SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 8th May, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:47 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 7th May, 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 six 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

April 30, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Federal Civil Service Commission is one of the Federal Executive Bodies established under Section 153(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended. By the provision of Part 1, Paragraph 10 of the Third Schedule to the Constitution, the Commission shall comprise of a Chairman and not more than fifteen Members.

You may wish to note the expiration of the tenure of the Commissioner representing Akwa-Ibom and Cross River States in the Commission. It is in this regard that I present for the Senate's consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Mr. Simon Etim as member of the Federal Civil Service Commission, representing Akwa-Ibom and Cross River States, for a tenure of five years, in line with the provisions of Section 154(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended. His Curriculum Vitae is attached herewith.

While hoping that the request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Distinguished Senators, please accept the assurances of my highest regards and esteem.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(b) Appointment of Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria .

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

May 3,2013

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

Your Excellency,

APPOINTMENT OF ONE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA

In conformity with Section 231, Sub-section (2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which gives the President powers to appoint a Justice of the Supreme Court acting on the recommendation of the National Judicial Council and subject to confirmation by the Senate, I hereby present the nomination of Hon. Justice K. M. O. Kekere-Ekun for consideration by the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

It is my hope that this request will receive the usual expeditious consideration and approval of the Distinguished Members of the Senate.

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

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(c) Re: Appointment of Secretary and Members of the EFCC.

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

4th May, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

RE: APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION (EFCC)

I write with respect to my letter of April 11th, 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 Mr. Adesoji O. Olaoba Efuntayo as Secretary of the Commission.

In his place, Mr. Emmanuel Adegboyega Aremo, South West, is hereby forwarded for the kind consideration of the Distinguished Members of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(d) Confirmation of Appointment of the Chairman and Members of the Police Service Commission.

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

4th May 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 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section154 (1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Government of Nigeria as amended, which states that appointments to the Police Service Commission shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, I write to forward the under-listed names for consideration as Chairman and Members of the Commission.

S/N	*Name*	*Designation*	*State*	*Zone*
1.	*Mr. Mike Okiro, JP*	*Chairman*		
2.	*Mr. Yakubu Mohammed, DIG (rtd)*	*Member*	*Katsina*	*NW*
3.	*Hon. Justice Olufunke Adekeye, JSC (rtd)*	*Member*	*Osun*	*SW*
4.	*Aisha Larai Tukur*	*Member*	*Taraba*	*NE*
5.	*Mrs. Comfort Obi*	*Member*	*Imo*	*SE*
6.	*Chief Torngee Gem Toranyiin*	*Member*	*Benue*	*NC*
7.	*Dr. Otive Igbuzor*	*Member*	*Delta*	*SS*

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

(e) Confirmation of Appointment of the Director-General, National Lottery Commission.

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

May 6, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8(1)(a) of the National Lottery Act of 2005 which stipulates that appointment of the Director-General of the Commission shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, I write to forward the nomination of Mr. Adulphus Joe Ekpe, as Director-General of the National Lottery Commission.

While hoping that the request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Distinguished Senators, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest esteem.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(f) Confirmation of Appointment of Chairman and members of the Governing Board of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission.

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

4th May 2013

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONCESSION REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15(3) of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) (Establishment, etc) Act which stipulates that appointments to the Governing Board shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, I write to forward the under-listed names for consideration as Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the ICRC.

S/No.	*Name*	*Designation*	*State*	*Zone*
1.	*Senator Ken Nnamani, GCON*	*Chairman*		
2.	*Barr. Aminu Dikko*	*Director-General*	*Kaduna*	*North West*
3.	*Mrs. Comfort Saro Wiwa*	*Member*	*Rivers*	*South South*
4.	*Engr. Janet Febisola Adeyemi*	*Member*	*Ondo*	*South West*
5.	*Mrs. Yabawa Wabi*	*Member*	*Borno*	*North East*
6.	*Hon. Musa Elayo*	*Member*	*Nasarawa*	*North Central*
7.	*Barr. A. U. Kanu*	*Member*	*Abia*	*South East*

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

4. Announcements:

(i) 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 a meeting of South-South PDP Governors, Members of the National Assembly, State Chairmen, National Officers of the Party in Government House Asaba, Delta State on Sunday 12th May 2013 at 6.00pm .

PDP Senators should endeavour to attend as very important issues affecting the zone and the Party in zone will be discussed.

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

(ii) ***Appreciation:***
The Senate President informed the Senate of appreciation expressed by the Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters over the impressive turnout by Senators on the recent National Conference on Executive-Legislature Relations.

(iii) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*a*) Members of the Students' Union Government, Lagos State Polytechnic, Ikorodu, Lagos State; and

(*b*) Staff and Students of the Centagon International School, Maitama, Abuja.

5. Petition:
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Gyang N. S. Pwajok *(Plateau North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituents, Mr. Yaro Maireke and eleven (11) others, alleging non-inclusion among the victims of post election violence when sharing the relief fund sent by the Federal Government. 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. Personal Explanation:
Rising on Rule 43, Senator Victor Lar *(Plateau South)* drew the attention of the Senate to a Referral made to the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Other Financial Crimes to screen the Secretary and Members of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission(EFCC) and report within two weeks. He informed the Senate that the profile of the nominees had not reached the Committee. He sought the leave of the Senate for extension of time to enable the Committee conclude its assignment.

By the leave of the Senate, extension of time was granted.

7. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Petition from Mr. Abdullahi Tanko Ibrahim:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions from Mr. Abdullahi Tanko Ibrahim on his unlawful dismissal from service and non-payment of entitlement/terminal benefits by the United Bank of Africa (UBA) PLC (*Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition from Thirty-Nine (39) Staff of the National Judicial Institute (NJI):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions from thirty-nine (39) staff of the National Judicial Institute (NJI) on their wrongful and indiscriminate termination of appointments by the Institute (*Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. **Nigerian International Financial Centre (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (HB.15):**
Motion made: That a Bill for act to establish the Nigerian International Financial Centre to provide for a Financial Free Zone offering a full range of financial and allied services, 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions; and Finance to report within Four (4) weeks.

10. **Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.119):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **HIV Discrimination (Prevention and protection) Bill 2013 (SB.258):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to make provisions for the Prevention of HIV Discrimination and to protect the Human Rights and Dignity of people living with HIV and affected by AIDS and Other Related Matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ifeanyi I. Okowa — Delta North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Health, Primary Health Care to report within Four (4) weeks.

12. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the State of the Nation Address Bill 2013 (HB. 91):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Committee on Environment and Ecology:**
Report on the National Oil Spill Detection Agency (NOSDRA) Act 2006 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 155):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Adjournment:

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

Adjourned accordingly at 1:48 *p.m.*

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