SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 20th November, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:49 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 19th November, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

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

(a) Confirmation of Appointment of Chairman and Members of the Niger Delta Development Commission:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

November 19, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Niger Delta Development Commission was established under the NDDC Act of 2000. By the provision of Section 2(1) of the Act, a Governing Board shall be established for the Commission, comprising of a Chairman, one person each from the Niger Delta Member States; three persons to represent non-oil mineral producing States provided that such membership should be drawn from the remaining geo-political zones which are not represented in the Commission;

one representative of oil producing companies in the Niger-Delta nominated by the oil producing companies; one person each to represent the Federal Ministries of Finance and Environment, the Managing Director of the Commission; and two Executive Directors.

Subsequent to the dissolution of the Governing Board of the Commission on the 13th September 2011, nominations for its reconstitution have been compiled in accordance with Section 2(1) of the NDDC Act as follows:

S/No	Name	Position	State
1	Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw	Chairman	Cross River
2	Barr. Bassey Dan-Abia	Managing Director	Akwa Ibom
3	Itotenaan Henry Ogiri	ED Finance & Admin	Rivers
4	Engr. Tuoyo Omatsulu	ED Projects	Delta
5	Ball Turofade Oyarede	State Representative	Bayelsa
6	Chief Ephraim Sobere Etete	State Representative	Rivers
7	Etim Inyang Jnr	State Representative	Akwa Ibom
8	Adah Paul Andeshi (KSM)	State Representative	Cross River
9	Sir Tom Amioku	State Representative	Delta
10	Samuel Okezie Nwogu	State Representative	Abia
11	Uchegbu Chidiebere Kyrian	State Representative	Imo
12	Maj-Gen Suleiman B Said	State Representative (Niger)	North Central
13	Alh. Abdulmalik Mahmud	Representative (Bauchi)	North East
14	Enikuomehin BG Olorungbonju	Representative	Ondo State
15	Mark Ward	Representative	OPTS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5(3) of the NDDC Act, I hereby present the nominees for confirmation by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

While hoping that the request will receive the usual expeditious consideration and confirmation by the Distinguished Senators, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurance of my highst regards.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(b) Confirmation of Appointment of Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

19th November 2013

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE

Pursuant to the provision of Section11a of the Federal Inland Revenue (Establishment) Act, 2007, which stipulates that the Executive Chairman shall be appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate, I write to forward the name of M'fon Akpan, whose CV is attached herewith, for consideration as Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service.

It is my hope that this will receive the usual kind expeditious attention of the Distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBERE JONATHAN

(c) Appointment of Chairman and Full-Time Commissioners for the National Pension Commission:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

November 19, 2013

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND FULL-TIME COMMISSIONERS FOR THE NATIONAL PENSION COMMISSION

Section 16(1) of the Pension Reform Act, provides that the Commission shall comprise a part-time Chairman, a Director-General, four (4) Commissioners and seven (7) part-time members. Section 16(3) of the Act also provides that appointments of the Chairman, the Director-General and other members of the commission other than ex-officio members shall be made by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Following the expiration of the tenure of the Chairman, Director-General and the Commissioners of the Commission, I have, in line with the provisions of Sections (16(3) and 17(1) of the Pension Reform Act, 2004, decided to appoint the following:

S/No	*Name*	*Zone*	*Designation*
1	*Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu*	*North-East*	*Chairman*
2	*Chinelo O. Anohu-Amazu*	*South East*	*Full Time Commissioner*
3	*Omotowa Reuben Gilbert*	*North Central*	*Full Time Commissioner*
4	*Mohammed Ka'oje Abubakar*	*North-West*	*Full Time Commissioner*
5	*Adesojo O. Olaoba-Efuntayo*	*South-West*	*Full Time Commissioner*

In line with Section 16(3) .of the Pension Reform Act, 2004, I hereby present the nominations of the above mentioned nominees for kind consideration and confirmation by the Senate.

Please accept, Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(d) Appointment of Chairman of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission (NLRC):

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

November 19, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE NIGERIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION (NLRC)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act Cap. N 118 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, I write to forward to you the underlisted as nominees for your kind confirmation for the positions of Chairman and Commissioners of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission (NLRC).

S/No	*Name*	*Designation*	*Geo-political Zone*
1	*Prof. O. A. Osunbor*	*Commissioner/Chairman*	*South South*
2	*Mr. Kefas Magaji*	*Commissioner*	*North East*
3	*Mr. P. C. Okorie*	*Commissioner*	*South East*
4	*Zainab Ibrahim (Mrs)*	*Commissioner*	*North Central*

The Curriculum Vitae of the nominees are attached.

I trust that this exercise will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK BELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) Conference Committee:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on 2014 - 2016 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP):

(*i*)	Senator Ahmed M. Makarfi	—	Chairman
(*ii*)	Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Ita S. J. Enang	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Bello M. Tukur	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Smart Adeyemi	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe	—	Member

(b) Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Hope Uzodimma (*Imo West*) as follows:

SOUTHERN SENATORS FORUM
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ABUJA

20th November, 2013

The Senate President,
His Excellency,
Senator David Mark (GCON),
National Assembly
Abuja.

Our great leader,

ANNOUNCEMENT
NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Southern Senators Forum today 20th of November, 2013 immediately after the Plenary Session.

Venue: Hearing Room 1

Please endeavour to attend.

(Signed)
SENATOR HOPE UZODIMMA
Secretary

(c) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Wesley School, Mpape, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Sessional Reports (June 2012 - June 2013):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the June 2012 - June 2013 Sessional Reports of the following Committees:

(*i*) Committee on Communications;

(*ii*) Committee on Water Resources;

(*iii*) Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector;

(*iv*) Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa and NEPAD;

(*v*) Committee on Investment;

(*vii*) Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC);

(*viii*) Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Affairs;

(*ix*) Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity;

(*x*) Committee on Local and Foreign Debts;

(*xi*) Committee on Marine Transport;

(*xii*) Committee on Information;

(*xiii*) Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation;

(*xiv*) Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and

(*xv*) Committee on Environment and Ecology (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

6. Motions:

(a) Demise of Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe (GCON):

Motion made: That the Senate notes with heavy heart, the death of former Chief of General Staff Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe on Tuesday 20th October, 2013 at the age of 68 years;

notes also that he was born on 29th September 1945 in Fugar, Etsako-Central Local Government Area of Edo State;

notes further that he had his early education at the then Afenmai Grammar School Igarra now Saint Paul's Anglican Grammar School between 1961 and 1965. He worked briefly with the Federal Office of Statistics, Kaduna before enrolling at the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna in 1967 and was commissioned a Naval Officer in 1970; and upon being commissioned, he underwent trainings outside the country between 1972 and 1981 and the Command and Staff College Jaji, between 1982 and 1983;

observes that Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe worked hard to attain a very fulfilling career and reaching the pinnacle of his military career as the nation's number one Naval Officer.

He also served as equivalent of a Vice-President when he was named the Chief of General Staff in the Military Government of General Abdulsalami Abubakar in 1998 and in 1999 when that administration willingly unlike past Military Administrations handed over to a democratically elected President; that collective act of the gentlemen that were actors of that administration gave us this democracy upon which we stand today;

observes also that as a politician, he was a staunch member of the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP) and played a very significant role in the presidential campaign of President Goodluck Jonathan in the 2011 election;

further observes that upon retirement, Vice Admiral Akhigbe went into business, but before that he saw the need to shore up his academic background by going for a law degree; this he achieved and was called to the bar. He qualified as an attorney with specialization in maritime and real estate law. He was a seasoned business man;

aware that Vice Admiral Akhigbe's life was defined by virtues of hard work, fearlessness, commitment and loyalty. He was a conscientious and dutiful officer who was in all respect admirably equipped for his roles in the military and the larger society. He was conferred with the National Honour of Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON);

notes that he will be fondly remembered for the role he played in the creation of Etsako Central Local Government Area of Edo State;

observes also that Vice Admiral Akhigbe served the country in various capacities, including:

(*i*) Military Governor Ondo State 1985;

(*ii*) Military Governor Lagos State 1986;

(*iii*) Director of Planning, Naval Headquarters Lagos 1988;

(*iv*) Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Naval Command 1993;

(*v*) Chief of Naval Staff, 1994 -1998; and

(*vi*) Chief of General Staff 1998 -1999.

convinced that the Late Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe was a man of many parts, his commitments and contributions to the evolution of a strong and virile Nigeria is evident in the current democratic dispensation which he as second in command to the then Head of State General Abdusalami Abubakar helped to nurse and nurture in the 1998/1999 transition to civil rule programme;

further aware that Vice Admiral Mike Akhigbe was a generous loving family man, a courageous leader who always spoke the truth even in the face of daunting challenges and risk to his life; and

further aware that his death is a grave loss, not only to his Edo North Senatorial District and Edo State but to the nation as a whole.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) observe one minute silence in honour of Late Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe;

(*ii*) send a delegation of this Distinguished Chamber to condole with his family, the people and government of Edo State; and

(*iii*) call on the Federal Government to immortalise him (*Senator Domingo A. Obende — Edo North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of Late Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do send a delegation of this Distinguished Chamber to condole with his family, the people and government of Edo State — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do call on the Federal Government to immortalise him — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(*i*) observe one minute silence in honour of Late Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe;

(*ii*) send a delegation of this Distinguished Chamber to condole with his family, the people and government of Edo State; and

(*iii*) call on the Federal Government to immortalise him ***(S/Res/022/03/13).***

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

Senate Delegation to Edo State:
The Senate President named the following Senators to condole the families, people and Government of Edo State over the death of Late Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe:

(*i*)	Senator Chris N. D. Anyanwu	—	Leader
(*ii*)	Senator Mohammed Magoro	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Joshua M. Lidani	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator James E. Manager	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Robert A. Boroffice	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator George T. Sekibo	—	Member

(DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT IN CHAIR)

(b) Demise of Senator (Dr.) Tari J. Sekibo:
Motion made: That the Senate received with shock the news of the death of Senator (Chief) (Dr.) Tari J. Sekibo who died at Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State Capital on November 18, 2013;

notes that Senator Sekibo was born on April 14, 1939 in Okrika Town of Okrika Local Government Area of Rivers State;

aware that Senator Tari Sekibo attended Boys School Okrika in Rivers State, Okrika Grammer School, Okrika, Rivers State, Umudike College of Agriculture, Abia State, School of Arts and Science in Lagos before leaving for Russia where he attended Kharkor State University and Kuban State Medical Institute, Krasnodar and he obtained his MBBS in 1977;

further aware that having qualified to practice Medicine in Nigeria, he established the St. Michaels Hospital in Port Harcourt which is still operational till date;

observes that in 1979 he was drafted into politics and he joined the National Party of Nigeria (NPN). The late Senator Tari Sekibo contested and won the 1979 House of Representatives election and was sworn-in to represent Bonny II Federal Constituency;

notes that he was the House Committee Chairman on Petroleum and Energy Resources from 1979 to 1983;

notes that his sterling qualities endeared him to the people of Bori/Bonny Senatorial District who voted for him to represent them in the Senate in 1983 General Elections. He won and was sworn-in, and represented his constituents until the military struck and sacked the Second Republic;

observes that Senator Tari Sekibo retired to his medical practice and later became a political mentor to many of the political breeds that sprung up from 1987 till date. In 1998 he joined the PDP and served as an elder in the Party's Elders' Caucuses;

aware that he was elected the President of the Ijaw National Congress (INC) in April 2013, which service he was performing with his Executive Committee members in Yenagoa when death struck;

aware that the Federal Government in cognizance of his diligence and commitment in service to his fatherland Nigeria, bestowed on him with the National honour of Member of the Federal Republic (MFR) in December 2001; and

convinced that Senator (Chief) (Dr.) Tari Sekibo the Odo-Abaji of Okrika who was the Chairman of the Okrika Divisional Council of Chiefs for a very long time for maintenance of peace for the clan, was a good and disciplined man with high moral integrity throughout the period of his sojourn on earth.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) observe one minute silence in his honour; and

(*ii*) send a delegation to condole with his family, the Government and people of Rivers State and the Ijaw National Congress (*Senator George T. Sekibo — Rivers East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in his honour — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do send a delegation to condole with his family, the Government and people of Rivers State and the Ijaw National Congress — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:
(*i*) observe one minute silence in his honour; and

(*ii*) send a delegation to condole with his family, the Government and people of Rivers State and the Ijaw National Congress ***(S/Res/023/03/13).***

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

Senate Delegation to Rivers State:
The Deputy Senate President named the following Senators to condole the families, people and Government of Rivers State and the Ijaw National Congress over the death of Late Senator (Chief) (Dr.) Tari J. Sekibo:

(*i*)	Senator Abdul A. Ningi	—	Leader
(*ii*)	Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Kabiru G. Marafa	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Abdullahi Adamu	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Edesiri E. Aguariavwodo	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Nkechi Nwogu	—	Member

7. **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.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Sexual Offences Bill 2013 (SB. 279):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to make provision about Sexual Offences, their definition, prevention and the protection of all persons from harm, unlawful sexual acts, and Purposes Connected Therewith Bill 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Chris Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within two (2) weeks.

11. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 21st November, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:27 *p.m.*

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