SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 27th November, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:45 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 26th November, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) ***Wedding Notification:***

The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator George Akume (*Benue North-West*) as follows:

Senator George Akume
BENUE NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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Distinguished Sen. David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly, Abuja

Dear Sir,

WEDDING NOTIFICATION OF MY DAUGHTER

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that arrangements have been completed by the special grace of God for the wedding solemnization of my daughter, Miss Josephine K. Akume and Sub-lieutenant Alex E. Edet.

The event is scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: *Saturday, 30th November, 2013*

Time: *11:00am*

Venue: *St. Christopher's Parish, Wannune, Tarka LGA, Benue State*

Reception follows immediately at Sen. George Akume's Hilltop Summer Villa in Wannune, Tarka LGA (Wannune is 25 minutes drive along the Makurdi - Gboko Road), Benue State.

I will be hosting all the Senators while all expenses will be taken care of by my brother, the Senate President, H. E. Sen. David Mark.

Please accept my sincere and highest regards.

(Signed)
Sen. George Akume
Senate Minority Leader

(b) ***Northern Senators Meeting:***
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Ahmad I. Lawan (*Yobe North*) as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of the Northern Senators Forum (NSF):

Date: *Today, 27th November, 2013*

Time: *8 p.m Prompt*

Venue: *Hearing Room 1, Old Senate Wing*

(Signed)
Sen. Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, CON
Secretary

(c) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Deputy Senate President acknowledged the presence of Members of the Students' Representative Council (The Senate) of the Students' Union Government, the Federal Polytechnic Bida, Niger State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. Petitions:

(*i*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade*(Benue North-East)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Officer Cadet Joseph Terseer Orbunde, for humiliation and denial of short service combatant commissioning. 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)].

(*ii*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Nenadi E. Usman *(Kaduna South)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition by Mr. Micah Y. Bayei, for wrongful calculation of his terminal benefits by Bank of Agriculture. She 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)].

5. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB.396) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) National Council for Research and Development Bill 2013 (SB.397) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Electrical and Electronic Equipment Waste Recycling Bill 2013 (SB.398) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Mental Health Bill 2013 (SB.399) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) Institute of Local Government and Public Administration (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (HB.17) — *Read the First Time.*

(*vi*) Standards Organisation of Nigeria Act CAP 59 LFN 2011 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (HB.153) — *Read the First Time.*

(*vii*) Passport (Miscellaneous Provision) Act (Amendment) Bill 2013 (HB.103) — *Read the First Time.*

(*viii*) Criminal Code Act CAP C.38 LFN 2011(Amendment) Bill 2013 (HB.391) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ix*) Penal Code Act CAP P.3 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (HB.392) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Sessional Reports of Committees (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 Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions;

(*ii*) Committee on National Security and Intelligence;

(*iii*) Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development;

(*iv*) Committee on Air Force;

(*v*) Committee on Interior;

(*vii*) Committee on Land Transport; and

(*viii*) Committee on Aviation (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

7. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Wrongful Termination of Mr. E. O. Agbo's Appointment by the Nigeria Customs Service:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on the wrongful termination of Mr. E. O. Agbo's appointment by the Nigeria Customs Service (*Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Wrongful Termination and Dismissal of Mr. Alaowei Jumbo, JP:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on the wrongful termination and dismissal of Mr. Alaowei Jumbo, JP as General Manager (Operations) in the Petroleum Equalization Fund Management Board (*Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the screening of Professor Akinola Muritala Salau (*Oyo State*), as National Electoral Commissioner, representing South West Geopolitical Zone in the Independent National Electoral Commission (*Senator Andy E. Uba — Anambra South*).

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 the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the screening of Professor Akinola Muritala Salau (*Oyo State*), as National Electoral Commissioner, representing South West Geopolitical Zone in the Independent National Electoral Commission.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:
Professor Akinola Muritala Salau (*Oyo State*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the screening of Professor Akinola Muritala Salau (*Oyo State*), as National Electoral Commissioner, representing South West Geopolitical Zone in the Independent National Electoral Commission and approved the nomination.

Commissioner, representing South West Geopolitical Zone in the Independent National Electoral Commission accordingly confirmed.

10. **Joint Committee on National Security and Intelligence; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the Investigation into the Alleged Extra Judicial Killings in Apo, Abuja:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on National Security and Intelligence; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the investigation into the alleged extra judicial killings in Apo, Abuja (*Senator Mohammed Magoro — Kebbi South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That governments at all levels should improve the quality of governance especially in the area of poverty reduction, quality healthcare, water supply, education and other social services — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That governments at all levels should tackle the problem of youth unemployment by creating programmes which will focus on enhancing self employment — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate urges Security Agencies to sustain ongoing intelligence/military operations to facilitate identification of the Boko Haram elements especially the leadership and their operational bases for the purpose of sustaining the clamp down on the insurgents — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: That the Senate do encourage the Federal Government to continue to do all that is possible to defeat the Boko Haram terrorists — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):
Question: That the Senate do call on the Federal Government to urge the security agencies to supervise more closely security operations at the tactical level — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

(*i*) That governments at all levels should improve the quality of governance especially in the area of poverty reduction, quality healthcare, water supply, education and other social services;

(*ii*) That governments at all levels should tackle the problem of youth unemployment by creating programmes which will focus on enhancing self employment;

(*iii*) That the Senate urges Security Agencies to sustain ongoing intelligence/military operations to facilitate identification of the Boko Haram elements especially the leadership and their operational bases for the purpose of sustaining the clamp down on the insurgents;

(*iv*) That the Senate do encourage the Federal Government to continue to do all that is possible to defeat the Boko Haram terrorists; and

(*v*) That the Senate do call on the Federal Government to urge the security agencies to supervise more closely security operations at the tactical level ***(S/Res/024/03/13).***

11. 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:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Committee on Health, Primary Healthcare:
Report on the National Health Bill 2013 (SB. 215):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap F22 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.179):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.181):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Engineers (Registration, etc) Act CAP E11 LFN 2001 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.211):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 28th November, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:37 *p.m.*

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