7TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRD SESSION
NO. 47

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17th December, 2013

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

2. **Closed Session:**

Closed Session	—	10:54 a.m.
Open Session	—	11:15 a.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues of national importance and the workings of the Senate.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 12th December, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Announcement:**

Special Invitation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim (*Yobe East*) as follows:

Senator (Dr.) Bukar Abba Ibrahim (CON,FNIQS)
(Galadima of Gazargamo)
YOBE EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
National Assembly Complex

17th December, 2013

The Senate,
Senate Chamber,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

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Thru,
The Senate President,
National Assembly, Abuja.

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SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE CONFERMENT OF A CHIEFTAINCY TITLE ON ME

I have the honour to invite you and the entire Senate to the event of my conferment of the Chieftaincy Title of Aare Atuluse of Mobaland by His Royal Majesty, Oba (Dr.) James Adedapo Oladele Popoola J. P. CON, the Oore of Otun Ekiti, on 26th December, 2013 by 11am.

This occasion, to me is a very important one as it celebrates the conferment of a distinguished honour from one of the direct descendants of Oduduwa Dynasty.

As my Colleagues and very close associates, it shall therefore be my great pleasure to have you beside me at this momentous ceremony and conferment.

Thanks as you attend.

Please accept the assurances of my esteemed regards.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)
SENATOR (DR) BUKAR ABBA IBRAHIM, CON, FNIQS, FNIAE
Chairman, Senate Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Development.

5. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Paulinus N. Igwe *(Ebonyi Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Anthony Oka Esq, on the demand for damages and compensation from the Federal High Court over the death of Barr. Joseph Nnaemeka Ogenyi. 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. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) National Directorate of Employment Act Cap N28, LFN 2011(Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB. 406) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Harmful Waste (Special Criminal Provisions, etc.) Act Cap H11 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill2013 (SB.407) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Value Added Tax Act Cap VI LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.408) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Law Reform (Vicarious Liability) Bill 2013 (SB.409) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) Disproportionate Asset of Public Servants Bill 2013(SB.410) — *Read the First Time.*

(*vi*) Whistle Blowers Protection Bill 2013 (SB.411) — *Read the First Time.*

(*vii*) Consumer Protection Bill 2013 (SB. 412) — *Read the First Time.*

(*viii*) Victims Assistance Bill 2013 (SB. 414) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ix*) Pollution Prevention Bill 2013 (SB. 415) — *Read the First Time.*

(*x*) Chartered Institute of Trustees (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (SB. 417) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Act 2003 (SB. 264):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Act 2003 (*Senator Umaru Dahiru — Sokoto South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Conference Committee:
Report on the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill 2011 (SB. 5):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider and adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill 2011 (*Senator Umaru Dahiru — Sokoto South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Report accordingly adopted.

9. Committee on Establishment and Public Services:
Report on the Screening of Nominees:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Services on the screening of the following nominees as Chairman and Full-Time Commissioners for the National Pension Commission:

S/NO	NAME	ZONE	DESIGNATION
(*i*)	Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu	North-East	Chairman
(*ii*)	Chinelo O. Anohu-Amazu	South-East	Full Time Commissioner
(*iii*)	Omotowa Reuben Gilbert	North-Central	Full Time Commissioner
(*iv*)	Mohammed Ka'oje Abubakar	North-West	Full Time Commissioner
(*v*)	Adesoji O. Olaoba-Efuntayo	South-West	Full Time Commissioner

(*Senator Aloysius A. Etok — Akwa Ibom North-West).*

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 the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Services on the screening of nominees as Chairman and Full-Time Commissioners for the National Pension Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(*i*)	Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu (*North-East*) (*Chairman*)	— *Agreed to.*
(*ii*)	Chinelo O. Anohu-Amazu (*South-East*) (*Full Time Commissioner*)	— *Agreed to.*
(*iii*)	Omotowa Reuben Gilbert (*North-Central*)(*Full Time Commissioner*)	— *Agreed to.*
(*iv*)	Mohammed Ka'oje Abubakar (*North-West*)(*Full Time Commissioner*)	— *Agreed to.*
(*v*)	Adesoji O. Olaoba-Efuntayo (*South-West*)(*Full Time Commissioner*)	— *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 Establishment and Public Services on the screening of the Chairman and Full-Time Commissioners for the National Pension Commission and approved the nominations.

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

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu (*North-East)* as Chairman of the National Pension Commission ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu (North-East) as Chairman of the National Pension Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chinelo O. Anohu-Amazu (*South-East*) as a Full Time Commissioner of the National Pension Commission ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chinelo O. Anohu-Amazu (South-East) as a Full Time Commissioner of the National Pension Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Omotowa Reuben Gilbert (*North-Central*) as a Full Time Commissioner of the National Pension Commission ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Omotowa Reuben Gilbert (North-Central) as a Full Time Commissioner of the National Pension Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammed Ka'oje Abubakar (*North-West*) as a Full Time Commissioner of the National Pension Commission ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mohammed Ka'oje Abubakar (North-West) as a Full Time Commissioner of the National Pension Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Adesoji O. Olaoba-Efuntayo (*South-West*) as a Full Time Commissioner of the National Pension Commission ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Adesoji O. Olaoba-Efuntayo (South-West) as a Full Time Commissioner of the National Pension Commission accordingly confirmed.

10. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the Screening of Nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of the following nominees as Chairman and Commissioners of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission:

S/NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	GEO-POLITICAL ZONE
(*i*)	Prof. O. A. Osunbor	Commissioner/Chairman	South-South
(*ii*)	Mr. Kefas Magaji	Commissioner	North East
(*iii*)	Mr. P. C. Okorie	Commissioner	South East
(*iv*)	Zainab Ibrahim (Mrs)	Commissioner	North Central

(*Senator Umaru Dahiru — Sokoto 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 *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of nominees as Chairman and Commissioners of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(*i*)	Prof. O. A. Osunbor (*South-South*)(*Commissioner/Chairman*)	— *Agreed to.*
(*ii*)	Mr. Kefas Magaji (*North East*) (*Commissioner*)	— *Agreed to.*
(*iii*)	Mr. P. C. Okorie (*South East*)(*Commissioner*)	— *Agreed to.*
(*iv*)	Zainab Ibrahim (Mrs) (*North Central*)(*Commissioner*)	— *Deferred.*

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 Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of the Chairman and Commissioners of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission and approved the nominations of:

(*i*)	Prof. O. A. Osunbor	Commissioner/Chairman	South-South
(*ii*)	Mr. Kefas Magaji	Commissioner	North East
(*iii*)	Mr. P. C. Okorie	Commissioner	South East

The approval of nomination of Zainab Ibrahim (Mrs) (*North Central*)(*Commissioner*) was however deferred.

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

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prof. O. A. Osunbor (*South-South*) as Commissioner/Chairman of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Prof. O. A. Osunbor (South-South) as Commissioner/Chairman of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Kefas Magaji (*North East*) as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Kefas Magaji (North East) as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. P. C. Okorie (*South East*) as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. P. C. Okorie (South East) as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission accordingly confirmed.

11. **Committee on Establishment and Public Services:**
Report on the National Assembly Service Commission Act Cap N7 2004 (Repeal and enactment) Bill 2013 (SB. 245):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the Unlawful Dismissal of Lt. Yahaya Tafida Yakubu (Rtd) from the Nigerian Navy:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Conciliation and Arbitration Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2013 (HB. 99):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 18th December, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:35 *p.m.*

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