# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 25th September, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:29 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 24th September, 2013.

*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

3. **Announcements:**
*(i) Meeting:*
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Muhammed Magoro (*Kebbi South*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

*Senator Maj. Gen. M. Magoro (Rtd)*, OFR,PSG, USAWC,FSS
**(GALADIMAN ZURU)**
**Kebbi South Senatorial District**
**Chairman: Senate Committee on National Security & Intelligence**

*25th September, 2013*

*His Excellency*
*The President of the Senate*
*Sen. (Dr.) David A. B. Mark, GCON, FNIM*
*National Assembly Complex,*
*Abuja.*

*Your Excellency,*

***ANNOUNCEMENT.***

*The meeting of the Joint Committee on National Security & Intelligence, Judiciary & Legal Matters holds today the 25th of September, 2013. Members of the Joint Committee to please attend.*

*Time:* *1:00 p.m*
*Venue:* *Room 324, 3rd Floor New Senate Wing*

*(Signed)*
***Sen. Maj. Gen. M. Magoro (Rtd) OFR***
*Galadiman Zuru*
*Chairman, Joint Committee.*

***(ii)*** ***Burial Ceremony:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Domingo A. Obende (*Edo North*) as follows:

Senator (Dr) Domingo A. Obende (JP, MIBA, FICA)
Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on FCT

*Wednesday, 25th September, 2013*

*My Oga Sir,*

*Distinguished Senators*

***RE: SENATOR OLUGBENGA OBADARA'S MOTHER MAMA AKE (MRS LUCINDA AYOKA NUSIRAT OBADARA) BURIAL CEREMONY SLATED FOR 3RD AND 4TH OCTOBER 2013***

*In view of Senator Olugbenga Obadara's invitation to the burial Ceremony of his late mother scheduled for Abeokuta, Ogun State and slated for Thursday, 3rd and Friday, 4th October, 2013 respectively.*

*I wish to kindly inform Distinguished Colleagues to please indicate on the Chart provided which of the events to attend to enable us make adequate arrangement for accommodation, transport and other protocol matters.*

*I can be reached on 08036505050 for clarification please.*

*Thank you and have the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours in Service,*

*(Signed)*
***Senator (Dr) Domingo A. Obende***
*Edo North Senatorial District*

***(iii)*** ***Submission of Sessional Reports:***
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
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
THREE-ARMS ZONE.
P.M.B. 141. GARKI
ABUJA. NIGERIA

*25th September, 2013*

*To: President of the Senate*

*From: The Chairman, Senate Committee on Rules and Business*

***Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT***

***SUBMISSION OF SESSIONAL REPORTS FOR THE SECOND SESSION (JUNE 2012 TO JUNE 2013) BY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.***

*This is to inform Chairmen and Clerks of the Committees of the Senate to prepare their Sessional Reports for the Second Session (June 2012 to June 2013) for presentation from Wednesday 9th to Tuesday 15th October, 2013.*

*2. The schedule for submission is being circulated for the guidance of Senate Committees.*

*(Signed)*
***SENATOR ITA ENANG***
*Chairman; Senate Committee on Rules and Business*

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

(*i*) Students of Mass Communication Department, The Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi, Bauchi State; and

(*ii*) Honourable Members and Staff of Esan West Local Government Legislative Council, Ekpoma, Edo State.

**4. Presentation of Bills:**

(*i*) Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) Act Cap. N102 LFN 2012 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 371) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) National Land Reform Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 372) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Small Claims Court (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.373) — *Read the First Time.*

**5. Motions:**

***(i) Demise of Dr Olusegun Kokumo Agagu, the Former Governor of Ondo-State:***
*Motion made:* That the Senate notes with grief the sudden death of Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu, the former Governor of Ondo State on Friday, 13th September, 2013 a day after he returned from vacation in USA at the age of 65 years;

*notes also* that the late Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu was born on February 16, 1948 in Iju-Odo, Osooro, Okitipupa Local Government Area of Ondo State;

*further notes* that Late Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu commenced his early education at St. Luke's Anglican School, now St. Paul's Anglican School, Okitipupa in 1954 and Ebenezer African Church School, Oke-Ado, Ibadan in 1958;

*observes* that in 1959 he was moved to Kano where he continued his Primary Education at Ebenezer Methodist School and Baptist Primary School, Sabon-Gari, Kano. He moved back to Ebenezer African Church School, Ibadan where he completed his primary education in 1960;

*observes* that Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu obtained his secondary education at the prestigious Ibadan Grammar School between 1961 -1967 where he passed his West African School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate with flying colours. He was admitted to the University of Ibadan in 1968 to study Botany but ended up studying Geology and graduated with 2nd Class Upper Division in 1971 and won many awards and prizes;

*observes also* that Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu was in University of Texas, United States for his Masters in Geology between 1973 and 1974 and obtained his Ph.D in Petroleum Geology from the University of Ibadan and joined the University later as a Lecturer in 1972 and retired in 1988 with a legacy of hard work and dedication in the Department of Geology of the Premier University;

*observes further* that Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu was elected as Deputy Governor of Old Ondo State under the platform of the defunct Social Democratic Party (SDP). He deployed his vast knowledge as a Petroleum Geologist to advance the case of Ondo State as an Oil Producing State as the Deputy Governor until 1993;

*aware* further that Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu was a founding member of the defunct United Nigeria Congress Party (UNCP);

*aware* also that as a founding member and the leader of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu was appointed as Minister of Aviation and later as Minister of Power and Steel by former President Chief Olusegun Obasanjo between 1999 and 2003;

*notes* with joy that Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu was elected as the Governor of Ondo State in 2003 and served until February 2009, during which period he recorded monumental achievements in the area of Education with the Establishment of Ondo State University of Science and Technology in Okitipupa, the construction of modern class room blocks across the length and breadth of Ondo State. He opened up the riverine areas with the construction of roads and bridges for the first time in the history of the area and facilitated the establishment of Omotosho Power Plants that will play a major role in the power transformation agenda of the Federal Government and his roles in the establishment of Olokola Free Trade Zone will ever remain in the evergreen memory of the people;

*observed* that Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu was an intellectual of no mean repute, a consummate politician, a wonderful networker, Nationalist, a socialite, a community leader, a devoted Christian and above all a family man married to one and only Mrs Olufunke Agagu and the marriage was blessed with three children, who are all successful in their chosen careers; and

*notes* that Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu will be greatly missed by his family, his Community, friends, political associates, Ondo State, and the entire nation.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

(*i*) observe a minute silence in honour of Late Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu; and

(*ii*) send a delegation to commiserate with the family, the Government and people of Ondo State (*Senator Boluwaji Kunlere — Ondo South*).

*Debate:*

***Proposed Resolution (i):***
*Question:* That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of Late Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu — *Agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (ii):***
*Question:* That the Senate do send a delegation to commiserate with the family, the Government and people of Ondo State — *Agreed to.*

*Resolved:*
That the Senate do:
(*i*) observe a minute silence in honour of Late Dr. Olusegun Kokumo Agagu; and

(*ii*) send a delegation to commiserate with the family, the Government and people of Ondo State ***(S/Res/009/03/13).***

*One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.*

***(ii) Needless loss of Huge Government Revenue Occasioned by Questionable Transaction and Allocation of Oil Mining Lease (OML) With Respect to OMLs 4,26,30,34,38,40,41 and 42:***

*Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.*

**6. Executive Communication:**
**2014 - 2016 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and 2012 Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):**
*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on the 2014 - 2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Request accordingly referred to the Committees on Finance; and Appropriations to report within two (2) weeks.*

**7. Companies and Allied Matters Act CAP. 20, LFN, 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 185):**
*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies and Allied Matters Act CAP. 20, LFN, 2011 and for Other Related Matters 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Odion M. Ugbesia — Edo Central*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Trade to report within three (3) weeks.*

**8. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
***Report on the Screening of Nominee:***
*Motion made:* That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the screening of Hon. Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar as the Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (*Senator Umaru Dahiru — Sokoto South*).

*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 Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the screening of Hon. Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar as the Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

**Nominee Recommended for Confirmation:**

Hon. Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar — *Agreed to.*

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 Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the screening of Hon. Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar as the Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and approved the nomination.

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

**Confirmation of nomination:**

*Question:*
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar as Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Hon. Justice Ibrahim M. Bukar as Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja accordingly confirmed.*

9. **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.*

10. **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.*