THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
Wednesday, 15th May, 2013

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   Sen. Banabas Gemade *(Benue North East)*

5. Federal Highways Act Cap F 13 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 303) – *First Reading*
   Sen. Banabas Gemade *(Benue North East)*

6. Energy Commission Act Cap E 10 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 304) – *First Reading*
   Sen. Ben Ayade *(Cross River North)*

7. Integrated Farm Settlement and Agro-Input Centres (Est. etc) Bill 2013 (SB. 305) – *First Reading*
   Sen. Ben Ayade *(Cross River North)*

PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
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   Sen. Ayo Akinyelure *(Ondo Central)*
   "That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a Petition from INSPECTOR EMMANUEL ELDIARE, on His Wrongful Dismissal by the Nigeria Police Force" - *(To be laid).*

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

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

Sen. Margery C-Okadigbo
Sen. Uche Chukwumerije
Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe
Sen. Ayogu Eze
Sen. Hope Uzodinma
Sen. Arthur Okowa Ifeanyi
Sen. Sonni Ogbuoji
Sen. Ita Enang
Sen. James Manager
Sen. Barnabas A. Gemade
Sen. Akpor Pius Ewherido
Sen. Clever Ikisikpo
Sen. Bello M. Tukur
Sen. Odion Ugbesia
Sen. Benedict Ayade
Sen. Ahmad Zannah
Sen. Babafemi Ojudu
Sen. Mohammed D. Goje
Sen. Robert A. Boroffice
Sen. Olufemi Lanlehin
Sen. Magnus N. Abe
Sen. Wilson A. Ake
Sen. Simon Ajibola
Sen. Omoworare Babajide
Sen. Nenadi Usman
Sen. Basheer G. Mohammed
Sen. Mohammed Magoro
Sen. Atai Aidoko Ali
Sen. Bukola Saraki
Sen. Solomon Ewuga
Sen. Ibrahim Musa
Sen. Olugbenga Obadara
Sen. Abdullahi I. Gobir
Sen. Aisha J. Alhassan
Sen. Ahmed I. Lawan
Sen. Kabir Garba Marafa
Sen. Emmanuel N. Uba
Sen. Nkechi J. Nwaogu
Sen. Gilbert E. Nnaji
Sen. Chris Anyanwu
Sen. Matthew I. Nwagwu
Sen. Christopher Nwankwo
Sen. Paulinus I. Nwagu
Sen. Helen Esuene
Sen. Oluremi Tinubu
Sen. Aloysius Akpan Etok
Sen. Heineken Lokpobiri
Sen. Emmanuel Paulker
Sen. Umar M. Jibrilla
Sen. Ehigie E. Uzamere
Sen. Babayo G. Gamawa
Sen. Maina M. Lawan
Sen. Olubunmi Adetunbi
Sen. Sa'idu A. Alkali
Sen. Akinyelure P. Ayo
Sen. Ayoade A. Adeseun
Sen. Gyang N. Pwajok
Sen. Joshua Dariye
Sen. Olusola Adeyeye
Sen. Abdulmumin M. Hassan
Sen. Mohammed Saleh
Sen. Abubakar Yar'Adua
Sen. Abubakar A. Bagudu
Sen. Nurudeen A. Usman
Sen. Mohammed S. Lafiagi
Sen. Suleiman A. Adokwe
Sen. Zainab A. Kure
Sen. Sefiu A. Kaka
Sen. Ahmed M. Maccido
Sen. Abubakar U. Tutare
Sen. Bukar Ibrahim
Sen. Sahabi Alhaji Yaú
Sen. Ike Ekweremadu
Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba
Sen. Bello H. Gwarzo
Sen. Abdul Ahmed Ningi
Sen. Hosea A. Agboola
Sen. George Akume
Sen. Ganiyu Solomon
Sen. Ahmad R. Sani
Sen. Abu Ibrahim
Sen. Philip T. Aduda
Sen. Gbenga B. Ashafa
Sen. Ahmed H. Barata
Sen. Domingo A. Obende
Sen. Bassey Otu
Sen. Adamu Gumba
Sen. Mohammed A. Ndume
Sen. Anthony Adeniyi
Sen. Joshua M. Lidani
Sen. Boluwaji Kunlere
Sen. George T. Sekibo
Sen. Victor Lar
Sen. Abdulaziz Usman
Sen. Danladi Sankara
Sen. Ahmed Makarfi
Sen. Kabiru I. Gaya
Sen. Hadi A. Sirika.
Sen. Isa M. Galaudu
Sen. Smart Adeyemi
Sen. Abdullahi Adamu
Sen. Dahiru Awaisu Kuta
Sen. Babalola K. Odunsi
Sen. Mudasiru O. Hussein
Sen. Umaru Dahiru
Sen. Emmanuel G. Bwacha
Sen. Alkali A. Jajere

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.

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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;
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 recognition. Because of Things Fall Apart, his flagship and other works, he won the highly prized 1997 Man Booker International Prize for Fiction and in 1979 Nigerian's highest award for intellectual achievement, the Nigerian National Merit Award. (NNMA) and the National Honours, of Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR);

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. *Rejecting the National Honours Award in 2004, Achebe had explained that it was his own way to protest the mal administration foisted on the country particularly the burning down of his home Anambra State by renegades and the silence,* if *not connivance of the then Federal Government;*

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 Igbo full titled Chief, with the traditional title of Ugo N'abo (Two Eagles);

Accordingly resolves to:

i. *OBSERVE* a one minute silence in honour of late Professor Chinualumogu Achebe, OFR, NNMA

ii. *SEND* a high powered delegation to commiserate with his family, the people and 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* the Federal Government to bestow, posthumously, the high Honour of Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger. (GCON) on this world citizen from Nigeria;

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

vi. *URGE* that a National Monument be named after him.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Pension Reform Act (No. 2) 2004 and Enact the Pension Reform Act. 2013 to Make Provision for Contributory Pension Scheme and for Connected Matters 2013 (SB. 288) - Second Reading
Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba, CON, SAN, *(Senate Leader)*

2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal and Re-enact the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Act 2003 (SB. 264) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba, CON, SAN, *(Senate Leader)*

3 A Bill for an Act to Establish a Lagos State Special Economic Assistance Programmed 2013 (SB. 272) - *First Reading*
Sen. Oluremi Tinubu *(Lagos Central) and 2 Others*

4. A Bill for an Act to amend the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act CAP N88, LFN, 2004 to Provide Social Security/Protection to all Eligible Citizens of Nigeria who are Ordinarily Resident in Nigeria Whether Employed Both in the Private and Public Sector, Unemployment and Aged Without Discrimination and Related Matters 2013 (SB. 221) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Ehigie Uzamere *(Edo South)*

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Finance
Customs and Excise Management Act CAP. C45, LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2012 (HB. 238 and SB. 148)
Sen. Ahmed Makarfi *(Kaduna North)*
"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, 2012 (HB.238 and SB.148)" (Adjourned Consideration Thursday, 9th May 2013).

2. Report of the Committee on Environment and Ecology
National Oil Spill Detection Agency (NOSDRA) Act 2006 (Amendment) Bill 2012 (SB. 155)
Sen. Abubakar O. Saraki *(Kwara South)*
"That the Senate do consider the report of the Committee on Environment and Ecology, on the National Oil Spill Detection Agency (NOSDRA) Act 2006 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 155)".

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