SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 23rd January, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:35 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 22nd January, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(a) 2014 Budget Debate:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (*Cross River Central*) as follows:

SENATOR VICTOR NDOMA-EGBA, OFR,CON,SAN
SENATE LEADER
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Second Reading of the 2014 Budget will take place on Tuesday, 28th January, 2014 and Debate will commence immediately thereafter Tuesday, 28 to Thursday 30th January, 2014 will be devoted to the Debate.

Distinguished Senators should indicate what dates they will like to make their contributions. A register is provided at the entrance to the Chamber for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)
Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba OFR, CON, SAN

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(b) ***Appreciation:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Bello M. Tukur (*Adamawa Central*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Sen. Bello Mohammed Tukur, OON
(Sarkin Yaki Adamawa)
Vice Chairman: Committee on Information Media & Public Affairs
Adamawa Central Senatorial District

23/1/2014

Senator David A.B.Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms zone,
Abuja.

Your Excellency Sir,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION.

It is with high sense of honour and delight that I wish to express my profound appreciation to you for your support and prayers towards the successful marriage ceremony of my son Sadiq Bello Tukur and Sakeena Adamu Aliyu.

May I also express my profound appreciation to all my Distinguished colleagues for their good will and prayers, especially those who personally graced the occasion by attending the wedding Fatihah in Jalingo and other ceremonies in Yola.

Your esteemed presence, support and well wishes made the occasion more memorable and exciting. May Allah reward you abundantly.

Please accept my sincere appreciation and assurances of my highest regards.

Yours Truly,
(Signed)
Senator Bello M. Tukur, OON
Sarki Yaki Adamawa.

(c) ***All Progressive Congress (APC) NEC Meeting:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator George Akume (B*enue North-West*) as follows:

SENATOR GEORGE AKUME
BENUE NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

23rd January, 2014

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

Dear Sir,

APC NEC MEETING

The above meeting holds today as follows:

Date: *Thursday 23RD January, 2014*

Time: *11:00am*

Venue: *APC Secretariat, Wuse 2, Abuja*

Distinguished NEC members are to attend please.

Highest regards,

(Signed)
Senator George Akume
Senate Minority Leader

(d) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of Students of Mass Communication Department, Plateau State Polytechnic, Barikin Ladi, Plateau State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. Confirmation of Nomination:
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 Col. Umaru Faruk Ahmed (rtd) (*Katsina State*) for appointment as a Member of the Governing Board of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Works to report within one (1) week.

5. 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 appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

(*i*)	Air Marshall Alex Badeh	Chief of Defence Staff
(*ii*)	Major General Kenneth Minimah	Chief of Army Staff
(*iii*)	Rear Admiral Usman Jibrin	Chief of Naval Staff
(*iv*)	Air Vice Marshall Adesola Amosu	Chief of Air Staff

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committees on Defence and Army; Navy; and Airforce to report within one (1) week.

6. Committee on Health, Primary Healthcare:
Report on the National Health Bill 2014 (SB. 215):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

Pursuant to Order 53(5) Debate stood down.

8. **Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB.284):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Act 2010, Bill 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senator Bassey Otu — Cross River South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within two (2) weeks.

9. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 28th January, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 11:54 *p.m.*

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