SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 30th April, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:27 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 25th April, 2013.

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

3. **Announcements:**
(a) Appreciation:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Igwe Paulinus Nwagu *(Ebonyi Central)* as follows:

SEN. (CHIEF) IGWE PAULINUS NWAGU Esq
(ENYIWAUZOR)
Chairman, Senate Committee on Police Affairs

30th April, 2013

Your Excellency,
Senator (Dr.) Chief David A.B. Mark, GCON, fnim
(Onwa Na etiri Oha 1 of Oriuzor)
The President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria

My Boss,

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I, Senator (Chief) Igwe Paulinus Nwagu Esq. On behalf of my family, the Parish Priest, entire Catholic Community of Oriuzor, Ezza-North Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, My Constituency (Ebonyi Central Senatorial District) wish to thank the Senate President, the Senate Leadership and indeed the entire Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for your prayers, support during the construction and final dedication of our Parish Church Oriuzor on 27th April, 2013. Particularly your presence during the Dedication Ceremony.

Thank you my boss and Distinguished Colleagues, may Almighty God reward you abundantly.

(Signed)
Senator (Chief) Igwe Paulinus Nwagu Esq.
Chairman, Senate Committee on Police Affairs

(b) ***Display of NTA Parliamentary Facilities at National Assembly Lobby:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe *(Abia South)* as follows:

His Excellency
Senator H. Enyinnaya Abaribe



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30th April, 2013

The Senate President
National Assembly
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Your Excellency,

RE: DISPLAY OF NTA PARLIAMENTARY FACILITIES AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LOBBY

In order to further make members of National Assembly to be fully aware of the operations and content of the Nigeria Television Authority (NTA), Parliament Channel, (325) which a new channel on the Bouquet of the NTA StarTimes dedicated to the transmission of activities of Nigerian Legislature, Committee on Information, Media and Public Affairs wishes to inform distinguished Senators that a display of facilities of NTA Parliament Channel and the sale of StarTimes decoders has commenced at the lobby of the National Assembly, White House Building.

Distinguished Senators are advised to avail themselves of these facilities especially for their constituencies especially as the transmission will soon go live in both chambers.

Since its maiden broadcast on Monday, 28th January 2013, the NTA Parliament Channel has been transmitting legislative contents twenty four hours (24Hrs) daily, initially on Channel 111 and currently on Channel 325 on the Startimes Bouquet.

Senators are advised to avail themselves of the unique platform for the Nigerian Legislature "NTA Parliament".

(Signed)
Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe
Chairman, Senate Committee on
Information, Media & Public Affairs.

4. **National Economic Intelligence Committee (Repeal and Re-enactment) Act Cap. N87 LFN, 2004 Bill 2013 (SB.209):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

5. **Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Act 2003 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB.264):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

6. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Proposed Pipeline Projects under the Medium Term (2012 - 2014) External Borrowing Plan:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. **Joint Committee on Local and Foreign Debts; and Finance:**
Report on the Proposed Pipeline Projects Under the Medium Term (2012 - 2014) External Borrowing Plan:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. **Public Accounts Committee:**
Report on the Status Inquiry into the Special Funds Accounts:
Motion made: 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 (*Senator Ahmad I. Lawan — Yobe North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: Clear guidelines, regulations and procedures should be established to guide the application of monies from the Special Funds Accounts.

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: The practice of approving loans of any nature from the Special Funds Accounts should be stopped forthwith.

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: The Federal Government should ensure that all outstanding loans are recovered within six months.

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: Legislation should be passed by the National Assembly to establish and regulate the operations of the Special Funds Accounts.

Proposed Resolution (v):
Question: There should be equitable releases to all the States of the Federation from the Ecological Funds Account to match the Ecological problems of each State.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out Proposed Resolutions (*i*) — (*v*) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"That the Senate direct Public Accounts Committee to investigate further, the repayments of loans and utilization of disbursed funds by the beneficiaries and report within four (4) weeks"(*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba — Cross River Central).*

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

Resolved:
That the Senate direct Public Accounts Committee to investigate further, the repayments of loans and utilization of disbursed funds by the beneficiaries and report within four (4) weeks ***(S/Res/041/02/13)***

9. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 7th May, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:20 *p.m.*

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