THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 29th October, 2013

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Announcements (if any)**
5. **Petitions**

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters
Screening of a nominee
Sen. Umaru Dahiru, OON *(Sokoto South)*
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of **HON. JUSTICE JOHN INYANG OKORO** as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria" – *To be laid*

2. Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service
Pension Reform Act CAP P4 LFN 2011 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 288)
Sen. Aloysius Etok *(Akwa Ibom North West)*
"That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service, on the Pension Reform Act CAP P4 LFN 2011 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 288)" - *To be laid*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. The Demise of Chief Solomon Lar - (1933 – 2013)
Sen. Victor Lar *(Plateau South)*

Sen. Joshua C. Dariye
Sen. Abdul Ningi, CON
Sen. Solomon Ewuga
Sen. Dahiru A Kuta
Esther Nenadi Usman
Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha
Sen. Aisha Alhassan
Sen. Ayo Akinyelure Patrick
Sen. Ogbuoji Sunny
Sen. Ahmed Zanna
Clever M. Ikisikpo
Sen. G.N.S Pwajok
Sen.Barnabas Gemade
Sen. Suleiman Adokwe
Sen. Nurudeen Abatemi-Usam
Sen.Abubakar Tuture
Sen. Domingo Obende
Sen. Olubunmi Adetumbi
Sen. Ayade Benedict
Sen. Ifeanyi Okowa
Sen. Abdulmumin M. Hassan
Sen. George Akume
Sen. Zainab Kure
Sen. Abdullahi Adamu
Sen. Adamu Gumba
Sen. Olusola Adeyeye
Sen. Tony Adeniyi
Sen. Magnus Ngei Abe
Sen. Bello M. Tukur
Sen. Aloysius Etok

The Senate
Notes with the deepest sense of lost the death of Chief Solomon Daushep Lar whose glorious exit occurred on Tuesday October, 2013 at Innova Hospital Fairfa, Virginia, U.S.A after a protracted illness at the age of 80 years.

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Observes that the late Chief Lar was born in Pangna, Langtang North Local Government Area of Plateau State in April 1933. He attended the then Sudan United Mission (SUM) primary school in Langtang in 1943 and later proceeded to Gindiri Teachers College in 1950 where he qualified to teach at the primary school Langtang. Two years later, he returned to Gindiri and obtained his higher elementary certificate and started to teach at the senior primary school level.

Observes also that his active political career started in January 1959 when he was elected a councillor to Langtang Native Authority under the platform of the United Middle Belt Congress (UMBC), and elected to the Federal House of Representatives. On arrival at the House of Representatives; he crossed over to NPC and was made Parliamentary Secretary in Tafawa Balewa's administration. He was the Junior Minister in charge of Establishment until the Kaduna Nzeogwu Military of January 1966, and was later elected the first civilian governor of Plateau State in 1979;

Notes further that Chief S. D Lar, after the 1966 Coup went and studied Law at the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, graduating in 1970 with an LLB and was called to bar in 1971. He established a private legal practice and was a co-founder and first National Secretary of the Nigerian Legal Association.

Aware that Chief Lar, like his contemporaries in the first Republic, truly believed in and worked for a United, Progressive, indivisible Nigeria. As Governor of Plateau State, he developed Plateau State into a melting pot of all the tribes and religious faiths in state to the extent of appointing non-indigenes as commissioners and Special Adviser in his Government.

Aware that the Late Solomon Lar spent more than 55years of his eighty years in active service of God and humanity, He fought for the establishment of the Nigeria Legal Association which later transformed to the Nigeria Legal Aid Council. A Council that has now become the indigent and poor man's only hope for Legal support in Nigeria.

Observed that in 1972, Chief Solomon Lar joined the board of the Amalgamated Tin Mines of Nigeria - ATMN - Local mining multinational that produced all the Tin and Columbite from which Jos acquired the name "Tin City". Chief Lar was appointed Chairman of the Board of the defunct African Continental Bank (ACB).

Further observes that Late Chief Lar was a Politician who stands for the truth and will always say it no matter whose ox is gourd, He laid several second republic politicians under the aegis G18 to the then Head of State, General Sani Abacha telling him to abort his self-succession plan in 1998.

Observes that the Late Chief Solomon Lar alongside other Members of the G34 and offshoot of the G18 formed the People's Democratic Party and was made the first National Chairman in 1998; a position he used in leading the Party to victory in 1999.

Observes that Chief Lar's political activities and influence spanned across five decades. At various times: -

1. He was elected the 1st Civilian Governor of Plateau State from 1979 - 1983.
2. He in1976, served on the Late Justice Ayo Irekefe committee that recommended the increase in the number of States from 12 - 19.
3. He co- founded the Legal Aid Council.
4. He was appointed Minister of Police Affairs in the Abacha administration.
5. As Governor of Plateau State, using Dr. Mary Lar's PHD thesis, he initiated the Normadic Education programme, a programme that has received National and International recognition and support.
6. As governor of Plateau State, Lar initiated and left the legacies like - the Jos Main Market, the Plateau Radio and Television Corporation. The State College of Education Gindiri, the Shen, Pankshin, Langtang. Shendam, Akwanga and Doma Dams amongst several others.

Observes that Chief Solomon Lar 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 with children, who are all successful in their chosen carriers.

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Notes that Chief Solomon Lar will be greatly missed by His family, His Community, Friends, Political Associates, Plateau State, and the entire Nation.

Accordingly resolves to;

i. **Observe one minute silence in honour of Late Chief S.D Lar - The Emancipator**
ii. **Send a high powered delegation to commiserate with his family, the Government and people of Plateau State.**
iii. **Urge the Federal Government to grant a State Funeral in honour of the Late Sage.**
iv. **Urge that a Federal Polytechnic be cited in Pangna his village and name after him (this was his dream).**

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. **Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service**
Screening of Nominees
Sen. Aloysius Etok *(Akwa Ibom North West)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service, on screening of MR. MUHAMMAD SIRAJO WUDIL, for appointment as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission, representing Jigawa and Kano States and approve the recommendation therein".

2. **Report of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development**
Social Housing Bill 2012(SB. 61)
Sen. Bukar Abba Ibrahim, CON *(Yobe East)*
"That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, on the Social Housing Bill 2012(SB. 61)".

3. **Report of the Committee on Health**
National Health Bill 2013 (SB. 215)
Sen. Ifeanyi A. Okowa *(Delta North)*
"That the Senate do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Health, on the National Health Bill 2013 (SB. 215)" *(Adjourned consideration - Thursday, 24th October, 2013).*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 29th October, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
2.	Trade	Tuesday, 29th October, 2013	2.00pm	Meeting Room 312 Senate New Building
3.	Senate and House of Representatives Joint Committee On 2014 – 2016 MTEF & FSP	Tuesday, 29th October, 2013 *(Interactive Session)*	11.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
4.	Water Resources	Tuesday, 29th October, 2013	1.00pm	Meeting Room 224 Senate New Building
5.	Science and Technology	Tuesday, 29th October, 2013	2.00pm	Conference Room 1.17 Senate New Building
6.	States and Local Government Administration	Tuesday, 29th October, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 442 Senate New Building
7.	SURE-P	Tuesday, 29th October, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 224 Senate New Building
8.	Education	Tuesday, 29th October, 2013	2.00pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building

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9.	Wednesday	Wednesday, 30th October, 2013	2.00pm	Meeting Room 312 Senate New Building
10.	Joint Committee on Finance and Appropriations	Monday, 4th November, 2013 *(Joint Meeting)*	11.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building

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