SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 5th March, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:42 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 28th February, 2013.

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

3. **Message from Mr President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

Trafficking in Persons Bill:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

February 20, 2013

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
Senate President,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (PROHIBITION), ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION BILL, 2013

I hereby introduce for the kind consideration and enactment into law by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, a Bill on Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition), Enforcement and Administration Bill, 2013.

While I hope that the Bill will receive the usual prompt attention of the Distinguished Senators, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

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4. Announcements:

(a) Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution
National Assembly Complex,
P. M. B. 141, Garki, Abuja-Nigeria

5th March, 2013

His Excellency
The Senate President
Senate Chamber
National Assembly Complex
Abuja

My dear brother,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution will meet today Tuesday, 5th March, 2013 immediately after plenary at Senate President's Meeting Room 301, Senate Building (New Wing) .

(Signed)
Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President/Chairman

(b) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Verbins International School, Suleja, Niger State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Personal Explanations:

(*i*) Rising on Rule 43, Senator Gilbert Nnaji *(Enugu East)* drew the attention of the Senate on the brutal murder of the Kwara State Police Commissioner which occurred in Enugu and regarded as high profile killing. He requested the Senate to investigate the matter.

Police Affairs Committee ordered to look into the matter.

(*ii*) Rising on Rule 43, Senator Paulinus N. Igwe *(Ebonyi Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to a Resolution urging the Committees on Police Affairs; and National Security and Intelligence to undertake an in-depth investigation into the incident of Strange Dead Bodies found in Ezu River of Anambra State and report back to the Senate within two weeks. He informed the Senate that the Committees have not completed the investigation and sought the leave of the Senate for extension of time to enable the Join Committee conclude the assignment.

By the leave of the Senate, two (2) weeks extension was granted.

(*iii*) Rising on Rule 43, Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba *(Cross River Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to the untimely death of Mr John Ogbodo, correspondent of The Guardian Newspaper with the Senate Press Corps. He expressed the Senate condolences to the family, Guardian Newspaper and Senate Press Corps. He urged the Senate to observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

6. **Presentation of Bills:**

(*i*) HIV and AIDS Anti-Discrimination Bill 2013 (SB. 258) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.259) — *Read the First Time.*

7. **Petroleum Industry Bill 2013 (SB. 205):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Legal, Fiscal and Regulatory Framework for the Petroleum Industry in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

The following Senators made contribution:

(*i*) Senator Alkali A. Jajere
(*ii*) Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume
(*iii*) Senator Ahmad I. Lawan
(*iv*) Senator Ifeanyi A. Okowa
(*v*) Senator Bassey E. Otu
(*vi*) Senator Isa Mohammed Galaudu
(*vii*) Senator Ibrahim Gobir
(*viii*) Senator Benedict B. Ayade

(DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT IN CHAIR)

(*ix*) Senator Danladi A. Sankara
(*x*) Senator Nkechi J. Nwaogu
(*xi*) Senator Abubakar B. Saraki
(*xii*) Senator Helen U. Esuene
(*xiii*) Senator Abubakar A. Bagudu
(*xiv*) Senator Paulker I. Emmanuel

Further debate on the Bill deferred to the next Legislative Day.

8. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 6th March, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:57 *p.m.*

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.