SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 21st November, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:38 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 20th November, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(a) ***Funeral Programme:***
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Ayogu Eze (*Enugu North*) as follows:

Senator Ayogu Eze, *CON*
Chairman, Senate Committee on Works
THE SENATE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

NASS/SAE/ENSD/OS/11/13
November 20, 2013

His Excellency
Dr. David A.B. Mark, GCON
President of the Senate
National Assembly
Abuja

Your Excellency,

RE: MY MOTHER'S DEATH FUNERAL PROGRAMME: A REMINDER
Sequel to my letter of notification of the death of my mother, Mrs. Paulina Omadaja Eze (nee Agashi), and my subsequent letter of invitation to you and my distinguished colleagues, I wish to remind you of the burial programme as follows:

1. Vigil Mass: 6pm on Thursday, November 28, 2013 at her family home, Umuida, Enugu Ezike, Igbo-Eze North LGA of Enugu State.

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2. *Requiem Mass/Interment: 10am, November 29, 2013, in her family home at Umuida, Enugu Ezike, Igbo-Eze North LGA of Enugu State.*
3. *Thanksgiving Service: 10am on Sunday, December 1, 2013 at St. Thomas' Catholic Church, Umuida, Enugu Ezike, Igbo-Eze North LGA, Enugu State.*

May I also inform you that there will be a flight leaving Abuja at 7.30am for Enugu on Friday November 29, 2013. The flight will leave Enugu at 4.30pm back to Abuja on the same day.

My family and I will be most grateful if you, together with my distinguished colleagues can join us to witness this solemn ceremony.

Please, accept the assurances of my usual high regards.

(Signed)
Senator Ayogu Eze, CON
Chairman, Senate Committee on Works

(b) Funeral Programme:

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Olugbenga Obadara (*Ogun Central*) as follows:

THE SENATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Senator Olugbenga Onaolapo Obadara
Ogun Central Senatorial District
Chairman, Senate Committee on Privatization

Thursday, 21st November, 2013

NOTICE!

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

SENATOR AYOGU EZE'S LATE MOTHER'S BURIAL CEREMONY

Kindly recall Senator Ayogu Eze's mother's death on 2nd October, 2013. Late Mrs Paulina Omadaja Eze (Nee Agashi). She was an industrious community leader and a devout Christian.

Burial details:-

Wake keep: *Thursday, November 28th, 2013*

Interment: *Friday, November 29th, 2013*

Venue: *Umuida, Enugu Ezike, Igbo-Eze North LGA, Enugu State.*

This message serves as invitation to attend her burial rites.

There will be aircraft leaving Abuja at 7:30am on Friday, November 29th, 2013 for Enugu, enroute Enugu Ezike, Igbo Eze North Local Government Area for the burial. The aircraft will depart Enugu for Abuja at 4:30pm the same day.

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

Yours truly,
(Signed)
SENATOR OLUGBENGA OBADARA
COORDINATING CO-ORDINATOR

(c) Appreciation:

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Suleiman A. Adokwe (*Nasarawa South*) as follows:

Senator Suleiman Asonya Adokwe
Nasarawa South Senatorial District
Chairman Committee on Senate Services

21st November ,2013

SEN. DAVID A.B. MARK (GCON)
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX,
ABUJA

Sir,

APPRECIATION

On behalf of my family and the good people of Nasarawa South Senatorial District, I wish to sincerely express our appreciation to your Excellency the President of the Senate, Principal Officers and Distinguished colleagues for the overwhelming show of solidarity accorded us during the wedding solemnisation of my daughter which took place in Jos, the Plateau State Capital on the 16th November, 2013.

Led by the Deputy Senate Leader, the attendance by our colleagues was unprecedented and my joy knows no bounds even as I am appreciative of the good will and prayers of each and everyone of you.

Once more, the family thanks you for standing by us and may God reward you all abundantly.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed)
Senator Suleiman Asonya Adokwe

(d) Acknowledgment:

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

(*i*) Staff and Students of Nigerian Turkish International College, Wuse II, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Members of the Youth Organization, Dunamis International Gospel Centre, Suleja, Niger State.

4. Presentation of Bill:

Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Bill 2013 (SB. 395) — *Read the First Time.*

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 Navy;

(*ii*) Committee on Niger-Delta;

(*iii*) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream);

(*iv*) Committee on Power, Steel and Metallurgy;

(*v*) Committee on Privatization;

(*vi*) Committee on Science and Technology;

(*vii*) Committee on Sports and Social Development;

(*viii*) Committee on Women Affairs;

(*ix*) Committee on Works;

(*x*) Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes;

(*xi*) Committee on MDGs;

(*xii*) Committee on Special Duties;

(*xiii*) Committee on Defence and Army;

(*xiv*) Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions;

(*xv*) Committee on Finance;

(*xvi*) Committee on National Identity and National Population; and

(*xvii*) Committee on States and Local Government Administration (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

6. Committee on Local and Foreign Debts:

Report on the Inclusion of Lagos State Development Policy Operation II (DPO) into the Proposed Pipeline Projects under the 2012 -2014 External Borrowing Plan:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts, on the Inclusion of Lagos State Development Policy Operation II (DPO) into the Proposed Pipeline Projects under the 2012 - 2014 External Borrowing Plan (*Senator Ehigie Uzamere — Edo South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the following nominees for appointments as Chairman and Members of the Niger Delta Development Commission:

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*

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Niger Delta to report within two (2) weeks.

8. Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the following nominees for appointments as Chairman and Full-Time Commissioners for the National Pension Commission:

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*

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Services to report within two (2) weeks.

9. Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the following nominees for appointments as Chairman and Commissioners of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission:

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*

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

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

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

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Agency as the central body in Nigeria responsible for receiving, requesting, analyzing and disseminating financial intelligence reports and other information to the law enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities, and for Related Matters Bill 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba — Cross River Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes to report within two (2) weeks.

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

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to establish the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Agency as the central body in Nigeria responsible for receiving, requesting, analyzing and disseminating financial intelligence reports and other information to the law enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities, and for Related Matters Bill 2013 be read the Second Time (*Senator Victor Lar — Plateau South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes to report within two (2) weeks.

12. Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):
Report on the screening of nominee:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. 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):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the Motor Vehicle (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Act Cap M21 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi 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 *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES (PROHIBITION OF TINTED GLASS) ACT CAP. M21, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2011 AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED MATTERS THEREWITH

Clause 1: Permission to tint glass on motor vehicles.

(1) Except with the permission of the appropriate authority designated for the purposes of this Act and for such good cause as may be determined from time to time by the appropriate authority, no person shall cause any glass fitted on a motor vehicle to be—

(a) tinted; or

(b) shaded; or

(c) coloured lightly or thickly; or

(d) darkened; or

(e) treated in any other way so that the persons or objects in the motor vehicle are rendered obscure or invincible.

(2) The permission referred to in subsection (1) of this Act, when granted, shall be subject to yearly renewal and shall not be transferrable.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 2: Prohibition of tinted glass on motor vehicles.

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law or enactment any person who without the permission of the appropriate authority —

(a) causes any glass fitted on a motor vehicle to be treated in any manner specified in section 1 (1) of this Act;

(b) does or omits to do any act for the purpose of enabling or aiding another person to tint, shade, colour, darken or treat in any other way any glass fitted on a motor vehicle in any manner specified in section 1 (1) of this Act;

(c) aids another person in tinting, shading, colouring, darkening or treating in any other way any glass fitted on a motor vehicle in any manner specified in section 1 (1) of this Act;

(d) counsels or procures any other person to tint, shade, darken or treat in any other way, any glass fitted on a motor vehicle, commits an offence under this Act and shall be punished in the manner as set out in this Act.

(2) any person who commits an offence under subsection (1) (d) of this section may himself be charged with tinting, shading, colouring, darkening or treating in any other way the glass fitted on the motor vehicle or with counseling or procuring the tinting, colouring, darkening or treating in any other way the glass fitted on the motor vehicle.

(3) In this Act—

(a) reference to the "appropriate authority" means reference to the Inspector General of Police or any person or authority authorized by him to give such permission as is contemplated in section 1 (1) of this Act;

(b) reference to "permission" includes registration.

(c) reference to "good cause" means health or security reasons.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Duty of buyer to change glass:

(1) All vehicles in Nigeria shall have transparent glass for the purpose of security except as may be approved by the appropriate authority.

(2) It shall be the duty of the buyer, donee or importer of a motor vehicle with tinted, shaded, coloured, darkened or treated glass to make representation to the Inspector General of Police or the relevant Police Commissioner in any State of the Federation for the purposes of registration of such tint, etc within a period of ninety (90) days from the date of arrival in Nigeria or date of purchase (whichever is applicable in each circumstance) of the vehicle.

(3) Where a vehicle has been brought into the country from a foreign country without tint, darkened or treated glass, it shall be unlawful to procure the tint, darkening or treatment of the glass of such vehicle, otherwise than in accordance of the provisions of this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 4: **Penalties, etc.**

(1) Any person who commits an offence under this Act shall on conviction be liable to a fine of ₦50,000 or to imprisonment to a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment".

(2) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a body corporate, every person who at the time of the commission of the offence was a proprietor, director, general manager, secretary or other similar officer, servant or agent of the body corporate (or a person purporting to act in any such capacity) as well as the body corporate shall be guilty of the offence and may be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 5: **Jurisdiction.**

The Federal High Court and High Courts of the States and of the FCT shall have jurisdiction to try offenders under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 6: **Short Title.**

This Act may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Amendment Act 2013.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Police Affairs; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the Motor Vehicle (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Act Cap M21 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 6 — As Recommended

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

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

14. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 26th November, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:44 *p.m.*

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.