SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6th May, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:46 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 30th April, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Conference Committee:
The Senate President named the following Senators as Conferees on Pension Reform Bill, 2014:

(*i*)	Senator Aloysius A. Etok	—	Chairman
(*ii*)	Senator Babafemi Ojudu	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Mohammed S. Saleh	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Ibrahim Musa	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Abubakar T. Umar	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Christopher C. Nwankwo	—	Member

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Joshua C. Dariye (*Plateau Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the demise of Senator John Wash Pam, a former Deputy Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 1979 — 1983. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter.

Matter to stand over to the next Legislative Day [Rule 42(2)].

5. **Presentation of Bill:**
National Biosafety Management Agency Bill, 2014 (SB. 308) — *Read the First Time.*

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 Dr. Yunusa Musa Salihu as a Member of the Federal Character Commission (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs to report within one (1) week.

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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 Dr. Chimaobi Ozichi Odunze (*Abia/Imo States*) as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Services to report within one (1) week.

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 the following nominees for appointment as Members of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission:

S/No	Name	Position	State
(*i*)	Barrister Yakubu Muri Tuktur	Member	Taraba
(*ii*)	Mr. Emmanuel Teri Vahyala	Member	Adamawa

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on National Planing, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to report within one (1) week.

9. Joint Committee on Federal Capital Territory; and Finance:
Report on the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Board Bill 2014 (SB. 203):
Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on Federal Capital Territory; and Finance, on the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service Bill 2014 (*Adjourned Consideration-Wednesday, 30th April, 2014*)(*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CHARGED WITH POWERS OF ASSESSMENT, COLLECTION OF, AND ACCOUNTING FOR REVENUES ACCRUABLE TO THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Further consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole resumed consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on Federal Capital Territory; and Finance, on the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service Bill 2014 and deferred consideration of the Bill.

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

10. 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.

11. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:
Report on the Unlawful Dismissal of Lt. Yahaya Tafida Yakubu (Rtd) from Nigerian Navy:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions on the unlawful dismissal of Lt. Yahaya Tafida Yakubu (Rtd) from the Nigerian Navy (*Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the petitioner, Lt. Yahaya Tafida Yakubu (Rtd) be reinstated back to service on the same rank and seniority with his contemporaries still serving in the Armed Forces and be voluntarily retired with full benefits as a Navy Captain bearing in mind that, he was denied opportunities of training to meet up with his colleagues by the action of Armed Forces for wrongful dismissal — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Navy to respect fundamental human rights as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with regards to human dignity and sanctity of the rule of law as administered by the court of law — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That henceforth, Senate do mandate those heading General Court Martial to try their colleagues in the Armed Forces are enjoined to ensure that allegations of crime are proved beyond reasonable doubts in all cases, and not beyond any doubts before convicting accused persons — *Negatived.*

Resolved:

(*i*) That the petitioner, Lt. Yahaya Tafida Yakubu (Rtd) be reinstated back to service on the same rank and seniority with his contemporaries still serving in the Armed Forces and be voluntarily retired with full benefits as a Navy Captain bearing in mind that, he was denied opportunities of training to meet up with his colleagues by the action of Armed Forces for wrongful dismissal; and

(*ii*) That the Senate do urge the Nigerian Navy to respect fundamental human rights as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with regards to human dignity and sanctity of the rule of law as administered by the court of law ***(S/Res/039/03/14)***.

12. Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development:
Report on the Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists (Registration, etc) Bill, 2014 (SB.161).

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 13th May, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. *(Deputy Senate Leader)*.

Adjourned accordingly at 1:00 *p.m.*

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