SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 12th November, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:14 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 7th November, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Message from Mr President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

2014 Budget:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

November 11, 2013

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
Senate President,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

RE: 2014 BUDGET

Sequel to my letter of 23rd October 2013 requesting that the Distinguished Senate grant me the slot of 12:00 noon on Tuesday, 12th November 2013 to enable me formally address a Joint Session of the National Assembly on the 2014 Budget, emergent circumstances have necessitated my having to request for a new date of Tuesday, 19th November 2013 at the same time.

It is my hope that the Distinguished Senators will, in your usual tradition, favourably consider my request.

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While thanking you for the constancy of your support, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) Invitation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe (*Abia South*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

His Excellency
Senator H. Enyinnaya Abaribe
Abia South Senatorial District

11th November, 2013

Senator David Mark
President of the Senate
National Assembly
Abuja

Your Excellency,

LETTER OF INVITATION

May I use this opportunity to invite all distinguished Senators to "Made in Aba Fair" holding in Abuja from the 18th November - 22nd November, 2013 at ThisDay Dome, Central Area, Near Federal Secretariat, Abuja.

This fair is to showcase and encourage our local manufacturing in the country through Made in Aba exhibition.

The products being showcased will make you proud of our domestic brand and patronage from local end users, will boost employment, enhance our economy while providing exports beyond oil and gas.

While looking forward to welcome you to the fair be assured that your attendance in support of our people and their entrepreneurship/vocational skills would provide the bedrock for Nigeria's Industrial revolution.

Please accept the assurances of my highest regard.

(Signed)
Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe
Chairman, Senate Committee on
Media, Information and Public Affairs

(b) ***Inauguration of Nigerian Association of Public Accounts Committees:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Public Accounts Committee

11 November, 2013

The President of the Senate,
Senator David A.B . Mark, GCON

Dear Sir,

INAUGURATION OF THE NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES (NAPAC)

This is to inform the Distinguished Senate that the Nigerian Association of Public Accounts Committees (NAPAC) was formally inaugurated on 7th November, 2013. The Association comprises of the Public Accounts Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Public Accounts Committees of the 36 State Houses of Assembly in Nigeria.

The main objectives of the Association amongst others are:

(i) Develop standard procedures and processes in order to achieve the constitutional mandate of the Public Accounts Committees;

(ii) Provide avenue for interaction, sharing of experiences, ideas and information among members on issues relating to the functions of the Public Accounts Committees;

(iii) Develop the capacity of individual members;

(iv) Collaborate and partner with Offices of the Auditors-General for the Federation and of the States to ensure International Best Practices in auditing and production of audit reports; and

(v) Collaborate and liaise with continental and regional Associations like the African Organization of Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC), West African Association of Public Accounts Committees (WAAPAC), Southern African Development Community Organization of Public Accounts Committees (SADCOPAC), etc

NAPAC is grateful to the President of the Senate for formally delivering it and making it possible to fulfill the long standing dream of the Public Accounts Committee community in Nigeria.

(Signed)
Sen. Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, Ph.D, CON
National President
Nigerian Association of Public Accounts Committees
(NAPAC)

(c) ***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

12th Nov, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBJECT: ***PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE SESSIONAL REPORTS: JUNE 2012 TO JUNE 2013***

This is to inform all Chairmen of Special and Standing Committees of the Senate that the presentation of Committee Sessional Reports in accordance with Rule 102(d) of the Senate Standing Orders 2007 (as Amended) is hereby rescheduled from Wednesday, 13th to Tuesday 19th November, 2013.

The schedule for presentation is as published in the notice paper for your guidance and compliance.

(Signed)
Senator Ita Enang
Chairman
Senate Committee on Rules and Business

(d) ***First Africa Legislative Summit (Dinner/Gala Nite):***

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (*Cross River Central*) as follows

SENATOR VICTOR NDOMA-EGBA, OFR, CON, SAN
SENATE LEADER
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Deputy President of the Senate and Chairman, Governing Council of the National Institute of Legislative Studies invites the President of Senate all Distinguished-Senators to a Dinner/Gala Nite in honour of delegates to the First Africa Legislative Summit currently holding in Abuja.

Date : *Today, Tuesday 12 November 2013*
Time : *7pm Prompt*
Venue : *Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton*
Dressing : *Formal*

(Signed)
Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba, CON, SAN
Senate Leader/President, First Africa Legislative Summit

(e) ***Birthday Celebration:***

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, 12th November, 2013

NOTICE!

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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF SENATOR NENADI ESTHER USMAN

In celebrating one of our own, please join Senator Nenadi Esther Usman at the Lunch Table immediately after the Plenary today at 8, Queen Elizabeth Street, Asokoro, for her Birthday Thanksgiving to the good Lord. (At the entrance check point to the Villa coming from Apo Protea, turn right before the gate).

Please, it is a Lunch date with some dancing steps.

Whilst thanking you in advance for your anticipated cooperation, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
SENATOR OLUGBENGA OBADARA

(f) ***Acknowledgment:***

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Councillors of Etsako-East Local Government Council, Edo State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mohammed Magoro *(Kebbi South)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr Adamu H. Wasagu on his unlawful removal as Director in the National Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA). He 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)].

6. Committee on Finance:

Report on the Company Income Tax Act (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.56):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. **Committee on Works:**
Report on the Rock Blasting Bill 2013 (SB.37):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Joint Committee on Communications; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the Interception of Communication Bill 2013 (SB.169):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the Electronic Fraud and Electronic Transfer of Fund Crime Bill 2013 (SB.69):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:**
Report on the Office of the Nigerian Financial Ombudsman Bill 2013 (HB.14):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Committee on Sports and Social Development:**
Report on the Deplorable State of National Stadium, Abuja:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the Alleged Justice delayed and Justice denied of Mr. Sampson Anyang by the Nigerian Police Force:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on Messrs S. E. Mosugo & Co, Solicitors to 10 Ex-Staff of Nigeria Superphosphate Fertilizer Company Limited, Kaduna urging the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) to settle all outstanding staff liabilities in the sum of ₦73 million:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. **Joint Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity; and Interior:**
Report on the Abuse of Expatriate Quota by Foreign Multinationals:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Motion:

Congratulating Nigeria on the success of the Golden Eaglets at the under seventeen FIFA World Cup Tournament:

Motion made: That the Senate notes with pride that on Friday, 8th November, 2013, the Golden Eaglets of Nigeria beat Mexico 3 - 0 to win the Under Seventeen World Cup trophy at the United Arab Emirates;

notes further that the Golden Eaglets of Nigeria have won the trophy a record four times, making it the most successful team at the FIFA Under 17 Tournament. The first time being in China (1985), Japan (1993), South Korea (2007) and now United Arab Emirates (2013);

observes that the Golden Eaglets scored a total of 26 goals at this year's tournament making it the highest goal scoring side ever in the history of the tournament which started about twenty eight years ago; and

appreciates that with this victory, Nigeria has once again stamped its supremacy in this cadet age competition and hopefully this victory will provide a launch pad to win the coveted senior world cup.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) congratulate the conquering team and its technical crew;

(*ii*) congratulate all Nigerians for their patriotic and united prayers for that victory;

(*iii*) urge the Ministry of Sports and the Nigerian Football Federation to immediately set in motion a programme of training that will lead to the ultimate transformation of that team to an invincible Super Eagles; and

(*iv*) congratulate Mr. President, Commander in Chief of the Armed forces Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR, and the President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator (Dr.) David Mark, GCON for the high powered delegation that boosted the morale of the team (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do congratulate the conquering team and its technical crew — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do congratulate all Nigerians for their patriotic and united prayers for that victory — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Ministry of Sports and the Nigerian Football Federation to immediately set in motion a programme of training that will lead to the ultimate transformation of that team to an invincible Super Eagles — *Agreed to*.

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do congratulate Mr. President, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR, and the President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator (Dr.) David Mark, GCON for the high powered delegation that boosted the morale of the team.

Additional Proposed Resolution:
Insert additional Proposed Resolution as follows:
"That the Senate do host the victorious Golden Eaglets and their handlers" (*Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi — Kaduna North*).

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

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(*i*) congratulate the conquering team and its technical crew;

(*ii*) congratulate all Nigerians for their patriotic and united prayers for that victory;

(*iii*) urge the Ministry of Sports and the Nigerian Football Federation to immediately set in motion a programme of training that will lead to the ultimate transformation of that team to an invincible Super Eagles;

(*iv*) express gratitude to Mr. President, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR, and the President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator (Dr.) David Mark, GCON for their unflinching support for the team; and

(*v*) host the victorious Golden Eaglets and their handlers***(S/Res/018/03/13)***.

18. 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):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. Joint Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs; and Employment, Labour and Productivity:
Report on the Employment Irregularities in Federal Establishments in Nigeria:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. 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.

21. Joint Session of the Senate and House of Representatives on the 2014 Appropriation Bill:

Consideration of Request deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (Number of Judges) Act No. 15 2003 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 295):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

24. College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 212):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

25. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 13th November, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:04 *p.m.*

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