SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 13th November, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:43 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 12th November, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Staff and Students of Funtaj International School, Asokoro, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Cherryfield College, Jikwoyi, Abuja.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Uche Chukwumerije (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the death of Professor Festus Iyayi, former President of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU). He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to observe a minute silence in his honour.

One minute silence accordingly observed.

5. **Committee on Rules and Business:**
Sessional Report June 2012 - June 2013:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the June 2012 - June 2013 Sessional Report of the Committee on Rules and Business (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North-East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. **Committee on Police Affairs:**
Report on the investigation into cruelty to infants:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the investigation into cruelty to infants (*Senator Paulinus 1. Nwagu — Ebonyi Central*).

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Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Unlawful dismissal of Mr. Joseph Bitrus from Industrial Training Fund (ITF):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions, on the unlawful dismissal of Mr. Joseph Bitrus from Industrial Training Fund (ITF) (*Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption, on the screening of Alhaji Bako Abdullahi as Member of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:
Alhaji Bako Abdullahi — *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 Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption, on the screening of Alhaji Bako Abdullahi as Member of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission 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 Alhaji Bako Abdullahi as Member of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Bako Abdullahi as Member of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission accordingly confirmed.

9. 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 consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance; and Appropriations, on the 2014 - 2016 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) (*Senator Ahmed Makarfi — Kaduna North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: Crude oil production of 2,3883mbpd, 2,5007mbpd and 2,5497mbpd for 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: Average exchange rate of ₦160/USD for the next three years — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: Adoption of US$76.50 per barrel as a benchmark price of crude oil — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: Corporate Tax and VAT rate of 30% and 5% respectively — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):
Question: That Government should strengthen and consolidate its fiscal strategy to narrow the gap between projected and actual revenue for the period 2014 - 2016 curtailing oil theft and diversifying the economy to increase tax bases so as to increase tax revenue — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (vi):
Question: The details of SURE-P projects to be executed be attached as an addendum to the annual budget estimates for approval by the National Assembly — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (vii):
Question: The distribution to the tiers of government of ₦666.9 billion from the Excess Crude Account (ECA) as proposed by the Executive — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (viii):
Question: Augmentation from the ECA should the projected crude production fall below the budgeted, provided there are funds in the account — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

(*i*) Crude oil production of 2,3883mbpd, 2,5007mbpd and 2,5497mbpd for 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively;

(*ii*) Average exchange rate of ₦160/USD for the next three years;

(*iii*) Adoption of US$76.50 per barrel as a benchmark price of crude oil;

(*iv*) Corporate Tax and VAT rate of 30% and 5% respectively;

(*v*) That Government should strengthen and consolidate its fiscal strategy to narrow the gap between projected and actual revenue for the period 2014 - 2016 curtailing oil theft and diversifying the economy to increase tax bases so as to increase tax revenue;

(*vi*) The details of SURE-P projects to be executed be attached as an addendum to the annual budget estimates for approval by the National Assembly;

(*vii*) The distribution to the tiers of government of ₦666.9 billion from the Excess Crude Account (ECA) as proposed by the Executive; and

(*viii*) Augmentation from the ECA should the projected crude production fall below the budgeted, provided there are funds in the account ***(S/Res/019/03/13).***

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Nigeria Financial Intelligence Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 358):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. National Frontier Basin Exploration Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.280):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 89):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 14th November, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:23 *p.m.*

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