7TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRD SESSION
NO. 60

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 13th February, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:45 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 12th February, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**

Demise of Mama Cecilia Ada Ake:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Wilson A. Ake (*Rivers West*) as follows:

THE SENATE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
SENATOR WILSON ASINOBI AKE
RIVERS WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

12th February, 2014

Senator David A. B. Mark GCON,
Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

His Excellency & Dear Distinguished Colleagues,

NOTIFICATION OF THE DEATH OF MY BELOVED MOTHER; MAMA CECILIA ADA AKE

It is with heavy heart but with total submission to the will of the Almighty God that I write to notify you and my entire Distinguished colleagues of the passing into the eternal glory of my dear mother; Mama Cecilia Ada Ake on the 3rd of February, 2014 at the age of 99 years.

Nna, as she was fondly called was a devoted Christian, a compassionate and industrious mother who my siblings and I looked up to from cradle until she breathed her last.

She will no doubt be greatly missed by the entire family, the church, the community and all those that came her way during her life time.

A detailed programme of a befitting passage rites shall be announced and communicated to you and my dear colleagues at a later date.

Please be rest assured as always of my highest esteem and consideration even as we hope for your prayers at this time of our bereavement.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed)
Senator Wilson Asinobi Ake
Chairman, Senate Committee on Employment,
Labour & Productivity

4. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ayogu Eze *(Enugu North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr. Gerald Aniekwu, on the wrongful dismissal from the Nigeria Customs Service. 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. Asset management Corporation of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Act cap. A24 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 445) — *Read the First Time.*

6. Confirmation of Nominations:

Motion made: That the Senate do resume consideration of the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the following nominees as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Second Allotted day*):

S/N	Name	State
(*i*)	Mr. Boni Haruna	Adamawa
(*ii*)	Dr. Khaliru Alhassan	Sokoto
(*iii*)	Alh. Abduljelili Oyewale Adesiyan	Osun
(*iv*)	Dr. T. W. Danagogo	Rivers
(*v*)	Hadjia Jamilla Salik	Kano
(*vi*)	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 Senate Leader, former Senator 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 Senate Leader, former Senator and 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 Senate Leader, former Senator and 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 resume consideration of 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*) Mr. Boni Haruna (*Adamawa*)
(*ii*) Dr. Khaliru Alhassan (*Sokoto*)
(*iii*) Alh. Abduljelili Oyewale Adesiyan (*Osun*)

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.

(*iv*) Dr. T. W. Danagogo (*Rivers*)

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 a number of topical issues:

(*i*) Mr. Boni Haruna (*Adamawa*)
(*ii*) Dr. Khaliru Alhassan (*Sokoto*)
(*iii*) Alh. Abduljelili Oyewale Adesiyan (*Osun*)
(*iv*) Dr. T. W. Danagogo (*Rivers*)

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.*

7. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 18th February, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:55 *p.m.*

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