SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 2nd July, 2014

1. The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 1st July, 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

June 23, 2014

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

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SOKOTO STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE REVENUE MOBILISATION ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION

The Revenue Mobilisation 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 as amended. By the provision of Part 1(N) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution, the Commission shall comprise of a Chairman and one member from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory.

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In this connection, Alhaji Aliyu Muhammed is being re-appointed as Member representing Sokoto 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 Alhaji Aliyu Muhammed for the kind consideration of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Please accept, Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(b) Confirmation of Appointment:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

June 17, 2014

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

Your Excellency,

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL CHARACTER COMMISSION

The Federal Character 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(C) 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, Alhaji Mahdi Jibir Daura is being nominated to represent Katsina State while Hon. Sheba Abayomi, and Hon. Bashorun Jonathan O. Awofisayo are for re-appointment, representing Ondo and Osun States respectively.

I have, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, decided to appoint Alhaji Mahdi Jibir Daura, Hon. Sheba Abayomi, and Hon. Bashorun Jonathan O. Awofisayo as Commissioners of the Federal Character Commission.

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 Alhaji Mahdi Jibir Daura, Hon. Sheba Abayomi, and Hon. Bashorun Jonathan O. Awofisayo for the kind consideration of the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) Premium Services to Distinguished Senators:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe (*Abia South*) as follows:

THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION, MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX

July 1st , 2014

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

Subject: NEWS AGENCY OF NIGERIA (NAN) SMS PREMIUM SERVICE TO DISTINGUISHED SENATORS: REQUEST FOR CURRENT GSM NUMBERS

Your Excellency,

In a further effort at making current information more accessible to Distinguished Senators, my Committee is requesting all Distinguished Senators to fill the circulated NAN SMS Premium Service form, their GSM numbers (one per Senator, Please) which they would prefer to be receiving updated news through their cell phones at every newsbreak.

The form which is being circulated at the floor of the Chamber at the moment is to be returned promptly to either my Office, Room 3.16 Senate New Wing or the Committee Clerk, Room SB. 20 Red Carpet, White House.

Distinguished Senators, the cost of the service is to be borne by my Committee as part of our media relations service to the Senate.

Truly yours
(Signed)
Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe
Chairman

(b) Condolence Messages/Tribute to Late Senator John Wash Pam:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Hosea A. Agboola (*Oyo North*) as follows:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE BURIAL OF LATE SENATOR JOHN WASH PAM

CONDOLENCE MESSAGES/TRIBUTES TO LATE SENATOR JOHN WASH PAM

This is to inform all Distinguished Senators that may wish to pay tributes to late Senator John Wash Pam should do so in writing for onward transmission to the Senate Burial Committee.

This should be submitted to the office of the Deputy Chief Whip Room 4.20 Senate New Building, National Assembly Complex on or before Tuesday 8th, July, 2014.

(Signed)
Senator Hosea A. Agboola
Deputy Chief Whip/Chairman
of the Burial Committee

5. Petition:
Rising on Rule 41, Senator George T. Sekibo *(Rivers East)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition by Ogu Community in his Senatorial District, on the disruption of fishing activities by Messrs Aero Maritime Nigeria Limited along Ogu creek in Rivers State, which has affected the livelihood of the indigenes. 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)].

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Rule 42, Senator Paulker I. Emmanuel (*Bayelsa Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the rising ocean surge that has submerged some communities in his Senatorial District, Bayelsa State, which has led to the displacement of the people. 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)].

7. Committee on Niger Delta:
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta on the screening of Enogieru Osaretin Peter (*Edo State*) as a Member of the Governing Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)(*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Conference Committee:
Report on the HIV and AIDS Anti-Discrimination Bill 2014 (SB. 258):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the report of the Conference Committee on HIV and AIDS Anti-Discrimination Bill 2014 (*Senator Ifeanyi A. Okowa — Delta North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. 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 as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

S/N	Name	State
(*i*)	Dr. Abdu Bulama	Yobe
(*ii*)	Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau	Kano
(*iii*)	Prince Adedayo Adeyeye	Ekiti
(*iv*)	Dr. Stephen Orise Oru	Delta

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

(*i*) ***Admission of Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters, Members of House of Representatives, and former Senators and Members of House of Representatives:***

Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters, Members of House of Representatives, former Senators and Members of House of Representatives to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Special Adviser to the President on National Assembly Matters, Members of House of Representatives, former Senators and Members of House of Representatives 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 consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the 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*)	Dr. Abdu Bulama (*Yobe*)	—	*Agreed to*
(*ii*)	Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau (*Kano*)	—	*Agreed to*
(*iii*)	Prince Adedayo Adeyeye (*Ekiti*)	—	*Agreed to*
(*iv*)	Dr. Stephen Orise Oru (*Delta*)	—	*Agreed to*

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 nominees for appointment as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The nominees answered questions from Distinguished Senators on a number of topical issues, thereafter, the Committee approved the nominations of the following persons as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

(*i*) Dr. Abdu Bulama (*Yobe)*
(*ii*) Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau (*Kano*)
(*iii*) Prince Adedayo Adeyeye (*Ekiti*)
(*iv*) Dr. Stephen Orise Oru (*Delta*)

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

Confirmation of Nominees:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Abdu Bulama (*Yobe)* as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Abdu Bulama (Yobe) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau (*Kano*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau (Kano) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prince Adedayo Adeyeye (*Ekiti*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Prince Adedayo Adeyeye (Ekiti) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Stephen Orise Oru (*Delta*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Stephen Orise Oru (Delta) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

10. **Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:**
Report on the screening of nominees:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 3rd July, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:41 *p.m.*

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