SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 16th July, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10:43 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday,15th July, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved as amended.

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:

Tackling Ongoing Security Challenges: Need for Urgent Action:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

July 15, 2014

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

Your Excellency,

TACKLING ONGOING SECURITY CHALLENGES:
NEED FOR URGENT ACTION

You are no doubt cognisant of the on-going and serious security challenges which the nation is facing, as typified by the Boko Haram terrorist threat. This is an issue that we have discussed at various times.

I would like to bring to your attention the urgent need to upgrade the equipment, training and logistics of our Armed Forces and Security Services to enable them more forcefully confront this serious threat.

For this reason, I seek the concurrence of the National Assembly for external borrowing of not more than $1 billion dollars including Government to Government arrangements for this upgrade.

While counting on the steadfast support of the Distinguished Members of the Senate as always, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

4. Announcements:

(a) Retreat:

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

16th July, 2014

His Excellency
The Senate President
Senate Chamber
National Assembly Complex
Abuja

My dear brother,

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a retreat of the Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution. Members should contact the Clerk of the Committee for more information immediately after plenary, on Thursday 17h July, 2014 at the Deputy Senate President's Meeting Room 416, Senate Building.

(Signed)
Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President/Chairman

(b) Invitation:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Helen U. Esuene (*Akwa Ibom South*) as follows:

THE SENATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Senator Helen U. Esuene (PHF)
Chairman, Senate Committee on Women Affairs and Youth Development
July 14, 2014

His Excellency
The President of the Senate
Distinguished Senator David Mark GCON
National Assembly
Abuja

Your Excellency,

It is my pleasure to invite Your Excellency and the following Distinguished Senators as special guests of honour to a dinner being organized by my office in collaboration with Women's Aid Collective (WACOL) and the Legislative Advocacy Coalition for Violence against Women (LACVAW).

In recognition of your effort towards the elimination of violence, especially as it affects women and girls, you will be honoured at the event as Ambassadors of Women's Rights.

Furthermore, there will be a short presentation to debrief you on the Violence against Persons [Prohibition] (VAPP) Bill, which is currently before the Senate.

Date: *Wednesday - 16th July, 2014*
Venue: *Imo/River Hall, Transcorp Hilton Abuja*
Time: *6:30 to 9p.m. prompt*

(Signed)
Senator Helen Udoakaha Esuene
Chairman, Senate Committee on Women and Youth Development

List of Distinguished Senators:

1. *Senator Victor Ndoma -Egba - Senate Leader*
2. *Senator Abdul Ningi - Deputy Senate Leader*
3. *Senator Aisha Jummai Alhassan*
4. *Senator Chris Anyanwu*
5. *Senator Nenadi Esther Usman*
6. *Senator Oluremi Bola Tinubu*
7. *Senator Joshua Lidani*
8. *Senator Mohammed Basheer*
9. *Senator Nuru-Deen Abatimi Usman*
10. *Senator Clever Ikisikpo*
11. *Senator Zaynab Abdulkadir Kure*
12. *Senator Nkechi Justina Nwaogu*
13. *Senator Margery Okadigbo*
14. *Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe*
15. *Senator Bukola Saraki*
16. *Senator Dahiru Umaru*
17. *Senator Babajide Omoworare*
18. *Senator Patrick Ayo Akinyelure*
19. *Senator Ita Enang*
20. *Senator Ifeanyi Okowa*
21. *Senator Ahmad Lawan*
22. *Senator Smart Adeyemi*
23. *Senator Olusola Adeyeye*
24 *Senator Emmanuel Paulker*

25. *Senator Ayogu Eze*
26. *Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu*
27. *Senator Sunny O. Ogbuoji*
28. *Senator Joy Emordi*

(c) Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Chris N. Ngige (*Anambra Central*) as follows:

OFFICE OF
SENATOR (DR.) CHRIS N. NGIGE, MD, OON

15/07/14

The Senate President,
Senate of Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly
Abuja

Dear Mr President,

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

There will be an interactive chat of all All Progressive Congress (APC) Senators with the new Chairman of the All Progressive Congress (APC), H.E John Odigie Oyegun (former Governor of Edo State).

Date: *Thursday, 17h July, 2014*
Time: *8:00 pm*
Venue: *To be communicated later*

Regards.

(Signed)
H.E. Senator Chris N. Ngige (OON)

5. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Institute of Animal Science Act No. 26 of 2007 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (HB. 478) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act CAP E3 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2014. (SB. 503) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Institute of Animal Science Act No. 26 of 2007 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 504) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) The Power Sector Reform Act No.6 2005 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 505) — *Read the First Time.*

(*v*) The Supreme Court Act CAP S15 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 506) — *Read the First Time.*

6. **Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation:**
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on National Planning, Economic Affairs and Poverty Alleviation on the screening of Alhaji Aliyu Muhammed (*Sokoto State*) for appointment as a Member of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (*Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade — Benue North East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **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 Mr. Osita Benjamin Chidoka and Dr. Abubakar Olanrewaju Sulaiman for appointment as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:

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

Question put and agreed to.

Special Adviser and Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters and former Members of House of Representatives accordingly admitted to the floor of the Senate.

(ii) ***Admission of Ministerial nominees, Family Members and Deputy Corps Marshals of the Federal Road Safety Corps:***
Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Ministerial nominees, family members and Deputy Corps Marshals of the Federal Road Safety Corps to the Floor of the Senate *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Family Members and Deputy Corps Marshals of the Federal Road Safety Corps accordingly admitted to the floor of the Senate.

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)

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*) Mr. Osita Benjamin Chidoka (*Anambra)*

(*ii*) Dr. Abubakar Olanrewaju Sulaiman (*Kwara*)

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 Mr. Osita Benjamin Chidoka (*Anambra)* as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Osita Benjamin Chidoka (Anambra) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Abubakar Olanrewaju Sulaiman (*Kwara*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr. Abubakar Olanrewaju Sulaiman (Kwara) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

8. Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs:
Report on the screening of nominees:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the screening of the following nominees for appointment as Members of the Federal Character Commission:

S/N	Name	State
(*i*)	Barr. Mahdi Jibir Daura	Katsina
(*ii*)	Hon. Bashorun Awofisayo Jonathan Oladele	Osun
(*iii*)	Hon. Abayomi Sheba	Ondo

(*Senator Babajide C. Omoworare — Osun East*).

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 Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the screening of nominees for appointment as Members of the Federal Character Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(*i*)	Barr. Mahdi Jibir Daura (*Katsina*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*ii*)	Hon. Bashorun Awofisayo Jonathan Oladele (*Osun*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*iii*)	Hon. Abayomi Sheba (*Ondo*)	—	*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 Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the screening of nominees for appointment as Members of the Federal Character Commission and approved the nominations.

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

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Barr. Mahdi Jibir Daura (*Katsina*) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Barr. Mahdi Jibir Daura (Katsina) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Bashorun Awofisayo Jonathan Oladele (*Osun*) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Bashorun Awofisayo Jonathan Oladele (Osun) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Abayomi Sheba (*Ondo*) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Abayomi Sheba (Ondo) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Character Commission accordingly confirmed.

(NSCDC):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Report on the Unlawful Dismissal of Mr. Abdullahi Tanko Ibrahim from Service:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption:**
Report on the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Centre Bill 2014 (SB. 292 and SB. 358):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. **Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions:**
Report on the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 284):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. **Nigerian Port Authority Act CAP 126 of the Laws of the Federation 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB.165):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. **National Unity and Peace Corps Bill 2014 (SB. 332):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 17th July, 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.