SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 27th February, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:28 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 26th February, 2013.

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

3. **Announcements:**
(a) 2013 MDGs Projects:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume (*Borno South*) as follows:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
P.M.B. 141, Garki - Abuja, Nigeria

February 26, 2013.

The President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

SUBMISSION OF 2013 MDGs SPECIAL PROJECT FORMS

I wish to remind Distinguished Senators who are yet to complete and return their forms to please do so.

The Completed Forms should be returned to the Committee Secretariat at Room 1.1c, Senate Wing, White House, National Assembly Complex; on or before Friday, March 1st, 2013; for onward transmission to the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on MDGs (OSSAP).

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Thank you in anticipation of your expedited response in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
SENATOR MOHAMMED A. NDUME
Chairman

(b) Notice of Meeting:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Dahiru A. Kuta (*Niger East*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL CHARACTER AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF MEETING

This is to invite members of the joint Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs and Employment, Labour and Productivity to a crucial meeting today, preparatory to the two-day Public Hearing coming up next Monday.

The meeting is holding in Room 430 Senate New Wing at 2:00pm prompt.

Please endeavour to attend.

(Signed)
Sen. Dahiru Awaisu Kuta
For and on behalf of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter- Governmental Affairs and Employment, Labour and Productivity.

(c) Southern Senators Forum:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Hope Uzodimma (*Imo West*) as follows:

SOUTHERN SENATORS FORUM
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ABUJA

27th February, 2013

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

SOUTHERN SENATORS MEETING

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

Southern Senators Forum Meeting

Date: *Wednesday February 27th, 2013 (Today)*

Venue: *Hearing Room 1, National Assembly Complex.*

Time: *Immediately after Plenary*

Note: *Attendance Mandatory*

Do please accept the assurances of my highest esteem .

(Signed)
Senator Hope Uzodimma
(Secretary)

(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 Henry Alex-Duduyemi Memorial College, Ile-Ife, Osun State;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of C. P. M International School, Gloryland Academy, Suleja, Niger State; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of Pentecostal Nursery and Academy, Madalla, Niger State.

4. Petition:
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Atai A. Aidoko *(Kogi East)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr Abu Timothy Achile, over the non-payment of his late father's pension entitlement by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC). 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)].

5. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Constitution Amendment Bill 2013 (SB. 255) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Customs, Excise Tariff, Etc. (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 256) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Warehouse Receipt and Other Related Matters Bill 2013 (SB. 257) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions, on the screening of Alhaji Suleiman Barau, as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) (*Senator Bassey E. Otu — Cross River South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **Electronic Fraud and Electronic Transfer of Funds Bill 2013 (SB. 69):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for prohibition and punishment for Electronic Fraud and Electronic Transfer of Funds in Nigeria and Other Related Matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Adegbenga S. Kaka — Ogun East).*

Debate:

Further debate deferred to the next Legislative Day.

8. **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.

9. **Federal Fire Service Act CAP F29 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB.200):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Fire Service Act CAP F29 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 and to provide for the establishment of the Fire and Rescue Service in the Federation and provide amongst other things for the organisation, discipline, powers and duties of the Federal Fire and Rescue Service and for Matters Connected Therewith 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abdulmunini M. Hassan — Jigawa South West*).

Debate:

Further debate deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act CAP C15 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.127):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act Cap C40 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.222):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act Cap C40 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to provide for the Comptroller-General of Prisons to make monthly returns to the Chief Justice of Nigeria and the Chief Judges of the States to order the release of persons detained in prisons in the circumstances specified in this Act and proffer more effective prison decongestion solution and for Related Matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Babajide C. Omoworare — Osun East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Interior to report within Two (2) weeks.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 28th February, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:05 *p.m.*

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