SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17th April, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:17 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 16th April, 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 three letters from Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

*(a) **Confirmation of Appointment:***

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

4th April 2013

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

Following the expiration of the statutory terms of appointment of some non-executive members of the Board of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), and the vacancy occasioned when the member representing the South-South geo-political zone on the Board vacated the position in 2009, I write to forward the under-listed names for the kind consideration of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the CBN Act 2007.

S/No.	Name	Zone
1	Muhammad Musa Kafarati	North East
2	Collons Chike Chikelube	South-East
3	Adaba, Anthony Adeiza	North-Central
4	Ayuli Jemide	South-South

It is my hope that this will receive the usual kind expeditious consideration of the Distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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

Yours Sincerely
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(b) Chemical Weapons Prohibition Bill:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

April 12, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

SUBMISSION OF THE "CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROHIBITION BILL, 2012"

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and enactment into law by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Chemical Weapons Prohibition Bill.

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

Yours Sincerely
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(c) Pension Reform Bill:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

April 4, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

PENSION REFORM BILL FOR CONSIDERATION AND ENACTMENT INTO LAW

I hereby introduce for formal consideration and enactment into law by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Pension Reform Bill.

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

Yours Sincerely
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) Appreciation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Helen U. Esuene *(Akwa-Ibom South)* as follows:

Senator Helen U. Esuene (PKT)
Chairman, Senate Committee on Women Affairs & Youth Development

Senator David A. B. Mark, GCON *17th April, 2013*
President of the Senate
National Assembly
Three Arms Zone
Abuja

Your Excellency,

APPRECIATION

I, on behalf of my family hereby convey our sincere and profound gratitude to you and my other colleagues for the show of love and solidarity during the 20th year remembrance celebration of

my late husband, Brigadier-General Udoakaha Jacob Esuene on the 14th of April, 2013.

The event has been adjudged by many to have been a huge success. I owe this to you all and the staff of the National Assembly. We are most grateful.

I once again pledge my loyalty to you and to our collective mandate.

Please accept the assurances of my highest esteem and best wishes.

(Signed)
Senator Helen Esuene

(b) Action Congress of Nigeria Special Convention 2013:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon *(Lagos West)* as follows:

Sen. Ganiyu Olarewaju Solomon
Senate Minority Whip

17th April, 2013

Senator David A. B Mark GCON
The President of the Senate
The Senate
National Assembly
Abuja

Your Excellency,

RE: ACTION CONGRESS OF NIGERIA SPECIAL CONVENTION 2013.

I write to notify you of the Action Congress of Nigeria Special National Convention 2013 to hold as follows:

Date: *Thursday, April 18, 2013*

Venue: *Onikan Stadium, Lagos*

Time: *10:00am*

In view of this very important event, members of our great party, the Action Congress of Nigeria will be absent from plenary on Thursday, April 18, 2013.

While wishing your Excellency and my distinguished colleagues successful deliberations, kindly accept the assurances of my warmest regards.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Senator Ganiyu Olanrewaju Solomon
Minority Whip

(c) *Southern Senators Forum:*
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Hope O. Uzodimma *(Imo West)* as follows:

SOUTHERN SENATORS FORUM
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ABUJA

17th April, 2013

His Excellency,
Sen. David Mark GCON, fnim,
President of the Senate,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

SOUTHERN SENATORS MEETING

May I crave the indulgence of your Excellency to make the following announcements viz:

Southern Senators Forum Meeting

Date: *Wednesday April 17th, 2013 (Today)*

Venue: *Hearing Room 1, National Assembly Complex*

Time: *Immediately after Plenary*

Note: *Attendance Mandatory*

Do please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

(Signed)
Senator Hope Uzodimma
(Secretary)

5. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Federal University of Dutsin-ma (Establishment, etc.) Bills 2013 (SB. 79):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University of Dutsin-ma (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Federal University of Kashere (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 80):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University of Kashere (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Federal University of Lafia (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 81):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University of Lafia (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Federal University of Lokoja (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 82):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University of Lokoja (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Federal University of Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.83):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University of Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Federal University of Otuoke (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 84):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University of Otuoke (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

11. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Federal University of Oye-Ekiti (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 85):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University of Oye-Ekiti (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

12. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Federal University of Dutse (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 86):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University of Dutse (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

13. Conference Committee:
Report on the Federal University of Wukari (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 87):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University of Wukari (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

14. Conference Committee:
Report on the Federal University of Uyo (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 88):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Federal University Uyo (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (*Senator Uche Chukwumerije — Abia North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

15. Motion:
Urgent Sensitization and Awareness Campaign, Supply of Vaccines to Measles Affected Areas:
Motion made: That the Senate observes the outbreak of measles in the Northern parts of Nigeria as a result of excessive heat for the past two months;

notes as a result, 36 kids have lost their lives so far;

notes also about 3,588 children aged between 9 months and 3 years are on admission in various hospitals in the Northern parts of the country;

aware that Zamfara, Katsina, Jigawa, Niger, Yobe, and Kano States have recorded deaths caused by this menace;

aware also that in Katsina State, about 1,260 children are affected, Jigawa has recorded 884 cases, while Kano State has 800 victims affected;

notes that Yobe, Zamfara, Nassarawa, Taraba, Kaduna and Bauchi States have reported cases of affected children;

further aware that Nigeria ranks among countries with the highest cases of measles infection in the world according to the World Health Organization;

also aware that 9% of 20 million children who did not receive the first dose of vaccine against measles in 2011 were Nigerian children, and this number was 1.7 million children;

worried that despite tremendous progress, one child still dies every 20 seconds from a disease that could have been prevented by an existing vaccine;

observes that while parents blame officials of inadequate supply of vaccines, Federal and State officials on the other hand complain of poor response from parents to immunization drive; and

concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to check this menace, more children will die prematurely.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Executive to mandate the Federal Ministry of Health to make adequate provisions for the supply of vaccines to the affected areas and other parts of the country; and

(*ii*) call on the Federal Ministry of Health, National Orientation Agency and other relevant agencies to embark on a broader sensitization and awareness campaign throughout the country (*Senator Danladi A. Sankara — Jigawa North-West*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Executive to mandate the Federal Ministry of Health to make adequate provisions for the supply of vaccines to the affected areas and other parts of the country — *Negatived.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do call on the Federal Ministry of Health, National Orientation Agency, and other relevant agencies to embark on a broader sensitization and awareness campaign throughout the country.

Amendment Proposed:
Immediately after the word "Agency" in line 2, *insert* the words "States and Local Governments" (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South).*

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:
That the Senate do call on the Federal Ministry of Health, National Orientation Agency, States and Local Governments and other relevant agencies to embark on a broader sensitization and awareness campaign throughout the country ***(S/Res/040/02/13)***.

16. Committee on Finance:
Report on the Customs and Excise Management Act CAP. C4S, LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (HB. 238 and SB. 148):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Finance on the Customs and Excise Management Act CAP C45, LFN 2004, (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2013 (*Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi — Kaduna North).*

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. **Quarantine Act CAP Q2 LFN 2011 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 210):**
Motion made: That a Bill for Act to repeal the Quarantine Act CAP Q2 LFN 2011 and enact the Nigeria Public Health (Quarantine Isolation and Emergency Health Matters Procedure) to provide for and provisions for preventing the introduction into and spread in Nigeria, and regulate steps for the containment in Nigeria, and the transmission from Nigeria, of dangerous infectious and communicable diseases, organisms and agents and to repeal the Quarantine Act, 1926, CAP Q2, LFN, 2004, Bill 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Clever Ikisikpo — Bayelsa East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Health, Primary Health Care; and Agriculture and Rural Development to report within two (2) weeks.

18. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 18th April, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:10 *p.m.*

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