THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
Wednesday, 27th March, 2013

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. National Frontier Basin Exploration Agency (Est. etc) Bill 2013 (SB. 280) – *First Reading*
   Sen. Smart Adeyemi *(Kogi West)*

2. Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria (Est, etc) Bill 2013 (SB. 281) – *First Reading*
   Sen. Joshua M. Lidani *(Gombe South)*

3. Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act Cap L12 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 282) – *First Reading*
   Sen. Matthew I. Nwagwu *(Imo North)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Confirmation of nomination
   Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba, CON, SAN, *(Senate Leader)*
   "That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, C-in-C, for the confirmation of the nomination of CAPTAIN FOLA C. AKINKUOTU, for appointment as Director General of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority in accordance with Section 8 (1) of the Civil Aviation Act, 2006".

MOTION

1. The Death of Professor Chinualumogu Albert Achebe (Ugo N'Abo of Ogidi)
   November 16, 1930 – March 21, 2013
   Sen. Chris Nwabueze Ngige (Anambra Central)

Sen. Ike Ekweremadu,	Sen. M. Chuba Okadigbo,	Sen. Andy Uba,
Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba	Sen. Ita Enang,	Sen. Uche Chukwumerije,
Sen. Enyinnaya H. Abaribe,	Sen. Nkechi Nwogu,	Sen. Christopher Nwankwo,
Sen. Paulinus Igwe,	Sen. Sunny Ogbuoji,	Sen. Ayogu Eze
Sen. Gilbert Nnaji	Sen. Matthew I. Nwagwu	Sen. Chris Anyanwu
Sen. Hope Uzodinma	Sen. Robert Boroffice	Sen. James Manager
Sen. Benedict B. Ayade	Sen. George T. Sekibo	Sen. Clever Ikisikpo
Sen. Sahabi Ya'u	Sen. Emmanuel Paulker	Sen. Danjuma Goje
Sen. Odion M. Ugbesia	Sen. Tukur B. Mohammed	Sen. Helen U. Esuene
Sen. Dahiru A. Kuta	Sen. Wilson Ake	Sen. Magnus N. Abe
Sen. Bukola Saraki	Sen. Nenadi Usman	Sen. Aloysius A. Etok
Sen. Ganiyu Solomon	Sen. Domingo A. Obende	Sen. Mohammed Magoro
Sen. Barnabas Gemade	Sen. Olugbenga S. Kaka	Sen. Jajere Alkali
Sen. Philip Aduda	Sen. Heineken Lokpobiri	Sen. Ibrahim A. Gobir

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Sen. Smart Adeyemi	Sen. Bassey Otu	Sen. Ifeanyi A. Okowa
Sen. Husain Mudashiru	Sen. Alhassan A. Jummai	Sen. Pius A. Ewherido
Sen. Ehigie Uzamere	Sen. Abatemi U. Nurudeen	Sen. Usman Abdul'aziz
Sen. Abdul Ningi	Sen. Anthony Adeniyi	Sen. Olubunmi Adetunmbi
Sen. Oluremi Tinubu	Sen. Olusola Adeyeye	Sen. Abu Ibrahim
Sen. Wilson Ake	Sen. George Akume	Sen. Joshua Dariye
Sen. Ahmed Maccido	Sen. Victor Lar	Sen. Suleiman Adokwe
Sen. Hosea Agboola	Sen. Umar Dahiru	Sen. Ahmad Lawan
Sen. Solomon Ewuga	Sen. Ahmad Sani	Sen. Bindo Jibrilla
Sen. Zainab Kure	Sen. Mohammed Saleh	Sen. Atai Ali
Sen. Olugbenga Obadara	Sen. Hadi Sirika	Sen. Abdullahi Adamu
Sen. Marafa Garba	Sen. Mohammed Ndume	Sen. Kabiru Gaya

THE SENATE,

SADDENED by the death of Professor Chinualumogu Albert Achebe whose glorious exit occurred on Thursday March 21, 2013 in Boston Massachusetts, USA after a brief illness at the age of 82 years;

NOTES that the late Professor Chinualumogu Albert Achebe, simply known as Chinua Achebe, was born on November 16, 1930 in Ogidi in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra Central Senatorial District, Anambra State to the late Mr. Isaiah Okafo and Mrs. Janet Anaenechi Iloegbunam Achebe

NOTES that the late Chinua Achebe received his early education at St. Philips' Central Primary School, Ogidi,1936; Government College Umuahia, in Abia State, 1945; proceeded to University College Ibadan (Now University of Ibadan) graduating in 1953, with a degree in English. He worked with the then Eastern Regional Government at Nigerian Broadcasting Service (N.B.S) Enugu.

OBSERVES that *"Things Fall Apart"* Chinua Achebe's most widely read novel, was published in 1958. And after this his flagship book, Achebe had a creative fertile period in the 1960's, writing the following Novels: *No Longer at Ease (1960), Arrow of God (1964), A Man of the People (1966), Chike and the River (1966), and Anthills of the Savannah (1987);* all of which addressed the conflict between traditional ways of life and the new, and often, colonial (British) points of view. His other works include: *Beware, Soul-Brother (1971), How the Leopard got his claws (1973), The Trouble With Nigeria,* and a host of other Literary works, Novels, Stories and Poems.

That Chinua Achebe was a world figure and personality who brought fame and prestige to Nigeria and all humanity through his literary talents and works, having written several novels and essays, some of which became instrument for his dogged and dynamic activism ultimately seeking a better life for all Nigerians;.

OBSERVES that he was also a social critique, an activist-poet,a principled personae, who denied himself several personal accolades while he marketed and exported Nigerian and African cultures to several other countries and continents.

OBSERVES further that Chinua Achebe was paralyzed from waist down in a motor vehicle accident in 1990 after which doctors gave him 10-12 years to live, yet he lived for 23 active and fulfilling years thereafter.

FURTHER OBSERVES that despite his incapacitation, he continued to be active in his work and intellectual contributions to the richness of life, the Arts and Culture of Nigeria and Africa, during that period, published several works including his latest work titled *"There was a Country".*

OBSERVES further that Professor Chinua Achebe's life has been exemplary and worthy of emulation and he therefore needs immortalization having made Nigeria proud by bringing honour and prestige to her.

OBSERVES that his demise is a monumental loss to his family, the people of Anambra Central Senatorial District, Anambra State, Nigeria, Africa and the World.

NOTES That, until his death last Thursday night, Achebe was a David and Mariana Fisher University Professor and also Professor of African Studies at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island and Bard College in New York, USA , despite his physical challenge.

That Achebe had exemplary works that remain relevant and topical in the Nigerian and World literature. His early works made him a Pioneer and trailblazer in quality literature output that encouraged many Nigerians to follow his footsteps in writing. His book, *Things Fall Apart* has a circulation of about 12 million and has been translated into more than 50 languages, thereby putting Nigeria into GLOBAL reckoning in the world of Literature and Liberal Arts. For this, Achebe also remains the NUMERO UNO in the Nigerian Literary Scene.

FURTHER NOTES that, Achebe though did not bag the Nobel Prize in Literature, which is European, strove to put in more works that earned him and the Country more recognitions. Because of *Things Fall Apart,* his flagship and other works, he won the highly prized 1997 Man Booker International Prize for Fiction and Nigerian's highest award for intellectual achievement, the *Nigerian National Merit Award. (NNMA)*

Achebe was a Patriot, who loved his country and was always in constant touch with home even while on his wheelchair in the USA. He criticized Government at home when necessary, especially when they had not done well. He was an activist of prodigious intensity, very courageous and spoke truth to power. He refused National Honours in 2005 and recently on another occasion because according to him, he did not believe things were good enough as to dine with the Governments that offered such honours. Through his works, like *A Man of The People,* and *The Trouble With Nigeria,* Achebe had earlier deployed his literary gifts to mirror the ills of the Nigerian society with a view to building a better and prosperous country.

That, as a non-effervescence radical and activist of the Progressive bent, Achebe had a short stint in partisan politics as a founding member in 1978, of Mallam Aminu Kano's Peoples' Redemption Party (PRP) a people oriented, Progressive party that had its interest in the upliftment of the downtrodden (Talakawas) in the society. He quit partisan politics just before his auto mobile accident on the Enugu – Onitsha highway in 1990 and was paralysed from waist down, as a result of irreversible spinal injuries he sustained. He was also an Ibo full titled Chief, with the traditional title of Ugo'Nabo.

Accordingly Resolves To:

i. *OBSERVE* a one minute silence on behalf of late Professor Chinualumogu Achebe;

ii. *SEND* a high powered delegation to commiserate with his family, the people, and the Government of Anambra State;

iii. *URGE* the Federal Government to grant a State Funeral in honour of the Late Sage in order to promote and showcase excellence and his positive contributions to Nigeria and the world;

iv. *URGE* that a National Library and Arts Center or a Federal Academic Institution be named after Chinua Achebe by the Federal Government;

v. *URGE* further that a major Federal Highway or Street in Abuja be named after Chinua Achebe;

vi. *URGE* that a National Monument be erected in Chinua Achebe's name and honour.

CONSIDERATIAON OF A BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Merchant Navy Security and Safety Corps with the Responsibility for the Security and Safety of Nigerian Merchant Navy and Other Matters Connected Therewith 2013 (SB. 10) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Joshua M. Lidani *(Gombe South)*

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CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. **Report of the Public Accounts Committee**
Status Inquiry into the Special Funds Accounts
Sen. Ahmed I Lawan (*Yobe North*)
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Public Accounts Committee, on the Status Inquiry into the Special Funds Accounts (Development of Natural Resources Account, Derivation and Ecology Account and Stabilization Account) maintained by the Federal Government of Nigeria".

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules & Business	Wednesday, 27th March, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Joint Committee on the Petroleum Industry Bill	Wednesday, 27th March, 2013 *(Inauguration)*	12.00 noon	Committee Room 022 Senate New Building
3.	Aviation	Wednesday, 27th March, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
4.	Communications	Wednesday, 27th March, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building

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