SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 4th February, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:31 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.

2. **Closed Session:**

Closed Session — 10:33 a.m.

Open Session — 10:58 a.m.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 30th January, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Announcements:**

(a) ***South-South Senators Forum Meeting:***

The Deputy 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

4th February, 2014

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a very important meeting of the South-South Senate Caucus today Tuesday 4, February, 2014 immediately after Plenary.

Members should endeavour to attend punctually as very important issues will be discussed.

The venue is the Senate Leader's Office.

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

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(b) ***Appreciation:***
The Deputy Senate President read a letter from Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade (*Benue North-East*) as follows:

SENATOR DR. BARNABAS A. I. GEMADE OFR, FNSE
(Nom Iyange U Tiv)
Benue North East Senatorial District

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His Excellency,
Distinguished Sen. David A. B. Mark GCON,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Your Excellency Sir,

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the entire Gemade Nongona family, I write to thank you personally, the leadership and indeed all Distinguished Senators for your tremendous show of love and support during the passing and subsequent burial of our mother, Mama Mary Mbatuhwan Gemade, JP.

The entire Senate not only stood by us at our time of grief, your good self and other colleagues joined us at the burial on 25th January, 2014 at Gemade village.

This profound demonstration of love and support for me and my family has not only strengthened my belief in our oneness in the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, it has also rekindled my resolve to continue to champion the cause of unity for our beloved Nation.

Once again, I thank you most sincerely and urge you to accept, as always, the assurances of my highest consideration, please.

Sincerely,
(Signed)
SEN. (DR.) BARNABAS A. I. GEMADE OFR, FNSE
(Nom Iyange U Tiv)

(c) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Deputy Senate President acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Funtaj International School, Asokoro, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Executive Communication:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for an increase in the amount to be raised through the Diaspora Bond from the International Capital Market (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts to report within two (2) weeks.

6. 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 - Thursday, 30th January, 2014)(Fourth Allotted Day)*(*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

The following Senators made contributions:

(*i*) Senator Adegbenga S. Kaka
(*ii*) Senator Helen U. Esuene
(*iii*) Senator Nkechi J. Nwaogu
(*iv*) Senator Matthew I. Nwagwu
(*v*) Senator Christopher C. Nwankwo
(*vi*) Senator Joshua M. Lidani
(*vii*) Senator Olubunmi A. Adetunmbi
(*viii*) Senator Paulker I. Emmanuel
(*ix*) Senator Zaynab A. Kure
(*x*) Senator Babafemi Ojudu
(*xi*) Senator Abubakar A. Bagudu
(*xii*) Senator Saidu A. Alkali
(*xiii*) Senator Aloysius A. Etok
(*xiv*) Senator Andy E. Uba
(*xv*) Senator Ehigie E. Uzamere
(*xvi*) Senator Emmanuel Bwacha

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Appropriations; and Finance to report within three(3) weeks.

7. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Report on the Unlawful Dismissal of Mr. Blessing Onoride Unata from Service by Total E and P Nigeria Limited:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

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