



# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 26th March, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:37 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 20th March, 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:

*Re: Confirmation of Appointment:*



**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013

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

*Your Excellency,*

**RE: CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF A NATIONAL ELECTORAL  
COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL  
COMMISSION (INEC)**

*I write with respect to my letter of March 14th, 2013 on the above stated subject (copy attached) and wish to notify the Distinguished Senate that emergent circumstances have necessitated the withdrawal of the nomination of Professor Akinola Muritala Salau of Oyo State as a National Electoral Commissioner.*

*A replacement nominee will be forwarded to the Senate shortly. It is my hope that this will receive your usual kind consideration.*

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

*Yours Sincerely,  
(Signed)*

**GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN**

**4. Announcements:**

**(a) Demise of Alhaji Hassan Barata:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ahmed Hassan Barata (*Adamawa South*) as follows:



***Senator Ahmed Hassan Barata***

**(TAFIDAN SHELENG)**

**ADAMAWA, SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**Chairman, Senate Committee on Culture, Tourism & National Orientation**

*26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013*

*Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON  
President of the Senate,  
National Assembly,  
Three-Arms-Zone,  
Abuja - FCT.*

*Your Excellency,*

**DEMISE OF ALHAJI HASSAN BARATA**

*With gratitude to Almighty God for a life well spent, I write to notify your Excellency and all Distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria of the demise of my father, ALHAJI HASSAN BARATA, District Head of Barata, Adamawa State at the age of 85 years.*

*The incident occurred on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013 and he has since been buried according to Islamic rites.*

*Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.*

*(Signed)*

***Senator Ahmed H. Barata***

**(b) Appreciation:**

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure (*Ondo Central*) as follows:

19th March, 2013

*Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON  
The President of the Senate  
National Assembly Complex  
Three Arms Zone  
FCT, Abuja*

*Your Excellency,*

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO ALL DISTINGUISHED SENATORS**

*On behalf of my wife and the entire family of Senator (Dr.) Ayo Akinyelure, I wish to express my unreserved appreciation to all Distinguished Colleagues for making out time from their tight schedules to grace the marriage solemnization of my daughter, MRS. OLUWAKEMI DANIEL and her husband MR. TEMITOPE DANIEL.*

*I felt greatly and highly honoured and privileged to have your esteem presence at the occasion and I thank you all for the invaluable contribution and support you demonstrated by this act.*

*It is my earnest prayers that God Almighty in His infinite mercy will continue to bless you and grant you wisdom to excel in all your endeavours.*

*Accept the assurances of my esteem regards.*

*Yours faithfully,  
(Signed)*

*Distinguished Senator (Dr.) Ayo Akinyelure, FCA, FCTI, FPA  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges & Public Petitions*

**(c) 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

26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

His Excellency  
The Senate President  
Senate Chamber  
National Assembly Complex  
Abuja

ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution will meet today Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013, immediately after plenary at Senate President's Meeting Room 301, Senate Building (New Wing).*

*(Signed)*

*Senator Ike Ekweremadu*

*Deputy Senate President/Chairman*

**(d) Acknowledgment:**

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Members of the Scout Association of Nigeria, FCT Scout Council who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

**5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Chris N. Ngige (*Anambra Cental*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Professor Chinua Achebe, who died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2013. 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)].*

**6. Presentation of a Bill:**

Sexual Offences Bill 2013 (SB. 279) — *Read the First Time.*

**7. Confirmation of Nomination:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the nomination of Alhaji Muhammad Aminu Ahmad, for appointment as a Member representing Sokoto State in the National Population Commission (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committee on National Identity and National Population to report within two (2) weeks.*

**8. New Partnership for Africa's Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.121):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the New Partnership for Africa's Development Commission 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Simeon S. Ajibola — Kwara South*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Corporation and Integration in Africa and NEPAD to report within two (2) weeks.*

**9. Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.188):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Other Related Matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Education including Universal Basic Education (UBE) to report within two (2) weeks.*

**10. Nigerian Merchant Navy Security and Safety Corps (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.10):**

*Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.*

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

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to repeal the Nigeria Football Association Act Cap. N110 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and enact the Nigeria Football Federation Act to provide for the administration of the game of football in Nigeria and for Related Matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Sports and Social Development to report within two (2) weeks.*

**12. Public Accounts Committee:**

***Report on the Status Inquiry into the Special Funds Accounts:***

*Consideration of Report deferred to the next Legislative Day.*

**13. Adjournment:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 27th March, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

*Adjourned accordingly at 1:45 p.m.*

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