

2nd AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY/INTERFACE WITH TOP INTERNATIONAL SCIENTISTS FOR SELECTED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2013, AT TRANSCORP HILTON HOTEL, ABUJA

The National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS), in collaboration with the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy cordially invites Distinguished Senators of the following Committees to the 2nd Awareness Workshop on Science and Technology for Parliamentarians/ Interface with top Scientists:

i. Committee on Science and Technology
ii. Committee on Education
iii. Committee on Communication
iv. Committee on Environment & Ecology
v. Committee on National Planning, and Economic Affairs & Poverty Alleviation

Venue: Lagos Hall, Transcorp Hilton
Date: Monday 11th February 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m

(Signed)
Senator Uche Chukwumerije

(c) **Meetings:**

(*i*) The Senate President read a letter from Senator Abu Ibrahim (*Katsina South*) as follows:

Senator Abu Ibrahim

KATSINA SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
Vice Chairman Senate Committee on Communication

Dear Senate President,

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of ACN, CPC, ANPP and APGA Senators today, February, 6th at Hearing Room 1, at White House. The meeting will take place at 3.00 p.m. prompt.

Yours sincerely
(Signed)
Senator Abu Ibrahim
For: Minority Leader

(*ii*) The Senate President read a letter from Senator James E. Manager (*Delta South*) as follows:

James E. Manager

DELTA SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

President of the Senate,

NOTICE OF CAUCUS MEETING

There will be a meeting of South - South Senators Caucus meeting today 6th February, 2013, immediately after Plenary in Senator James E. Manager's Office.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)
Senator James Manager
06/02/13

(d) ***Acknowledgment:***

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Staff and Students of Model Islamic Nursery and Primary School, Kubwa, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Oloye Comprehensive College, Sabon Lugbe, Abuja.

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Olugbenga B. Ashafa *(Lagos East)* drew the attention of the Senate to the imminent collapse of the Third Mainland Bridge, Lagos. 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)].

6. **Petitions:**
(*i*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi *(Kaduna North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, on behalf of University Teaching Hospital, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria Workers' Union, on appeal for re-instatement and immediate payment of entitlements/arrears of salaries by University Teaching Hospital, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. 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)].

(*ii*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Heineken Lokpobiri *(Bayelsa West)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr Alaowei S. Jombo, on wrongful dismissal from Petroleum Equalization Fund. 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. **Presentation of Bills:**
(*i*) Banking and Other Financial Institutions Act 2007 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB.247) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Electronic Transaction Bill 2013 (SB.248) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.249) — *Read the First Time.*

8. **Joint Committee on Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:** ***Report on the Police Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 41):***
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Police Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE POLICE ACT AND RE-ENACT THE NIGERIA POLICE SERVICE THAT SHALL PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF PERSONS IN NIGERIA, ENFORCE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND PREVENT THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES IN AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANNER AND SPECIFICALLY: ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF

ALL PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN THE COUNTRY; UPHOLD AND SAFEGUARD THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF EVERY PERSONS AS GUARANTEED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION; ENSURE THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SERVICE AND THE COMMUNITIES IT SERVES IN COMBATING CRIME; REFLECT THE RESPECT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME AND UNDERSTAND THEIR NEEDS AND ENSURE EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN SUPERVISION OVER THE POLICE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Report committed back to the Committees on Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters for further Legislative Action.

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 Joint Committee on Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Police Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 and committed the Report back to the Committees on Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters for further legislative action.

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

9. **Corporate Manslaughter Bill 2013 (SB. 206):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to make provisions creating the offence of Corporate Manslaughter and for Matters Incidental Thereto 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Pius Ewherido — Delta Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within Four (4) weeks.

10. **National Sugar Development Council Act Cap N78 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.198):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Quarantine Act CAP Q2 LFN 2011 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB.210):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 7th February, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:02 *p.m.*

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