SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 31st October, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:32 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 30th October, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Surestart Private School Gwarimpa, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Presentation of Bill:**
Nigerian Aeronautic Search and Rescue (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 390) — *Read the First Time.*

5. **Joint Committee on Finance; and Appropriations:**
Report on the 2014 - 2016 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance; and Appropriations, on the 2014 - 2016 Medium-Term Frame work (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (*Senator Joshua C. Dariye — Plateau Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. **Motion:**
Cruelty to Infants:
Motion made: That whereas the nation has been witnessing acts of cruelty to babies involving their being kidnapped, abused and sold as commodities, the Senate is invited to;

note the recent case of criminality in Mararaba area of Nasarawa State meted against 2 year old baby girl (Chinwendu Onwudiwe) by no other than one who supposed to up-hold the law;

note that on 20th October, 2013 the gory news that hit the air waves as carried by Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) was the sexual assault of a-two year old female infant by a neighbor who is a Police Officer by name Corporal Anthony Onoja;

note that the matter was reported to the Nigerian Police but it is yet to be taken to court;

note that Sections 31 and 32 of the Child's Right Act make this case a criminal offence which attracts life imprisonment or 14 years imprisonment depending on the nature of the abuse;

note that this is not the first time it has been reported in this hallowed chamber of a Police Officer sexually abusing an infant girl;

note the unacceptable situation of rape offenders often going unpunished;

note the need to arrest this impunity and weed out bad eggs and protect the image of the Nigeria Police; and

note that because of the innocence of our minors they are very vulnerable to different forms of abuse by unscrupulous persons.

Senate accordingly resolves to:
urge the Inspector-General of Police to furnish this Chamber with a full report of this unbecoming and wicked act before 14th November, 2013 (*Senator Helen U. Esuene — Akwa Ibom South*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:
Question: That the Senate do urge the Inspector-General of Police to furnish this Chamber with a full report of this unbecoming and wicked act before 14th November, 2013.

Amendment Proposed.
Leave out the Proposed Resolution and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"That the Senate do urge the Inspector-General of Police to cause the matter to be prosecuted" (*Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Additional Proposed Resolutions:
Insert additional Proposed Resolutions as follows:
(*i*) "That the Senate do condemn this act of pedophilia by Corporal Anthony Onoja in all its entirety" (*Senator Solomon S. A. Ewuga — Nasarawa North*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(*ii*) "That the Senate do direct the Committee on Police Affairs to investigate and report within one (1) week" (*Senator Abdul A. Ningi — Bauchi Central*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:
That the Senate do:
(*i*) urge the Inspector-General of Police to cause the matter to be prosecuted;

(*ii*) condemn this act of pedophilia by Corporal Anthony Onoja in all its entirety; and

(*iii*) direct the Committee on Police Affairs to investigate and report within one (1) week ***(S/Res/015/03/13).***

7. Committee on Establishment and Public Services:
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Services, on screening of Mr. Muhammad Sirajo Wudil as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission, representing Jigawa and Kano States (*Senator **Babafemi Ojudu**—Ekiti Central*)

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 the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Services, on screening of Mr. Muhammad Sirajo Wudil as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission, representing Jigawa and Kano States.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:
Mr. Muhammad Sirajo Wudil (*Representing Jigawa and Kano States*) — *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 Establishment and Public Services, on screening of Mr. Muhammad Sirajo Wudil as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission, representing Jigawa and Kano States 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 Mr. Muhammad Sirajo Wudil as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission, representing Jigawa and Kano States ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Muhammad Sirajo Wudil as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission, representing Jigawa and Kano States accordingly confirmed.

8. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Petition from Thirty-Nine (39) Staff on their Wrongful and Indiscriminate Termination of Appointments by the National Judicial Institute (NJI):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on a petition from Thirty-Nine (39) Staff on their wrongful and indiscriminate termination of appointments by the National Judicial Institute (NJI) (*Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Governors of the Institute and whose names were swapped be called back to duty with full entitlements up to date:

Their names are as follows:
(1) Mrs Rosemary Emodi
(2) Ayuba Musa
(3) Wale Akinbola
(4) Esetuwagbau Steven
(5) Fadeyi O. Emmanuel
(6) Ramat Popoola Shittu
(7) Awoyale Yinka Michael
(8) Mrs Bola Ajiboye
(9) Muili Jubril Adekunle
(10) Yahaya Mohammed
(11) Afolabi Moses
(12) Mrs. Mary Nelson
(13) Miss Yemisi Oloyi
(14) Mrs. Immaculator Inyang
(15) Olajide Tunde
(16) Bamidele Olusola
(17) Mrs Dorcas M. Delight
(18) Ms W. A Adesina — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do mandate the Board of Governors of National Judicial Institute(NJI) to effect the dismissal with immediate effect, the following staff of NJI who were recommended by the various investigative Committees of NJI for dismissal ab-initio, but were retained and still in service up till now in the interest of justice and fair play:

(1) Mr. Segun Olowookere
(2) Mr. James Onu
(3) Mr. John Agono
(4) Mr. Jacob Danladi
(5) Mrs Ronke Akinsehinwa
(6) Mr. Moses Agbede
(7) Mr. Hussaini Musa — *Negatived.*

Resolved:
That the (18) eighteen innocent staff not indicted by the report of the Board of Governors of the Institute and whose names were swapped be called back to duty with full entitlements up to date:

Their names are as follows:
(1) Mrs Rosemary Emodi
(2) Ayuba Musa
(3) Wale Akinbola
(4) Esetuwagbau Steven

(5) Fadeyi O. Emmanuel
(6) Ramat Popoola Shittu
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(16) Bamidele Olusola
(17) Mrs Dorcas M. Delight
(18) Ms W. A Adesina ***(S/Res/016/03/13).***

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 5th November, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (Deputy *Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:14 *p.m.*

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