SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18th September, 2013

1. The Senate met at 11:04 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 17th September, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(a) ***Consideration of the 2014 - 2016 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ita S. J. Enang (*Akwa Ibom North-East*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND BUSINESS

18th September, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Mr. President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, has forwarded the 2014 - 2016 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper to the Senate.

This Will Be Listed for Consideration on Tuesday, 24th September, 2013, Please.

Copies of the Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper have been circulated to Senators, please.

(Signed)
Sen. Ita Enang
Chairman, Rules and Business Committee

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(b) ***Meeting of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Senators:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator George Akume (*Benue North-West*) as follows:

SENATE MINORITY LEADER
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

18th 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 MEETING OF SENATORS OF THE ALL PROGRESSIVES CONGRESS (APC)

There will be a meeting for all Senators of the All Progressives Congress (APC) today, September 18th 2013 by 2:00 p.m prompt at No. 10 Nun St, Maitama, off Danube, off IBB way.

All members should please endeavour to be prompt.

Please accept as usual, the assurances of my highest regards and consideration.

Thank you.

(Signed)
Sen. George Akume
Senate Minority Leader

(c) ***Demise of Madam Lucinda Ayoka Obadara:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Olugbenga O. Obadara (*Ogun Central*) as follows:

SENATOR OLUGBENGA ONAOLAPO OBADARA
Ogun Central Senatorial District
Chairman: Senate Committee on Privatization

Tuesday, 17th September, 2013

NOTICE!

THE SENATE PRESIDENT, SENATOR DAVID A.B. MARK, GCON
DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: A MATRIARCH IN A MILLION
MADAM LUCINDA AYOKA OBADARA

It is with total submission to the will of God Almighty that I wish to humbly inform you of the passing unto eternal glory of my dear and loving mother, MADAM LUCINDA AYOKA OBADARA (nee Lasisi) who joined the saints triumphant on Friday, 26th July, 2013 at the ripe age of 94. Mama was a devout Christian who served the Lord with all her heart and touched many lives positively.

Kindly honour me with your esteemed presence by joining me and other members of my family as we celebrate the life of my unique and dearest mother as detailed below-

- *Thursday, October 3rd, 2013: Inter-Denominational wake-Keep service*
  Venue: Ake Palace Grounds, Ake, Abeokuta
  Time: 4pm - 6pm
- *Friday, October 4th, 2013: Farewell service*
  Venue: Trinity Methodist Church, Itesi, Abeokuta
  Time: 11:00am

Distinguished Senators, I will encourage you to arrive on Thursday as I promise to make it memorable in my usual character.

Reception/Entertainment of guests at MKO Abiola Stadium, Kuto, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

I look forward to personally receiving you at these events.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and regards at all times.

Yours truly,
(Signed)
Senator Olugbenga Obadara

(d) Sure-P Special Ad-hoc Committee Meeting:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Abdul A. Ningi (*Bauchi Central*) as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sure - P Special Ad-hoc Committee meets after today's Session.

(Signed)
SEN. ABDUL A. NINGI
Chairman

(e) Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Students of Official Reporters Course of the Federal Training Centre, Ilorin, Kwara State, who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Abdul A. Ningi (*Bauchi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a publication in the Leadership Newspaper of Monday, 16th September, 2013 captioned "FAAC: 2013 Budget No Longer Implementable - FG" credited to the Hon. Minister of State, Finance, Dr Yarima Lawan Ngama in which he stated that the bench mark revenue estimated in the 2013 Budget were over-bloated and no longer realistic to implement as actual revenues have consistently failed to meet the initial estimates. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

5. Presentation of Bills:
(*i*) Armed Forces Disciplinary Proceedings (Special Provisions Act Cap 22 LFN 2011 (Repeal) Bill 2013 (SB. 356) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) National Commission for Rehabilitation Act Cap N22 LFN 2011 (Repeal) Bill 2013 (SB.357) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 358) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) FCT College of Nursing and Midwifery (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.359) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria Act Cap T. 3 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.360) — *Read the First Time.*

(*vi*) Food and Drugs Act. Cap. F. 32 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 361) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on Establishment and Public Services:
Report on the National Assembly Service Commission Act Cap N7 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 245):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. Confirmation of Nominations:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the following nominees for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission:

S/N	NAME	STATE	STATUS
(*i*)	Prof. Shuaibu Oba Abdulraheem, OFR		Chairman
(*ii*)	Dr. Femi Ogunsola	Kwara	Member
(*iii*)	Hon. Isibor Ifaluyi	Edo	Member (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs to report within one (1) week.

8. Confirmation of Nomination:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Honourable Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar for appointment as Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within one(1) week.

9. Confirmation of Nomination:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Mr. S. U. Ahmed (*Gombe State*) for appointment as a Career Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs to report within one (1) week.

10. Confirmation of Nomination:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Mr. Muhammad Sirajo Wudil, for appointment as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission, representing Jigawa and Kano States (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Services to report within one(1) week.

(DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT IN CHAIR)

11. Communications Networks and Facilities Bill 2013 (SB.169):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Interception, Development and Protection of Communications Networks and Facilities for Public Interest and Other Related Matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Isa M. Galaudu — Kebbi North*)

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Communications; Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and National Security and Intelligence.

(SENATE PRESIDENT IN CHAIR)

12. Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act CAP N88, LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.221):
Motion made: That 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 be read the Second Time(*Senator Ehigie Uzamere — Edo South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity.

13. Joint Committee on Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the Motor Vehicle (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Act Cap M21 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 289):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

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