SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12th February, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:39 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 11th February, 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

12th February, 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, 12th February, 2014 immediately after sitting at the Senate Meeting Room 211, Senate Building.

(Signed)
Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President/Chairman

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(b) ***PDP Senators Meeting:***

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

PDP Senators should assemble at the Senate President's Mansion, Apo at 7pm prompt today Wednesday, 12th February, 2014 for a very important briefing.

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

4. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ayogu Eze *(Enugu North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Corporal Donatus Ali, on the wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Police Force. 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. Committee on Works:

Report on the screening of nominee:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Works on the screening of Col. Umaru Faruk Ahmed (rtd) (*Katsina State*) for appointment as a Member of the Governing Board of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (*Senator Ayogu Eze — Enugu North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Conference Committee:

Report on the National Automotive Design and Development Council Bill 2014 (SB. 25):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on National Automotive Design and Development Council Bill 2014 (*Senator Nenadi E. Usman — Kaduna South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Conciliation and Arbitration Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (HB. 99):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. 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 following nominees as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

S/N	Name	State
(*i*)	Sen. Musiliu Obanikoro	Lagos
(*ii*)	Hon. Mohammed Wakil	Borno
(*iii*)	Amb. Aminu Wali	Kano
(*iv*)	Mrs. Akon Etim Eyakenyi	Akwa Ibom
(*v*)	Mrs. Lawrencia Labaran Mallam	Kaduna
(*vi*)	Gen. Aliu Gusau Mohammed (Rtd)	Zamfara
(*vii*)	Mr. Boni Haruna	Adamawa
(*viii*)	Dr. Khaliru Alhassan	Sokoto
(*ix*)	Hadjia Jamilla Salik	Kano
(*x*)	Alh. Abduljelili Oyewale Adesiyan	Osun
(*xi*)	Dr. T. W. Danagogo	Rivers
(*xii*)	Asabe Asmau Ahmed	Niger

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

(*i*) ***Admission of Senator Sulaiman Ajadi, Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters, former Speaker, former Senate Leader, Senators and Honourable Members:***

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Senator Sulaiman Ajadi, Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters, former Speaker, former Senate Leader, former Senators and former Honourable Members to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Senator Sulaiman Ajadi, Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters, former Speaker, former Senate Leader, former Senators and former Honourable Members accordingly admitted to the Floor of the Senate.

(*ii*) ***Admission of Ministerial nominees:***

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Ministerial nominees to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for confirmation of nominees as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Screening of Ministerial Nominees)

Nominees screened:

(*i*) Sen. Musiliu Obanikoro (*Lagos*)
(*ii*) Hon. Mohammed Wakil (*Borno*)
(*iii*) Amb. Aminu Wali (*Kano*)
(*iv*) Mrs. Akon Etim Eyakenyi (*Akwa Ibom*)

Extension of Time:
Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(*v*) Mrs. Lawrencia Labaran Mallam (*Kaduna*)
(*vi*) Gen. Aliu Gusau Mohammed (Rtd) (*Zamfara*)

Further screening deferred to the next legislative day.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the request of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of appointment as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The following nominees answered questions from Distinguished Senators on number of tropical issues:

(*i*) Sen. Musiliu Obanikoro (*Lagos*)
(*ii*) Hon. Mohammed Wakil (*Borno*)
(*iii*) Amb. Aminu Wali (*Kano*)
(*iv*) Mrs. Akon Etim Eyakenyi (*Akwa Ibom*)
(*v*) Mrs. Lawrencia Labaran Mallam (*Kaduna*)
(*vi*) Gen. Aliu Gusau Mohammed (Rtd) (*Zamfara*)

Thereafter, further screening deferred to the next legislative day.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

9. Adjournment:
And it being 2:30 p.m the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 13th February, 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:30 *p.m.*

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