SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 15th October, 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 Tuesday, 14th October, 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) Financial Contribution by the Federal Government of Nigeria to Police Reform Programme Bill 2014:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

14th October 2014

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

Your Excellency,

BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA TO POLICE REFORM PROGRAMME AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THERETO

Further to my letter dated 16th June 2014, I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the above mentioned Bill.

The state of our Police Force calls for immediate intervention if Nigeria is to achieve the desired result of operating an effective Police Force in tune with international best practice.

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The Bill, as presented, seeks to provide financial contribution by the Federal Government to the Police Reform Programme which is a deliberate Government policy aimed at equipping and repositioning the Nigeria Police to more effectively and efficiently meet its constitutional obligations.

While hoping that this request will receive the usual expeditious consideration and approval of the Distinguished Senators of the Federal Republic, please accept Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

(b) 2015-2017 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

September 30, 2014

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

Your Excellency,

SUBMISSION OF 2015-2017 MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK AND FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER

I am pleased to submit the 2015-2017 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) to the Senate and use this medium to express my gratitude for the enduring partnership between the Legislative and Executive arms of government. In particular, I note, with appreciation, the commitment and support that Distinguished Senators have continued to demonstrate.

Pursuant to provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, the preparation towards submission of the 2015 Budget to the National Assembly is progressing well. The MTEF and FSP were prepared against the backdrop of the global economic uncertainty and developments in the domestic environment to ensure that planned spending is set at prudent and sustainable levels and is consistent with Government's overall developmental objectives set out in the Transformation Agenda of this Administration.

I hereby forward the 2015-2017 MTEF and FSP to the National Assembly, and hope that it would be kindly considered and approved expeditiously in order to bring the 2015 FGN Budget preparation process to quick closure.

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

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN

as follows:

SENATOR ITA S. J. ENANG
Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
Chairman, Senate Rules and Business Committee

15th October, 2014

ANNOUNCEMENT

All Distinguished Senators and staff are hereby invited to a Pre - Event Prayer Meeting to be held ahead of the 5th National Prayer Breakfast of the National Assembly.

Date: *Wednesday, the 15th of October, 2014*
Venue: *Ground Floor, Room 0.22, Senate Conference Hall*
Time: *2:00 p.m.*

Invitation cards have been distributed to all Senators.

Distinguished Senators are hereby invited.

Thank you.

Host:
H. E. Sen. David B. Mark, GCON
President, Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

(Signed)
Senator Ita Enang
Co - ordinator

(ii) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Students of Sociology Department, University of Jos, Jos, Plateau State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Centre (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB.292 and SB. 358):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

6. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Constitution Review of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Further Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 77):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill 2014 (SB.102):
Motion made: That the Senate do adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill 2014 (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

8. **Equipment Leasing Bill 2014 (SB. 514):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Business of Equipment Leasing in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes Therewith 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North East*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Trade; Investment; and Works to report within Two (2) weeks.

9. **Equipment Leasing Bill 2014 (HB. 97):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Business of Equipment Leasing in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes Therewith 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Trade; Investment; and Works to report within Two (2) weeks.

10. **Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Bill 2014 (SB. 470):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to make provisions for Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Bill, 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within Two (2) weeks.

11. **Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB. 89):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Institute of Soil Science 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senator Emmanuel G. Bwacha — Taraba South*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Report on the Border Communities Development Agency Act CAP B10 LFN 2011 Bill 2014 (SB. 143):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

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

Adjourned accordingly at 1:19 *p.m.*

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