SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 29th January, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:34 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 28th January, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(a) ***Meeting:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution
National Assembly Complex,
P. M. B. 141, Garki, Abuja-Nigeria

29th January, 2014

His Excellency
The Senate President
Senate Chamber
National Assembly Complex
Abuja

My dear brother,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution will meet today Wednesday, 29th January, 2014, immediately after sitting at the Senate Meeting Room 204, Senate Building.

(Signed)
Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President

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(b) ***PDP Senators Meeting with the National Chairman:***
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

This is to remind PDP Senators that the National Chairman of the greatest Party in black Africa, His Excellency, Alhaji Adamu Mu'azu will be meeting with PDP Governors and the PDP Senate caucus today, Wednesday, 29th January, 2014 at the Senate President's Mansion, Apo at 6.00 p.m. prompt.

Members are enjoined to attend punctually as very crucial matters will be discussed.

(Signed)
Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba OFR, CON, SAN
Senate Leader

(c) Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Yasmin Private School, Gwarinpa, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. Petition:
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mudashiru O. Hussain *(Osun West)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Prince Timothy Atilade Oyekunle, on behalf of four (4) Nigerians, who were unlawfully detained in India. 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)].

5. Presentation of Bills:
(*i*) Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB.442) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Employment of Foreign Manpower Bill 2014 (SB. 443) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB.444) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Joint Committee on Defence and Army; Navy; and Air Force:
Report on the Screening of the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Defence and Army; Navy; and Air Force on the screening of the following nominees for appointments 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
(*Senator George T. Sekibo — Rivers East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Appropriation Bill, 2014 (SB. 437):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the Total sum of ₦4,642,960,000,000 (Four Trillion, Six Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million Naira) only, of which, ₦399,687,801,891 (Three Hundred and Ninety-Nine Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-One Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦712,000,000,000 (Seven Hundred and Twelve Billion Naira) only is for Debt Service, ₦2,430,665,361,597 (Two Trillion, Four Hundred and Thirty Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure, while the balance of ₦1,100,606,836,512 (One Trillion, One Hundred Billion, Six Hundred and Six Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Twelve Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the Year ending on the 31st day of December, 2014 be read the Second Time (*Adjourned Debates - Tuesday, 28th January, 2014)(Second Allotted Day)*(*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

The following Senators made contributions:

(*i*) Senator Abdul A. Ningi
(*ii*) Senator Odion M. Ugbesia
(*iii*) Senator Ita S. J. Enang
(*iv*) Senator Ayogu Eze
(*v*) Senator Abubakar O. Saraki
(*vi*) Senator Bello M. Tukur
(*vii*) Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon
(*viii*) Senator Kabiru I. Gaya
(*ix*) Senator Mohammed D. Goje
(*x*) Senator Hope O. Uzodimma
(*xi*) Senator Olusola Adeyeye
(*xii*) Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa
(*xiii*) Senator Babayo G. Gamawa
(*xiv*) Senator Kabir G. Marafa
(*xv*) Senator Solomon S. A. Ewuga
(*xvi*) Senator Smart Adeyemi
(*xvii*) Senator Umaru Dahiru
(*xviii*) Senator Olufemi A. Lanlehin
(*xix*) Senator Abubakar H. Sirika
(*xx*) Senator George T. Sekibo
(*xxi*) Senator Mohammed Magoro

(*xxii*) Senator Clever Ikisikpo
(*xxiii*) Senator Ibrahim Musa
(*xxiv*) Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir

Further Debate deferred to the next Legislative Day.

8. **Committee on Establishment and Public Services:**
Report on the National Assembly Service Commission Act Cap N7 2004 (Repeal and Enactment) Bill 2014 (SB. 245):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the Unlawful Dismissal of Mr. Blessing Onoride Unata from Service of Total E and P Nigeria Limited:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 30th January, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:46 *p.m.*

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