7TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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NO. 55

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 30th January, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:33 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 29th January, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The Deputy Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of La-Vogue International School, Kurudu, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Privileges:**
Rising on Rule 15, Senator Abubakar O. Saraki *(Kwara Central)* informed the Senate that he forwarded a letter to the Office of the Senate President on Wednesday, 29th January, 2014, intimating the Senate of his change of Political Party with eleven (11) other Senators from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressive Congress (APC). Since the letter was yet to be read as the tradition, he viewed it as a breach of his privilege as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Matter stood down to the next Legislative Day.

5. **Committee on Establishment and Public Services:**
Report on the Pension Reform Act CAP P4 LFN 2011 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (SB. 288):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Services, on the Pension Reform Act CAP P4 LFN 2011 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (*Senator Aloysius Etok — Akwa Ibom North West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

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 consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Defence and Army; Navy; and Air Force on the screening of the following nominees for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

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(*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 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 Joint Committee on Defence and Army; Navy; and Air Force on the screening of nominees for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(*i*)	Air Marshall Alex Badeh (*Chief of Defence Staff*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*ii*)	Major General Kenneth Minimah (*Chief of Army Staff*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*iii*)	Rear Admiral Usman Jibrin (*Chief of Naval Staff*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*iv*)	Air Vice Marshall Adesola Amosu (*Chief of Air Staff*)	—	*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 Joint Committee on Defence and Army; Navy; and Air Force on the screening of nominees for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 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 Air Marshall Alex Badeh for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Air Marshall Alex Badeh for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Major General Kenneth Minimah for appointment as Chief of Army Staff for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Major General Kenneth Minimah for appointment as Chief of Army Staff for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Rear Admiral Usman Jibrin for appointment as Chief of Naval Staff for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Rear Admiral Usman Jibrin for appointment as Chief of Naval Staff for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Air Vice Marshall Adesola Amosu for appointment as Chief of Air Staff for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Air Vice Marshall Adesola Amosu for appointment as Chief of Air Staff for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

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 - Wednesday, 29th January, 2014)(Third Allotted Day)*(*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

The following Senators made contributions:
(*i*) Senator Boluwaji Kunlere
(*ii*) Senator Edesiri E. Aguariavwodo
(*iii*) Senator Hosea A. Agboola
(*iv*) Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure
(*v*) Senator Chris N. D. Anyanwu
(*vi*) Senator Ifeanyi A. Okowa
(*vii*) Senator Robert A. Boroffice
(*viii*) Senator Mohammed S. Lafiagi
(*ix*) Senator Sahabi Ya'u
(*x*) Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim
(*xi*) Senator Mudashiru O. Husain
(*xii*) Senator James E. Manager

Further Debate deferred to the next Legislative Day.

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.