SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 14th March, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:23 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 13th March, 2013.

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

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

(a) Nigeria Police Academy (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2013:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

March 4, 2013

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA POLICE ACADEMY (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC) BILL, 2013

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and enactment into law, a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Police Academy (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2013.

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

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(b) Confirmation of Appointment:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

March 8, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (NCAA)

Following concerns expressed by Aviation Stakeholders on perceived poor Internal Audit and Quality Assurance within the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the Federal Government is in the process of restructuring the Authority for better and more efficient service delivery.

Consequently, Dr. Harold Olusegun Demuren has been relieved of his appointment, as the Director General of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, in line with the provisions of Sections 8 (3) (a) and (c) of the Civil Aviation Act of 2006.

In line with Section 8 (1) of the Civil Aviation Act of 2006, I, hereby, present the nomination of Captain Fola C. Akinkuotu, from the same geo-political zone as Dr. Demuren, as the Director General of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority for the confirmation of the Senate. His Curriculum Vitae is attached.

It is my hope that the distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will consider and confirm the nominee in your usual expeditious manner.

Please accept, Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) South South PDP Caucus Meeting:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be an emergency South South (PDP) caucus meeting immediately after plenary in the office of the Senate Leader.

Members are enjoined to be punctual.

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

(b) Programme of Actions of the PDP National Chairman:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Abdul A. Ningi (*Bauchi Central*) as follows:

PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDP)
POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Motto: Justice, Unity, and Progress
National Secretariat: Plot 1970 Wadata Plaza, Michael Okpara Street, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja Tel: 09-7822751, 09-9503029

8th March, 2013

Distinguished Senator Abdul Ahmed Ningi,
Deputy Senate Leader,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

2013 AND BEYOND PROGRAMME OF ACTIONS OF THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

You may wish to be informed that the National Chairman and his team will soon embark on a tour to all the six Geo-Political zones of the Country in order to reach-out to all the major components of the Party in the Zones to reshape or reposition them to appreciate the National Chairman's well articulated 2013 and beyond Programme of Actions of the Party. The tour will also afford dialogue with them on the said programme as a means of carrying along all critical members of our Party.

Find below the programme of the tour:-

Abuja to Ibadan on	*15/3/2013 (night at Ibadan)*
Ibadan to Enugu on	*16/3/2013 (night at Enugu)*
Enugu to P/Harcourt	*17/3/2013 (night at P/Court)*
P/Harcourt to Bauchi on	*18/3/2013 (night at Bauchi)*
Bauchi to Abuja on	*19/3/2013 (night at Abuja)*
Abuja to Lafia/Makurdi	*20/3/2013 (night at Makurdi)*
Makurdi to Abuja on	*21/3/2013 (night at Abuja)*

At Abuja on *22/3/2013*
Abuja to Kaduna on *23/3/2013 (night at Kaduna)*
Kaduna to Abuja on *24/3/2013 (The Grand Finale*
at the International Conference Centre, Abuja)

The Distinguished Deputy Senate Leader is cordially invited to kindly receive the National Chairman who is arriving Bauchi on the 18th of March, 2013 in the course of his Zonal Tour and impress on the PDP Senators from your zone as well as PDP supporters in the North East Zone to attend the meeting in Bauchi.

While thanking you for the anticipated co-operations, please accept the assurances of my highest esteem and regard.

(Signed)
Rt. HON. ONWE SOLOMON ONWE
Ag. National 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 Amamex International Academy, Karu, Nasarawa State; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of American International School, Abuja.

5. Petition:
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ibrahim Musa *(Niger North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr Abudullahi Usman on wrongful termination of his appointment and non-payment of entitlement/terminal benefits by the Nigerian Export-Import Bank(NEXIM). 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)].

6. Presentation of Bills:
(*i*) Electoral Act (Second Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 266) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) FCT Hospital Management Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 268) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) FCT Agency for Mass Education (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 269) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Lagos State Special Economic Assistance Bill 2013 (SB. 272) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Conference Committee:
Report on the Proposed Pipeline Projects under the Medium Term (2012 - 2014) External Borrowing Plan:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on the Proposed Pipeline Projects under the Medium Term (2012 - 2014) External Borrowing Plan (*Senator Ehigie E. Uzamere — Edo South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Report committed back to the Conference Committee for further Legislative Action.

8. **Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:**
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider 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 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 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).

Nominee Recommended for Confirmation:
Alhaji Suleiman Barau — *Agreed to.*

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 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) and approved his nomination.

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

Confirmation of nomination:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Suleiman Barau, as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Suleiman Barau, as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) accordingly confirmed.

9. **National Assembly Service Commission Act Cap N7 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB.245):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to repeal the National Assembly Service Commission Act Cap N7 2004 and enact the National Assembly Service Act, 2013 to reorganize the management and administrative structure of the National Assembly for improved service delivery and for other related matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Services to report within Two (2) weeks.

10. **Border Communities Development Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.143):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Border Communities Development Agency (Establishment, etc.) and for Other Related Matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Olufemi Lanlehin — Oyo South*).

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 States and Local Governments to report within Four (4) weeks.

11. **Federal Fire Service Act CAP F29 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB.200):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Nigeria Football Association Act Cap. N110 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB.138):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 19th March, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:54 *p.m.*

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