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NO. 71

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 1st April, 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 Thursday, 27th March, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Message from Mr. President:**
The Senate President announced that he had received a letter from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

Confirmation of Appointment:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

March 20, 2014

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE

In compliance with the provisions of Section 10 sub-section 3(a) of the CBN Act, 2007, I write to forward names of the underlisted members who are eligible for re-appointment for a second four year term.

S/No	*Name*	*Area of Specialisation*
1.	*Dr. Adedoyin Salami*	*Macroeconomic Policy*
2.	*Prof. Chibuike Ugochukwu Uche*	*Banking and Finance*

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3.	*Dr. Shehu Yahaya*	*Development Economics*
4.	*Abdul-Ganiyu Garba*	*Monetary and Fiscal Policy*

While hoping that the request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the Distinguished Senate, please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) Committee 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

1st April, 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 Tuesday, 1st April 2014, immediately after sitting at the Senate Meeting Room 204, Senate Building.

(Signed)
Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President/Chairman

(b) APC Senators Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon (*Lagos West*) as follows:

THE SENATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Sen. Ganiyu Olanrewaju Solomon
Senate Minority Whip

April 1, 2014

Distinguished Sen. David Mark, GCON
President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly

Your Excellency,

MEETING OF ALL PROGRESSIVES CONGRESS (APC) SENATORS

There will be a meeting of Senators of the All Progressives Congress (APC).

The above meeting holds today, 1st April, 2014, at Committee Room 426 of the New Senate Building immediately after sitting.

Crucial matters will be discussed.

All APC Senators to attend please.

(Signed)
Sen. Ganiyu Olanrewaju Solomon
Senate Minority Whip.

(c) Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Staff and Students of Vessels of Honour Academy, New Nyanya, Nasarawa State; and

(*ii*) Staff and Students of First Kingdom Kids Academy, Mararaba, Nasarawa State.

5. Personal Explanation:
Rising on Rule 43, Senator George T. Sekibo *(Rivers East)* drew the attention of the Senate to a compilation of his experiences into a book titled "Anything is Possible", as a parliamentarian from his days as a Member of House of Representatives to date as a Senator. He sought to present a copy of the book to the Senate today being his birthday.

A copy of the book accordingly Laid.

6. Committee on National Identity and National Population:
Report on the screening of nominees:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on National Identity and National Population on the screening of Alhaji Hassan Bashir (*Bauchi State*) and Hon. Olarewaju Emmanuel Fayemi (*Ekiti State*) for appointment as Members of the National Population Commission (*Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawan — Borno North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Wrongful Termination of Mr. Solomon M. Vongrim from the Nigeria Customs Service:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of a petition from Mr. Solomon M. Vongrim on his wrongful termination from the Nigeria Customs Service (*Senator Ayogu Eze — Enugu North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Committee on Sports and Social Development:
Report on the Nigerian Football Association Act Act Cap. N110 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (SB.138):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development on the Nigerian Football Association Act Cap. N110 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Committee on Federal Capital Territory:
Report on the Property and Conveyancy Bill 2014 (SB. 106):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Committee on Works:
Report on the Rock Blasting Bill 2014 (SB. 37):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:
Report on the Office of the Nigerian Financial Ombudsman Bill 2014 (HB. 14)

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:
Report on the Nigerian International Financial Centre Bill 2014 (HB. 15):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:
Report on the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Regulatory Commission Bill 2014 (HB.16):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Committee on Sports and Social Development:
Report on the Deplorable State of National Stadium, Abuja:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Joint Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity; and Interior:
Report on the Abuse of Expatriate Quota by Foreign Multinationals:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Committee on Finance:
Report on the Company Income Tax Act (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 56):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. **Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the Electronic Fraud and Electronic Transfer of Fund, Crime Bill 2014 (SB. 69):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **Committee on Establishment and Public Service:**
Report on the Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB. 117):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. **Committee on Education:**
Report on the Federal University of Petroleum Resources (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB.188):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. **Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity:**
Report on the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund Act Cap. 88 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 221):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. **Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) Special Provisions Act Cap. C 40 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB.222):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

22. **Joint Committee on Communications; and Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the Electronic Transactions of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB. 248):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. **Committee on Federal Capital Territory:**
Report on the Satellite Town Development Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB. 270):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

24. **Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:**
Report on the Sexual Offences Bill 2014 (SB. 279):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

25. **Committee on Petroleum Resources:**
Report on the National Frontier Basin Exploration Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB.280):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

26. **Committee on Works:**
Report on the Engineers (Registration etc.) Act Cap. E 11 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 211):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

27. Electoral Act No.6 of 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 455)
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Act, 2010 to provide for tenure of Office of Secretary, power to issue duplicate voters card, determine voting procedure and for Other Related Matters 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution as Amended; and Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission.

28. Electoral Act No.6 of 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 266):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Act No.6 of 2010 (as Amended) to provide for the holding of particular elections on the same date, accreditation of voters by electronic means and to confer on the Independent National Electoral Commission power to cause a debate to be conducted for candidates contesting election for the Office of the President and for Connected Matters 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senator Abu Ibrahim — Katsina South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution as Amended; and Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission.

29. Electoral Act No.6 of 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 379):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Act 2010 and for other Matters Connected Thereto 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senator Alkali A. Jajere — Yobe South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution as Amended; and Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission.

30. Committee on Establishment and Public Services:
Report on the Pension Reform Act CAP P4 LFN 2011 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (SB. 288):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

31. Joint Committee on Federal Capital Territory; and Finance:
Report on the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB. 203):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

32. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 2nd April, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. *(Senate Leader)*.

Adjourned accordingly at 1:21 *p.m.*

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