SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 12th February, 2013

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 Thursday, 7th February, 2013.

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

3. **Announcements:**
(a) **Meeting:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Hope Uzodimma (*Imo West*) as follows:

SOUTHERN SENATORS FORUM
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ABUJA

12th February, 2013

His Excellency,
Sen. David Mark GCON, fnim,
President of the Senate,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

My great leader,

SOUTHERN SENATORS MEETING

May I crave the indulgence of your Excellency to make the following announcements viz:

Southern Senators Forum Meeting

Date: *February 12th, 2013*

Venue: *Hearing Room 1, National Assembly Complex*

Time: *Immediately after Plenary*

Do please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

(Signed)
Senator Hope Uzodimma
(Secretary)

(b) The Senate President read a letter from Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki (*Kwara Central*) as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENT

GLOBE NIGERIA

This is to inform Distinguished members, especially those that have been selected as members of GLOBE Nigeria that the first meeting and inaugural session of the team will come up today, 12th February 2013 by 2pm prompt at Senate Conference Room 231, Senate New Wing.

The inaugural session will be performed by his Excellency, Distinguished Senator (Dr.) David Mark (GCON), President of the Senate.

Please be punctual.

(Signed)
Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki (CON)
Chairman, Senate Committee on Environment and Ecology
Federal Republic of Nigeria

(c) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Staff and Students of Total Academy Nursery and Primary School, Karu, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Trust Academy, New Nyanya, Nasarawa State.

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Ifeanyi A. Okowa (*Delta North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the recent killing of nine(9) health workers in Kano who were on Polio eradication mission and three foreign doctors in Potiskum, Yobe State. 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)].

5. Motions:

(a) ***Nigeria's Glorious Outing at the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2013:***
Motion made: That the Senate is aware that the AFCON trophy had eluded Nigeria for the past 19 years since she last won it in 1994;

further aware that until this competition, the performance of the Super Eagles had been grossly dissatisfactory to the generality of Nigerians, while Nigerian football had nosedived tremendously;

notes with pleasure, the splendid performance of the Super Eagles of Nigeria and Nigeria's emergence as champion of Africa at the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) tournament in South Africa;

also notes with delight the tenacity of spirit, patriotic zeal as well as unity and team spirit displayed by players, coach, and the entire team management;

observes with keen interest and satisfaction the contributions of the home-based Super Eagles to the overall success of the team;

mindful of the unifying power of football in Nigeria and the role of football in profiling the nation's international image;

mindful of the degeneration of grassroots football, poor standard of our local leagues, and the many challenges facing the nation's football and sports development in general

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) commend and congratulate the Super Eagles for winning the trophy and making the nation proud;

(*ii*) observe a standing ovation in honour of the new kings of African football;

(*iii*) congratulate, and pass a vote of confidence on Coach Stephen Keshi and our local coaches;

(*iv*) commend and congratulate President Goodluck Jonathan for this achievement and for motivating the team;

(*v*) urge Mr. President and the Federal Government of Nigeria to reward the team handsomely both materially and by naming streets after them in the FCT and also conferring befitting National Honours Awards on them;

(*vi*) call on the managers of sports in Nigeria to sit up and return to the grassroots to source and develop the nation's abundant sports talents to sustain this new dawn in the nation's football and sports in general (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West).*

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do commend and congratulate the Super Eagles for winning the trophy and making the nation proud — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do observe a standing ovation in honour of the new kings of African football.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the word "observe" and *insert* the word "give" instead thereof (*Senator Victor Ndoma Egba — Cross River Central).*

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

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do congratulate, and pass a vote of confidence on Coach Stephen Keshi and our local coaches.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the words "our local coaches" and *insert* the words "his technical team" instead thereof *(Senator Sadiq A. Yaradua — Kastina Central).*

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

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: That the Senate do commend and congratulate President Goodluck Jonathan for this achievement and for motivating the team — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):
Question: That the Senate do urge Mr. President and the Federal Government of Nigeria to reward the team handsomely both materially and by naming streets after them in the FCT and also conferring befitting National Honours Awards on them.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the words "and by naming streets after them in the FCT"*(Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi — Kaduna North).*

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

Proposed Resolution (vi):
Question: That the Senate do call on the managers of sports in Nigeria to sit up and return to the grassroots to source and develop the nation's abundant sports talents to sustain this new dawn in the nation's football and sports in general — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Addition Resolution:
"That the Senate do urge Stephen Keshi to rescind his resignation *(Senator Atai A. Aidoko — Kogi East).*

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

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(*i*) commend and congratulate the Super Eagles for winning the trophy and making the nation proud;

(*ii*) give a standing ovation in honour of the new kings of African football;

(*iii*) congratulate and pass a vote of confidence on Coach Stephen Keshi and his technical team;

(*iv*) commend and congratulate President Goodluck Jonathan for this achievement and for motivating the team;

(*v*) urge Mr. President and the Federal Government of Nigeria to reward the team handsomely both materially and also conferring befitting National Honours Awards on them;

(*vi*) call on the managers of sports in Nigeria to sit up and return to the grassroots to source and develop the nation's abundant sports talents to sustain this new dawn in the nation's football and sports in general; and

(v) urge Stephen Keshi to rescind his resignation ***(S/Res/032/02/13)***.

Standing ovation accordingly given.

(b) Development of Solid Minerals Sector as a Panacea to the Bankruptcy of States of the Federation and Creation of Jobs in Nigeria:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

6. National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N42 LFN 2004, (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 214):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act CAP N88, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.221):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. Federal Fire Service Act CAP F29Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 Bill 2013 (SB.200):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Recovery of Premises Cap 553 LFN, 1990 Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 125):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 13th February, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:56 *p.m.*

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