SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 25th March, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:23 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 20th March, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(i) ***PDP Senate Caucus 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

There will be a meeting of the Senate Caucus of the Largest Party in black Africa, the People's Democratic Party today, Tuesday, 25th March, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. The venue is Senate Leader's Residence.

Members are enjoined to attend punctually as very important issues will be discussed.

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

(ii) ***Submission of Harmonised Budget Report to the Appropriations Committee:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Sunny O. Ogbuoji (*Ebonyi South*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Committee on Appropriations
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone, Abuja

Distinguished Colleagues,

SUBMISSION OF HARMONISED BUDGET REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The last day for the submission for the harmonised report is Wednesday, 26th March, 2014.

May I advise that all reports not received by end of 26th March, 2014 will compel the Committee, to use what was submitted from the Executive.

Please assist the Appropriations Committee.

(Signed)
Sunny O. Ogbuoji
Vice Chairman Committee on Appropriations

(iii) Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:
(*i*) Staff and Students of J. N. F. Divine School, Kubwa, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Golden City Academy, Mararaba, Nasarawa State.

4. Petitions:
(*i*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Hussain O. Mudashiru *(Osun West)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mrs Bello Olajumoke, on the wrongful termination of her appointment by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA). 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)].

(*ii*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ayogu Eze *(Enugu North)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr Mamah Uchenna Elias, whose wife was a staff of the Nigerian Airforce until her death in 2012 and all efforts by him to retrieved her belongings were thwarted by the Nigerian Airforce. 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)].

(*iii*) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ita S. J. Enang *(Akwa Ibom North-East)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr Aniefon Ikpeme, on the wrongful termination of his appointment by the Management of Eleme Petrochemical Company Limited. 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. Confirmation of Nomination:
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 Honourable Justice Zainab A. Bulkachuwa for appointment as President of the Court of Appeal (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee of the Whole to be considered the next Legislative Day.

6. Confirmation of Nomination.
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 Mr. Godwin I. Emefiele for appointment as Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee of the Whole to be considered the next Legislative Day.

7. Confirmation of Nomination:
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 Mr. Adelabu Adebayo Adekola for appointment as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions.

8. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Unlawful dismissal of Mr. Blessing Onoriode Unata from Service by Total E and P Nigeria Limited:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a petition from Mr. Blessing Onoriode Unata, on his unlawful dismissal from service by Total E and P Nigeria Limited (*Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do commend Total E and P Nigeria Limited for coming to truce with the petitioner by further raising and accepting to pay him an enhanced package to the tune of Eight Million, Three Hundred and Forty Three Thousand, Eighty-Seven Naira and Thirty Two Kobo only (₦8,343,087.32) as advised by the Committee — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do direct that the cheque for the sum Eight Million, Three Hundred and Forty three thousand, Eighty-Seven Naira and Thirty Two Kobo only (₦8,343,087.32) earlier submitted to the Committee be returned to Total E and P Nigeria Limited for onward transmission to the petitioner — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do urge other Local and Foreign Companies operating in Nigeria to emulate Total E and P Nigeria Limited in expanding and developing good welfare package for their employees to improve productivity and economic development of our great nation, Nigeria — *Negatived.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(*i*) commend Total E and P Nigeria Limited for coming to truce with the petitioner by further raising and accepting to pay him an enhanced package to the tune of Eight Million, Three Hundred and Forty three thousand, Eighty-Seven Naira and Thirty Two Kobo only (₦8,343,087.32) as advised by the Committee; and

(*ii*) direct that the cheque for the sum Eight Million, Three Hundred and Forty three thousand, Eighty-Seven Naira and Thirty Two Kobo only (₦8,343,087.32) earlier submitted to the Committee be returned to Total E and P Nigeria Limited for onward transmission to the petitioner***(S/Res/034/03/14)***.

9. Committee on Trade:
Report on the Companies and Allied Matters Act Cap 20, LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 185):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Joint Committee on Sports and Social Development; National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:
Report on the National Social Security Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB.114):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Committee on Capital Market:
Report on the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment Bill 2014 (SB. 06):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:
Report on the Review of Planning and Budgeting Process in Nigeria:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Chemical Weapons Authority Bill 2014 (SB. 287):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 26th March, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. *(Senate Leader).*

Adjourned accordingly at 12:09 *p.m.*

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