SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 19th December, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:53 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 18th December, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

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

Confirmation of Appointment:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

December 17, 2013

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

Yours Excellency,

REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE OSUN STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE REVENUE MOBILIZATION, ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION

The Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission is one of the Federal Executive bodies established under Section 153(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. By the provision of Part I(N) of the Third Schedule of the Constitution, the Commission shall comprise a Chairman and one member from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

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In this connection, the slot for Osun State on the Commission is currently vacant following the demise of the former member.

I have, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria decided to appoint Mr. Emmanuel Olusanya Omirin, whose Curriculum Vitae is attached herewith, as a member of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission.

In accordance with the provision of Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution which states that the appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, I hereby present Mr. Emmanuel Olusanya Omirin for the kind consideration of the Senate of the Federal Republic.

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

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) Wedding Notification:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Zaynab A. Kure (*Niger South*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Senator Zaynab A. Kure, CON
Niger South Senatorial District
Chairman Senate Committee on Marine Transport
18th December, 2013

The President of the Senate,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Your Excellency Sir,

WEDDING NOTIFICATION
IBRAHIM ABDULKADIR KURE & NAFISA UMAR

It is with gratitude to Allah, The Most Benevolent and Most Loving, that I have the pleasure to notify you that our son Ibrahim Abdulkadir Kure will be getting married to Nafisa Umar, the daughter of Alhaji Suleiman Bello, (former Minister of State for Health).

The wedding Fatiha shall, insha-Allah, take place on Saturday 28th December, 2013 at Masallacin Kan Wuri, Gusau, Zamfara State by 11am. There will be a reception in their honour on Sunday 29th December, 2013 at Abu-Turab College, Bosso Low Cost, Minna, Niger State by 11:00am.

As a mark of our special relationship, we shall be honoured with your presence to share with us in the joy of the occasion. However, in an event you are unable to attend, please remember the new couple in your prayers for a blessed, fruitful and peaceful marriage.

On behalf of my family, I thank you very much in anticipation of the honour as I urge you to accept the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours truly,
(Signed)
Senator Zaynab A. Kure, CON

(b) Appreciation:

The 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

NASS/MILED/SEN. VOL, 1 *December 3rd, 2013*

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

My brother,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of my family, I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you personally for your presence at my daughter's wedding on November 30th, 2013 at Wannune, Tarka Local Government Area, Benue State.

We really appreciate the fact that despite your busy schedule, you found time to send your message of goodwill and support to the newlywed couple. We appreciate you for your continued kindness.

Once again, thank you and may the Almighty continue to reward your efforts.

Do accept the assurances of my highest regards.

(Signed)
Senator George Akume
Senate Minority Leader

(c) Appreciation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ayogu Eze (*Enugu North*) as follows:

SENATOR AYOGU EZE, CON
Chairman, Senate Committee on Works

NASS/SAE/ENSD/14/12/13
December 16, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

May I on behalf of my family convey our appreciation to you for your role while we mourned the loss of our mother, Mrs Paulina Omadaja Eze.

Your words of condolence, moral support, and your eventual attendance at her funeral to be with us as we paid her the last respect before committing her to Mother Earth left no one in doubt that you hold our family in very high esteem.

My family. and I are indeed grateful, and we pray that the Almighty God will reward you most abundantly for your compassion towards us at this most trying time.

Please, accept as always, the assurances of the best regards of my family.

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

(d) Appreciation:

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

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Senator Hope Uzodimma

Imo West Senatorial District
Chairman senate Committee on Aviation

19th December, 2013

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

Your Excellency,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Kindly recall my Constituency Empowerment Program that took place on Monday 16th December, 2013.

While thanking you for your presence in that program, please accept my highest appreciation.

Yours truly,
(Signed)
Senator Hope Uzodimma

5. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) First Degree/Higher National Diploma Abolition and Prohibition of Dichotomy and Discrimination Bill 2013 (SB.433) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Security Intervention Trust Fund Bill 2013 (SB. 434) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) Act 2006 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.435) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Companies and Allied Matters Act Cap. C20 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.436) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Committee on National Identity and National Population:

Report on the Screening of Nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on National Identity and National Population on the screening of the following as Chairman and Members of the National Population Commission:

S/NO	NAME	POSITION	STATE
(*i*)	Chief Eze Duruiheoma	Chairman	
(*ii*)	Aliyu Daniel Kwali	Member	FCT
(*iii*)	Alhaji Bala Almu Banye	Member	Katsina
(*iv*)	Adebola Adetunmbi	Member	Ekiti

(*Senator Abdulmumini M. Hassan — Jigawa South-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 National Identity and National Population on the screening of nominees as Chairman and Members of the National Population Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(*i*) Chief Eze Duruiheoma (*Chairman*) — *Agreed to.*
(*ii*) Aliyu Daniel Kwali (*FCT*)(*Member*) — *Agreed to.*
(*iii*) Alhaji Bala Almu Banye (*Katsina*)(*Member*) — *Agreed to.*

Nominee not recommended for confirmation:

Adebola Adetunmbi (*Ekiti*) (*Member*) — *Not Screened.*

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 National Identity and National Population on the screening of nominees as Chairman and Members of the National Population Commission and approved the nominations of:

(*i*)	Chief Eze Duruiheoma	Chairman	
(*ii*)	Aliyu Daniel Kwali	Member	FCT
(*iii*)	Alhaji Bala Almu Banye	Member	Katsina

Adebola Adetunmbi (*Ekiti*) did not appear before the Committee for screening.

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 Chief Eze Duruiheoma for appointment as Chairman of the National Population Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chief Eze Duruiheoma for appointment as Chairman of the National Population Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Aliyu Daniel Kwali (*FCT*) for appointment as a Member of the National Population Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Aliyu Daniel Kwali (FCT) for appointment as a Member of the National Population Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Alhaji Bala Almu Banye (*Katsina*) for appointment as a Member of the National Population Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Alhaji Bala Almu Banye (Katsina) for appointment as a Member of the National Population Commission accordingly confirmed.

7. **Committee on Niger Delta:**
Report on the Screening of Nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta on the screening of Barr. Amuwa Benson Adegbenro (*Ondo State*) as a Member of the Niger Delta Development Commission (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta 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 Niger Delta on the screening of Barr. Amuwa Benson Adegbenro (*Ondo State*) as a Member of the Niger Delta Development Commission.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:
Barr. Amuwa Benson Adegbenro (*Ondo State*) — *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 Niger Delta on the screening of Barr. Amuwa Benson Adegbenro (*Ondo State*) as a Member of the Niger Delta Development 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 Barr. Amuwa Benson Adegbenro (*Ondo State*) for appointment as a Member of the Niger Delta Development Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Barr. Amuwa Benson Adegbenro (Ondo State) for appointment as a Member of the Niger Delta Development Commission accordingly confirmed.

8. **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.

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

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Committee on Police Affairs:**
Report on the Investigation into Cruelty to Infants:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Presentation of 2014 Appropriation Bill:**
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Representative of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, the Coordinating Minister for the Economy and Minister of Finance Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala to present the 2014 Appropriation Bill in accordance with Section 81 of the 1999 Constitution as amended *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:
Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(j) to admit the Coordinating Minister for the Economy and Minister of Finance Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala; other Ministers; and Special Assistants to Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, to lay the 2014 Appropriation Bill *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Coordinating Minister for the Economy and Minister of Finance; other Ministers; and Special Assistants to Mr President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, accordingly admitted to the Floor of the Senate.

Motion made: That the Senate do invite the Coordinating Minister for the Economy and Minister of Finance Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala to lay the 2014 Appropriation Bill in accordance with Section 81 of the 1999 Constitution as amended *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

The 2014 Appropriation Bill accordingly Laid.

12. **Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.284):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 14th January, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:20 *p.m.*

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