7TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRD SESSION
NO. 86

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 27th May, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:29 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 22nd May, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

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

(a) Confirmation of Appointment:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

April 8, 2014

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION

The National Population Commission is one of the Federal Executive Bodies established under Section 153(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. By the provision of Part 1 (J) of Third Schedule of the Constitution, the Commission shall comprise a Chairman and one person from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. In this connection, there is a vacant position of Commissioner representing Jigawa State in the Commission.

I have, therefore, in the exercise of the power conferred on me by Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria decided to appoint Alhaji Mohammed Aliyu Gumel, whose CV is attached hereto as Commissioner in the National Population Commission. In line with the constitutional requirement, I consulted with the Council of State on the appointment of the candidate.

I hereby present the nomination of Alhaji Mohammed Aliyu Gumel for confirmation by the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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 and esteem.

Your Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(b) Confirmation of Appointment:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

May 22, 2014

Distinguished Senator David Mark, GCON
Senate President,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE BAYELSA AND IMO STATES REPRESENTATIVES IN THE REVENUE MOBILIZATION, ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION

The Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission is one of the Federal Executive bodies established under Section 153(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. By the provision of Part I(N) of the Third Schedule of the Constitution, the Commission shall comprise a Chairman and one member from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

In this connection, Mr. Ken Kayama, is being nominated as Member representing Bayelsa State following the expiration of the term of the former Member from the State, while Dr. Casimir Anyanwu is being re-appointed as Member representing Imo State.

In accordance with the provision of Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution which states that the appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, I hereby present Mr. Ken Kayama, and Dr. Casimir Anyanwu as Members of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission for the kind consideration of the Senate of the Federal Republic.

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

Your 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

27th May, 2014

His Excellency
The Senate President
Senate Chamber
National Assembly Complex
Abuja

ANNOUNCEMENT

The meeting of the Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution and the Committee on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) will hold today Tuesday 27th May 2014, immediately after sitting at the Senate Meeting Room 204, Senate Building.

(Signed)
Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President/Chairman

(b) Acknowledgment:

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

(*i*) Five Officers from the Senate of the Parliament of Kenya, who are on attachment to the National Assembly;

(*ii*) Members of the National Union of Enugu State Students, University of Abuja, Abuja;

(*iii*) Children of the Faith Miracle Ministries International Abuja, Abuja; and

(*iv*) A delegation from the Royal College of Defence Studies, United Kingdom led by Major-General Porter Simon.

5. Conference Committee:
Report on the National Assembly Service Commission Act CAP N7 2004 (Repeal and Enactment) Bill 2014 (SB. 245):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the National Assembly Service Commission Act CAP N7 2004 (Repeal and Enactment) Bill 2014 (*Senator Christopher C. Nwankwo — Ebonyi North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Committee on Interior:
Report on the Tragic Nationwide Aptitude Test and Physical Examination on 15th March, 2014 into the Nigerian Immigration Service:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Interior in respect of a motion on "the Tragic Nationwide Aptitude Test and Physical Examination on 15th March, 2014 into the Nigerian Immigration Service" (*Senator Atiku A. Bagudu — Kebbi Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Motion:
Distribution of Permanent Voters Cards by Independent National Electoral Commission in Selected States and Matters Arising:

Consideration of Motion deferred to the next Legislative Day.

8. 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. Stanley I. Lawson for appointment as a Non-Executive Member of the Central Bank of Nigeria(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request according referred to Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within two (2) weeks.

9. 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 Prof. Dahiru Hassan Balami (*North-East Zone*) for appointment into the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request according referred to Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within two (2) weeks.

10. Conference Committee:
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.

11. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made; That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Dr. Jummai A. M. Audi for appointment as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission(*Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Dr. Jummai A. M. Audi for appointment as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:
Dr. Jummai A. M. Audi — *Agreed to*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Dr. Jummai A. M. Audi for appointment as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission and approved the nomination.

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

Confirmation of nomination:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Jummai A. M. Audi for appointment as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission ?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Jummai A. M. Audi for appointment as a Commissioner of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission accordingly confirmed.

12. Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption:
Report on the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Centre Bill 2014 (SB. 292 and SB. 358):
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption on the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Centre Bill 2014 (*Senator Victor Lar — Plateau South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE CENTRE AS THE CENTRAL BODY IN NIGERIA RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING, REQUESTING, ANALYSING AND DISSEMINATING FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND OTHER RELEVANT AUTHORITIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

PART I — OBJECTIVES OF THIS ACT

Clause 1: **Objectives:**
The principal objectives of this Act are to —

(*a*) establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre;

(*b*) create the legal, institutional and regulatory framework to ensure transparency, effective and efficient management, administration and operation of the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre;

(*c*) institutionalise best practices in financial intelligence management in Nigeria;

(*d*) strengthen the existing system for combating money laundering and associated predicate offences, financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and

(*e*) make provision for the Centre to exchange information with Financial Intelligence Institutions or similar bodies in other countries in matters relating to money laundering, terrorist financing activities and other predicate offences.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Victor Lar — Plateau South*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 *do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

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 considered the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti- Corruption on the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Centre Bill 2014 and approved as follows:

Clause 1 — As Recommended

Further consideration of the Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

13. Joint Committees on Federal Capital Territory; and Finance:
Report on the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Board Bill 2014 (SB. 203):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the Corporate Manslaughter Bill 2014 (SB. 206):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. 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.

16. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 28th May, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

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

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