



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 30th October, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:58 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 29th October, 2013.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (a) **Appreciation:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator David A. B. Mark (*Benue South*) as follows:



President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria

ANNOUNCEMENT

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Mark and Cocks families, and in particular Mr. Tim and Mrs Monica Cocks, I would like to express my gratitude to you, my Distinguished Colleagues, who took the time to attend the Traditional Wedding of Tim and Abeje Monica in Otukpo.

Your presence despite the very short period of notification turned the occasion into a grand event that I am sure will live long in the memories of the newly wedded couple and their visiting relatives.

I urge you all to keep praying for the newly wedded couple as they commence on their voyage of marital companionship.

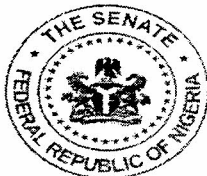
Please accept my most sincere thanks and appreciation.

(Signed)

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

(b) Special Invitation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure (*Ondo Central*) as follows:



Senator (Dr.) Pat. Ayo Akinyelure, (MMP (UI), FCA, FCTI, FPA)

Chairman, Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges & Public Petitions

29th October, 2013

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON, fnim
The Senate President
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly Complex
Three Arms Zone
FCT, Abuja

Your Excellency,

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL DISTINGUISHED SENATORS TO
EKIMOGUN DAY 2013 CELEBRATION

On behalf of the democratically enlightened good people of Ondo, Ondo Central Senatorial District, it gives me a great pleasure to invite you all my Distinguished colleagues to the celebration of Ekimogun Day 2013 of Ondo Kingdom, Ondo State under my distinguished Chairmanship.

Ekimogun Day Celebration is an annual event where all lovers of democracy, and good governance for social and economic development of Ondo Kingdom assemble to celebrate their cultural heritage and pursue developmental agenda of the Kingdom for greater heights.

Date: Saturday, 7th December, 2013

Venue: Oba Adesanoye Civic Centre, Ondo Town, Ondo State

Time: 10:00 a.m

It will be my honour and privilege to have you all in attendance.

Please accept, Distinguished Colleagues, the assurances of my esteem regards.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Distinguished Senator (Dr.) Ayo Akinyelure, FCA, FCTI, FPA
Chairman, Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges & Public Petitions

(c) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Staff and Students of St. Martins Catholic Nursery and Primary School, Jibi Mobile Police Barrack, Dei-Dei, Abuja, FCT; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of Imperial School, Kudenda, Kaduna, Kaduna State.

4. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Helen U. Esuene (*Akwa Ibom South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition by Mrs Ngozi C. Nwagbo, over the non-payment of death benefit of her late husband, Mr Nnaemeka Iloka Nwagbo by the National Intelligence Agency(NIA). She urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)].

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rule 42, Senator Helen U. Esuene (*Akwa Ibom South*) drew the attention of the Senate to alleged abuse of a two-year old girl by a law enforcement officer. She sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

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

6. Presentation of Bills:

(i) Social Welfare Bill 2013 (SB.383) — *Read the First Time.*

(ii) Deportation/Banishment of Citizens (Prohibition) Bill 2013 (SB.384) — *Read the First Time.*

(iii) National Payment System Bill 2013 (SB.385) — *Read the First Time.*

(iv) Traditional Medicine Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.387) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) Child Rights Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.386) — *Read the First Time.*

(vi) The Micro Finance Bill 2013 (SB.388) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption:

Report on the screening of nominee:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption, on the screening of Alhaji Bako Abdullahi as a Member of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (*Senator Victor Lar — Plateau South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Motion:

Flagrant Disregard for Senate Resolution by the Nigeria Police:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the screening of nominee:

Motion made: 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 (*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 John Inyang Okoro as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Hon. Justice John Inyang Okoro

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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 John Inyang Okoro as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria 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 John Inyang Okoro as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Justice John Inyang Okoro as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

10. Committee on Housing:

Report on the Social Housing Bill 2013 (SB. 61):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Housing on the Social Housing Bill 2013 (*Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim — Yobe East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SOCIAL HOUSING SCHEME WHICH SHALL CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND DISTRIBUTE HOUSES, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOCALLY SOURCED MATERIALS; UNDER THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Debate:

Bill referred back to the Committee for further Legislative Action.

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 Housing on the Social Housing Bill 2013 and referred the Bill back to the Committee for further Legislative Action:

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

Bill referred back to the Committee for further Legislative Action.

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

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Special Funds Accounts of the Federation (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 265):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Nigeria Financial Intelligence Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 292):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 31st October, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Leader).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:46 p.m.

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