SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 12th March, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:25 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 7th March, 2013.

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

3. **Announcements:**
(a) Meetings:
(i) Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution
The Deputy 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, 12th March, 2013 immediately after plenary at Senate President's Meeting Room 301, Senate Building (New Wing) .

(Signed)
Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President/Chairman

(ii) ***Northern Senators Forum:***
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*) as follows:

NORTHERN SENATORS FORUM

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of the Northern Senators Forum (NSF):

Date: *12th March, 2013 (Today)*

Venue: *Senate Hearing Room 1*

Time: *4:00 pm prompt*

(Signed)
Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan
Secretary

(iii) ***Joint Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill:***
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker (*Bayelsa Central*) as follows:

SENATE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY BILL
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone, P.M.B. 141, Garki-Abuja.

12th March, 2013

The President of the Senate
Senator (Dr.) David A. B. Mark, GCON
National Assembly

Your Excellency,

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Joint Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill will hold its inaugural meeting as follows:

Date: *Wednesday, 13th March, 2013*

Time: *2:00 p.m.*

Venue: *Meeting Room 120 (Senate New Building)*

(Signed)
Senator Emmanuel Paulker, CON
Chairman

(b) *Thanksgiving Ceremony:*
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Clever M. Ikisikpo (*Bayelsa East*) as follows:

SENATOR CLEVER IKISIKPO
Bayelsa East Senatorial District

The Senate President
National Assembly
Abuja.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SENATOR CLEVER MARCUS IKISIKPO'S THANKSGIVING CEREMONY

The above captioned ceremony is scheduled to hold as follows:
Date: *Sunday, 17th March, 2013*

Venue: *The New Demonstrate Ministry - Kolo Town, Bayelsa State.*

Time: *9:00 a.m.*

All Senators wishing to attend should please indicate their interest through Mrs Lilian Banigo, Clerk, Senate Committee on Special Duties.

Flight will be available on Saturday from Abuja to Port-Harcourt.

(Signed)
Senator Clever Marcus Ikisikpo

(c) ***Public Hearing:***
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Dahiru A. Kuta (*Niger East*) as follows:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL CHARACTER AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, P.M.B 141, Garki, Abuja-Nigeria.

EMPLOYMENT IRREGULARITIES IN FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT: PUBLIC HEARING

This is to inform all Members of the Joint Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs and Labour and Productivity that the Public hearing continues today at 1.30 p.m. in Room 231, Senate New Wing.

Members are requested to attend please.

(Signed)
SENATOR (COMRADE) DAHIRU AWAISU KUTA
For and on behalf of the Joint Committee

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

(*i*) Staff and Students of American International School, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Genius Essence International Academy, Karu, Abuja.

4. Personal Explanation:
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ifeanyi M. Nwagwu *(Imo North)* drew the attention of the Senate to the recent destruction of the Nigerian High Commission in Dakar, Senegal by some rampaging Nigerians who protested the killing and indecent burial of a compatriot. He informed the Senate that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was still investigating the matter and that the Committee on Foreign Affairs was monitoring the situation.

By the leave of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs should continue to monitor the situation and report to the Senate.

5. Presentation of a Bill:
Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Act 2003 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 264) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Establishment and Public Services:
Report on the screening of nominees:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Services, on the screening of the following nominees for appointment as Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC):

S/NO	NAME	STATE	REPRESENTING
(*i*)	Dr. (Mrs) Ngozi Agatha Etolue	Anambra	Anambra/Ebonyi/Enugu
(*ii*)	Hon. Hope Odhuluma Ikiriko	Rivers	Bayelsa/Rivers/Delta
(*iii*)	Prof. Aminu Diyo Sheidu	Kogi	Kogi/Kwara
(*iv*)	Mr. Emmanuel Chimezie Ihedioha	Abia	Imo/Abia
(*v*)	Mr. Joseph Oluremi Akande	Osun	Osun/Oyo

(*Senator Aloysius A. Etok — Akwa Ibom North-West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Services, on the screening of the nominees for appointment as Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC):

Nominees Recommended for Confirmation:

(*i*)	Dr. (Mrs) Ngozi Agatha Etolue (*Anambra*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*ii*)	Hon. Hope Odhuluma Ikiriko (*Rivers*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*iii*)	Prof. Aminu Diyo Sheidu (*Kogi*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*iv*)	Mr. Emmanuel Chimezie Ihedioha (*Abia*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*v*)	Mr. Joseph Oluremi Akande (*Osun*)	—	*Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Services, on the screening of the nominees for appointment as Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) 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 Dr. (Mrs) Ngozi Agatha Etolue (*Anambra*) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. (Mrs) Ngozi Agatha Etolue (Anambra) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Hope Odhuluma Ikiriko (*Rivers*) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Hope Odhuluma Ikiriko (Rivers) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prof. Aminu Diyo Sheidu (*Kogi*) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Prof. Aminu Diyo Sheidu (Kogi) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Chimezie Ihedioha (*Abia*) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Emmanuel Chimezie Ihedioha (Abia) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Joseph Oluremi Akande (*Osun*) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Joseph Oluremi Akande (Osun) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.

7. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the Discrimination against the Female Gender in the Recruitment Exercise into the Federal Service (Nigerian Customs Service):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions, from Mrs. Inimfon Chris on the discrimination against the female gender in the recruitment exercise into the Federal Service (Nigerian Customs Service) (*Senator Ayo Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the actions of the Nigerian Customs Service to dismiss the petitioner - Mrs. Inimfon Chris is justified in line with the laid down rules as contained in Section 1(d) of Official Gazette No. 15 as a result of the inconsistency in her record of service — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Offensive Section 1(d) of the Gazette which is being applied in all Military, Nigeria Police Force and other Para-Military organizations including Nigerian Customs Service be reversed or expunged as it contravenes the fundamental Human Right as provided for by the Nigerian Constitution — *Negatived.*

Resolved:
That the actions of the Nigerian Customs Service to dismiss the petitioner - Mrs. Inimfon Chris is justified in line with the laid down rules as contained in Section 1(d) of Official Gazette No.15 as a result of the inconsistency in her record of service ***(S/Res/038/02/13)***.

8. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the Wrongful Dismissal of Mr. Michael Odunuyi:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions, on the wrongful dismissal of Mr. Michael Odunuyi by the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company (NSPMC)(*Senator Ayo Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:
Question: That the Senate do uphold the decision of the Board of Governors of the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company, that is to say, that the disengagement of Mr. Michael Odunuyi is in order — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do uphold the decision of the Board of Governors of the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company, that is to say, that the disengagement of Mr. Michael Odunuyi is in order ***(S/Res/039/02/13)***.

9. Ministerial Nominees Bill 2013 (HB.75):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Adjourned accordingly at 12:55 *p.m.*

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