



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17th September, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:20 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings (2) of Thursday, 25th July, 2013.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Messages from Mr President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received four letters from Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

(a) **Confirmation of Appointment of Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory:**



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

July 26, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF
HON. JUSTICE IBRAHIM M. BUKAR AS CHIEF JUDGE OF
THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA**

Section 249 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, provides that the Federal High Court shall consist of a Chief Judge of the Federal High Court, and such number of Judges of the Federal High Court as may be prescribed by Act of the National Assembly. In this connection, Hon. Justice Lawal Hassan Gummi, the Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja has retired voluntarily from service on the 13th July 2013.

Section 250 Subsection (1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria states that the appointment of the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court shall be made by the President on the recommendation of the National Judicial Council subject to confirmation by the Senate.

In line with the constitutional requirement, the National Judicial Council has recommended Honourable Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar, the most senior Judge at the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja for appointment as the Chief Judge, High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. In this connection, I attach herewith, a copy of the letter CJN/PFRN/A.1/11/396 of 22nd July 2013 from the Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chairman, National Judicial Council.

I have accepted the recommendation of the National Judicial Council and in accordance with Section 250(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, which states that the appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, I hereby present the nomination of Honourable Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar for confirmation by the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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

Yours Sincerely

(Signed)

GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(b) Confirmation of Ambassadorial Nominee:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

July 30, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

**SCREENING AND CONFIRMATION OF
AMBASSADORIAL NOMINEE**

Further to my earlier letter of July 4, 2013 forwarding a list of nominees as Ambassadors for the confirmation of the Senate in line with section 171(1)(c) sub-section 4 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended, I hereby forward the name of Mr. S. U. Ahmed, a Career Diplomat from Gombe State for consideration by the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I attach herewith the curriculum vitae of the nominee.

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

Yours Sincerely

(Signed)

GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(c) *Confirmation of Appointment of a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission:*



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

August 13, 2013

*Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
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 Jigawa and Kano States in the Commission. It is in this regard that I present, for the Senate's consideration and confirmation, the appointment of Mr. Muhammad Sirajo Wudil, as the Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission, representing Jigawa and Kano States, for a tenure of five years, in line with the provision 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

(d) *2014 - 2016 Medium- Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper:*



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

September 12, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

**SUBMISSION OF THE 2014 - 2016 MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE
FRAMEWORK AND FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration, the 2014 - 2016 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP).

I seize the opportunity to express my gratitude for the enduring partnership between the Legislative and Executive arms of government in our collective efforts to transform the economy of our dear country. Particularly, I note, with appreciation, the support that Honourable Members have consistently demonstrated.

Pursuant to provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, the developments towards preparation of the 2014 Budget have culminated in the 2014 - 2016 MTEF and FSP. Prepared against the backdrop of global economic uncertainty, the 2014 - 2016 MTEF and FSP reflect the reality of our circumstance; and will ensure that planned spending is set at prudent and sustainable levels consistent with Government's overall medium-term developmental objectives.

Accordingly, I hereby forward copies of the 2014 - 2016 MTEF and FSP to the Distinguished Senate for your kind expeditious consideration and approval.

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

Yours Sincerely

(Signed)

GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Remarks by the Senate President:



**The President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria**

SPEECH DELIVERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY SENATOR (DR.) DAVID A.B. MARK GCON, fnim, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, ON THE RESUMPTION OF THE SENATE FROM RECESS ON TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2013.

Protocol:

- 1. My dear Distinguished Colleagues, Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, my bosses!*
- 2. Once again, we thank God Almighty for protecting us, for sparing our lives during the break and for bringing us back to this chamber, hale and hearty.*
- 3. I trust that our interactions and interface with our various constituents were meaningful, constructive and insightful. We return to our legislative task with a keener appreciation of the expectations, aspirations and hopes of our various constituents - as well as their fears. As you would have discovered, the vast majority of our people want a united, peaceful and prosperous Nigeria. They long for a country in which our tremendous potentials as a nation are transparently and equitably nurtured and realized; a country in which law reigns supreme, and is applied evenly and equally to all, high and low.*

For our constituents, there is no alternative to the democratic project. What they dread, and will never want, is a nation trammelled by impunity, brigandage, banditry, insurgency, rampant corruption, and misgovernance.

4. *These expectations perfectly dovetail into our core constitutional mandate of making laws for the good government of our federation, and all of its parts. Distinguished colleagues, we must therefore continue this session with a solemn determination to deepen good governance, and to enthrone the legitimate expectations of the people. The legislature remains the driving force of our constitutional democracy, and an indispensable block in the arduous task of nation building. I call on you to continue to justify this billing through tremendous acts of patriotism, dedication, sacrifice, and mature leadership.*
5. *Distinguished colleagues, more than ever before, our countrymen and women are looking up to us for leadership, redemption and stability. The polity is assailed by political tremors, all on account of the 2015 elections! Here in this chamber, we are first and foremost Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and though not impervious to the present centrifugal political pulls, we must put the interest of Nigeria above every other consideration. We must not only rise above narrow, parochial and partisan considerations, we must also very eloquently, by deeds and words, demonstrate the capacity and willingness to moderate national discourse, and balance the polity. This we can only do by always standing with the people and on the side of truth, and by painstakingly striving at all times to do what is legally and constitutionally right and morally justifiable.*
6. *It is disheartening that even though the general elections of 2015 are two years away, political jobbers, sycophants, and hustlers have prematurely seized the political space, and are being allowed to set the tone of national discourse. This is an unnecessary and avoidable distraction by characters or hirelings who are desperately in search of relevance. They are only out to feather their own nests and in the process unduly overheat the polity. They employ every weapon, including threats of war, and open saber rattling, to advance their partisan causes. I am therefore compelled to urge restraint and to call on all putative contestants to various political positions in 2015 to advise themselves and call their various supporters to order. My prayer is to see our democracy advance to a level where those who lose elections would stoically accept the verdict of the electorate, congratulate the winners, and forge ahead. Beating the drums of war, chanting war songs and blackmailing the nation with fire and brimstone are outdated and unacceptable tools of political brinksmanship.*
7. *Political jobbers and war mongers do not serve anybody's interests, but theirs. They exploit our collective fears and fan the embers of hatred, acrimony and division. But like I have said in the past, Nigeria is greater than any of its parts, and it is in our collective interest to promote her unity based on the ideals of love, peace, patriotism, faith, compromise and sacrifice. And Nigeria is certainly greater than any position any politician will ever occupy.*
8. *I therefore strongly advise the security agencies to take any threat bordering on treason very seriously and to thoroughly investigate such and take appropriate measures irrespective of who the culprits are.*
9. *The greatest legacy we can bequeath to posterity is to collectively build a Nigeria that is more functional, more united, more dynamic, more peaceful and more democratic. Our objective should be to build a nation whose unity is an article of faith based on equity, fairness, justice and equal opportunity; a nation where injustice to one is injustice to all. I know it is a herculean task, but it is one that can be attained by steely*

resolve. As Senators of the Federal Republic and as stabilizers of the polity, we must sound it loud and clear to all our elected and appointed officials, and indeed to every politician, that to divert attention from the core task of governance to desperate political permutations, is a great disservice to our nation.

10. *National redemption requires renewed and concerted focus on governance at all levels, in every tier. Concerted focus on governance entails keen and constructive engagement between all the arms of government. To collaborate with, and engage the other arms of government in the interest of good governance, is neither to surrender our mandate as the gatekeepers to the realm of the public good, nor is it to compromise our ability to serve as a check on the other arms of government.*
11. *Rather, collaboration simply implies that when we as a legislature discharge our constitutional functions with faith, commitment and patriotism, we will insist that the other arms do likewise. All are critical institutions in a country very much in a hurry to develop, a country whose citizens yearn for, and deserve much more from her public officers.*
12. *Collaboration or engagement also calls for a strict and more imaginative commitment to our constitutional oversight responsibilities. It is only by so doing that we can help upgrade the quality of life in our country, and reward our peoples' unflagging faith in democracy.*
13. *We resume plenary to be confronted with a legislative agenda filled to the brim with crucial activities. Soon to be dealt with are the 2014 budget, the Petroleum Industry Bill, Customs (Amendment) Bill, Pensions Reforms (Amendment) Bill, Further Review of the Electoral Act, and harmonization of the Senate and House positions on the amendment of the 1999 Constitution (as amended).*
14. *You will recall that the 2013 budget estimates was laid before us in October last year. Let me call on the Executive to improve on that record this year. Because the 2013 budget estimates was laid early enough, we not only scrupulously, meticulously and robustly debated it, we also ensured that it was passed before the commencement of its operative financial year.*
15. *We are poised to do likewise with the 2014 budget estimates, if presented early! Not only shall we give it the needed scrupulous consideration before passage, we will also deploy the weapon of oversight to ensure that its developmental goals are fully realized, through full implementation, once it is signed into law.*
16. *I applaud the somberness, sobriety, insight, wisdom, patriotism and dedication with which you, Distinguished colleagues, have discharged your duties. I cannot therefore overemphasize the fact that these are the selfsame qualities that we must call in aid as we confront the items now on the legislative agenda, and as we continue to intervene, moderate and stabilize national discourse. And this naturally brings me to the question of the renewed calls to convene a national conference.*
17. *Let me counsel that we make haste slowly, and operate strictly within the parameters of our Constitution as we discuss the national question. We live in very precarious times, and in a world increasingly made fluid and toxic by strange ideologies and violent tendencies, all of which presently conspire to question the very idea of the nation state. But that is not to say that the nation should, like the proverbial ostrich, continue to bury its head in the sand and refuse to confront the perceived or alleged structural distortions which have bred discontentment and alienation in some quarters.*

This sense of discontentment and alienation has fueled extremism, apathy and even predictions of catastrophe for our dear nation.

18. *A conference of Nigeria's ethnic nationalities, called to foster frank and open discussions of the national question, can certainly find accommodation in the extant provisions of the 1999 Constitution which guarantee freedom of expression, and of association. To that extent, it is welcome. Nonetheless, the idea of a National Conference is not without inherent and fundamental difficulties. Problems of its structure and composition will stretch the letters and spirit of the Constitution and severely task the ingenuity of our constitutionalists. Be that as it may, such a conference, if and whenever convened should have only few red lines, chief among which would be the dismemberment of the country. Beyond that, every other question should be open to deliberations.*
19. *However, I hasten to add that it would be unconstitutional to clothe such a conference with constituent or sovereign powers! But the resolutions of a national conference, consisting of Nigeria's ethnic nationalities, and called under the auspices of the Government of the Federation, will indeed carry tremendous weight. And the National Assembly, consisting of the elected representatives of the Nigerian people, though not constitutionally bound by such resolutions, will be hard put to ignore them in the continuing task of constitution review. But to circumvent the Constitution, and its provisions on how to amend it, and repose sovereignty in an unpredictable mass will be too risky a gamble and may ultimately do great disservice to the idea of one Nigeria.*
20. *That is not to say that a Constitutional Conference, whether sovereign or not, is a magic wand. The task of nation building requires patience, faith, scrupulous honesty, diligence, dedication, sacrifice, toil, labour, assiduous application and massive investments in our future. The heights attained by great nations were not made by sudden flights.*
21. *Distinguished colleagues, as we resume today, I urge you all to spare a thought for the plight of our youths who are idling away because of the closure of our universities due to the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) strike. The morass in the education sector is deeply troubling not only because it is retarding the educational progress of millions of our children, but also because it arrests the intellectual development of our nation, with grave consequences for the future. While appreciating the tremendous merit in the case put forth by ASUU we call on its leaders to return to class, while pragmatic negotiations to address their grievances continue. The Senate will invest the full weight of its moral and constitutional authority to nudge both the Federal Government and ASUU towards a comprehensive settlement that addresses, in a realistic manner, the problems afflicting tertiary education in our country.*
22. *Having said all these, my bosses, I thank you for your dedication and urge you to brace for even greater sacrifices. With your faith, toil, commitment, patriotism and dedication to duty, our nation will ride all the storms, and berth on the shores of unity, progress and prosperity.*
23. *Distinguished colleagues, my bosses, with these few remarks, I welcome you back to this chamber.*
24. *Thank you and God bless.*

(Signed)

Senator (Dr) David A.B. Mark, GCON, fnim
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

5. **Announcements:**(a) ***Notification of the Registration of All Progressives Congress (APC):***

The Senate President read a letter from Senator George Akume (*Benue North-West*) as follows:



SENATE MINORITY LEADER
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

16th September, 2013

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*Distinguished Sen. David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly*

Your Excellency,

**NOTIFICATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF ALL PROGRESSIVES
CONGRESS (APC) AND STATUS OF SENATORS OF THE MERGED
POLITICAL PARTIES**

As you are aware, Section 40 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, (as amended) provides for the Right to Peaceful Assembly and Association. Section 84 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) on the other hand, stipulates the conditions for merger of Political Parties.

In a bid to build a strong, virile and enduring democracy, the three major progressive political parties, the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN), the Congress for Progressive Change (CPC) and the All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP) resolved to merge and become the All Progressives Congress (APC).

In furtherance to the provisions of Section 84 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), a formal request for the registration of All Progressives Congress (APC) was sent to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on June 7, 2013.

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) accordingly granted the request on 30th July, 2013 hence the birth of the All Progressives Congress (APC).

In light of the said registration, all Senators who were formerly members of the aforementioned political parties have become members of the newly registered All Progressives Congress; accordingly they should be treated as such in reference and representation. Section 68 (g) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) is relevant.

While wishing you and distinguished colleagues a successful legislative year, please accept as usual, the assurances of my high regards and consideration.

Thanks.

(Signed)

Sen. George Akume
Senate Minority Leader

(b) *Demise of Senator Yohanna Utu Joshua:*

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*) as follows:



Senator Emmanuel Bwacha

Taraba South Senatorial District
Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture

Attention:

*The President of the Senate,
Sen. David B. Mark, (GCON),
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF LATE SENATOR (BARR.) YOHANNA UTI JOSHUA (OON)

Dear Colleagues,

With heart full of grief, but with total submission to the will of God, I announce the passing away of our Colleague distinguished Sen. Yohanna Utu Joshua (U. J. Yohanna) whose sad event took place on Friday the 13th of September 2013 in Abuja after a brief illness at the age of 65 years.

He was elected into this hallow chambers in 1992 (3rd Senate) to represent Taraba South Senatorial District. He served as the Chairman Senate Committee on Ethics and Public Petitions. He was also a Member, Committee on Judiciary.

In recognition of his outstanding virtues and in appreciation of good services rendered to the nation, he was honoured with the National Award of the Officer of the Order of Niger (OON) in 2004. An accomplished lawyer and politician.

Burial arrangement is as follows:-

Thursday, 19th September, 2013, there will be wake keep in his residence House No. 29, 371 off 37 Road, 3rd Avenue - Gwarinpa Estate, by 5:30 pm.

Friday, 20th September, 2013, Body depart Garki General Hospital for his Country Home Nyita in Donga Local Government Area of Taraba State.

Saturday, 21st September, 2013 - Interment at his residence in Nyita.

He is survived by his wife and six (6) children.

May his gentle soul rest in the bosom of the Lord - Amen.

(Signed)

Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha, CON

(c) Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on the Federal Capital College of Education (Establishment, Etc.) Bill 2013:

(i)	Senator Uche Chukwumerije	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Olusola Adeyeye	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Ahmad I. Lawan	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Abubakar A. Bagudu	—	Member
(v)	Senator Joshua C. Dariye	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Sunny O. Ogbuaji	—	Member

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) National Directorate of Employment Act Cap N28 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 352) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Nigerian Institute of Management (Establishment, etc.) Act No. 14 2003 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 353) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act Cap R11 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 354) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal Housing Authority Act Cap F14 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 355) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Foreign Affairs:***Report on the Screening of Nominees:***

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the screening of the following nominees as Career and Non-Career Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

S/N	NAME	STATE	REMARK
(i)	Mr. O. F. Muoh	Imo	Career
(ii)	Mrs. I. J. Chinwuba-Akabogu	Anambra	Career
(iii)	Mr. Adamu Emozozo	Edo	Career
(iv)	Mr. A. Echi	Benue	Career
(v)	Mrs. G. M. Quist-Adebiyi	Lagos	Career
(vi)	Mr. M. Dauda	Borno	Career
(vii)	Mr. Hakeem O. Sulaiman	Ogun	Career
(viii)	Dr. Bolere Ketebu	Bayelsa	Non-Career

(Senator Matthew I. Nwagwu — Imo North).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the screening of nominees as Career and Non-Career Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Mr. O. F. Muoh (<i>Imo</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(ii)	Mrs. I. J. Chinwuba-Akabogu (<i>Anambra</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(iii)	Mr. Adamu Emozozo (<i>Edo</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(iv)	Mr. A. Echi (<i>Benue</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(v)	Mrs. G. M. Quist-Adebisi (<i>Lagos</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(vi)	Mr. M. Dauda (<i>Borno</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(vii)	Mr. Hakeem O. Sulaiman (<i>Ogun</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>
(viii)	Dr. Bolere Ketebu (<i>Bayelsa</i>)	—	<i>Agreed to.</i>

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the screening of nominees as Career and Non-Career Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. O. F. Muoh (*Imo*) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. O. F. Muoh (Imo) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mrs. I. J. Chinwuba-Akabogu (*Anambra*) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mrs. I. J. Chinwuba-Akabogu (Anambra) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Adamu Emozozo (*Edo*) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Adamu Emozozo (Edo) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. A. Echi (*Benue*) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. A. Echi (Benue) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mrs. G. M. Quist-Adebisi (*Lagos*) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Hakeem O. Sulaiman (*Ogun*) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Hakeem O. Sulaiman (Ogun) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Bolere Ketebu (*Bayelsa*) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Bolere Ketebu (Bayelsa) as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

**8. Committee on Health, Primary Healthcare:
Report on the National Health Bill 2013 (SB. 215):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (HB.88):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act CAP N88, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.221):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.284):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:

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

Adjourned accordingly at 11:55 a.m.

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