SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 22nd October, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10.53 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 21st October, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(i) ***Gubernatorial Aspiration :***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon (*Lagos West*) as follows:

Sen. Ganiyu Olanrewaju Solomon
Senate Minority Whip

21st October, 2014

His Excellency
Senator David A.B Mark, GCON
President of the Senate
National Assembly Complex
Three Arms Zone
Abuja

Your Excellency,

NOTIFICATION OF MY INTENTION TO CONTEST THE 2015 LAGOS STATE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION.

It is with a great sense of humility and duty that I write to formally notify Mr. President and my Distinguished Colleagues of my intention to contest the 2015 Lagos State gubernatorial election under our great party, the All Progressives Congress (APC).

Having risen through the 3rd Tier of Government as Chairman of a Local Government Area, to the House of Representatives and a second term in the Senate, I can say with all sense of deep responsibility that I have garnered enough experience to lead the good people of Lagos State and understand absolutely their yearnings and aspirations.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, Lagos my dear State which is the centre of Excellence, is the pride of Nigeria and since its inception has been blessed with dynamic, purposeful and transformational leadership.

The realities of governance today requires pragmatic, experienced and tested hands for purposeful and effective leadership hence my decision to present myself to the people of Lagos State for election as their Governor. I am convinced that I can bring my wealth of experience to bear on the governance of the State, continue with and advance the legacies of previous Administrations.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, I humbly solicit your kind support for the actualization of this aspiration which is borne out of a genuine and profound desire to serve.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,
(Signed)
Senator Ganiyu Olanrewaju Solomon
Senate Minority Whip

(ii) Prayer Breakfast:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ita S. J. Enang (*Akwa Ibom North-East*) as follows:

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

22nd October, 2014

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Senate President, Senator David Mark, GCON, cordially invites members of the National Assembly, particularly all Distinguished Senators and staff to the 5th National Prayer Breakfast of the National Assembly scheduled to hold on Thursday, the 23rd of October, 2014 at the International Conference Centre by 7a.m.

The President, His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan will be the Special Guest of Honour while the Keynote Address will be delivered by Rt. Hon. Lord Paul Boateng, a life peer of the British House of Lords.

Invitation cards have been distributed to all Senators although registration is online.

Distinguished Senators should please note that this is an interfaith programme and all Senators are hereby invited.

Thank you.

Note: All guests are expected to be seated by 6.45a.m. as the event will be covered live by the Nigerian Television Authority and the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria.

Please attend.
(Signed)
Senator Ita Enang
Co - Ordinator

(iii) ***Committee Membership:***
The Senate President named the following Senators as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members of Committees as follows:

(*i*) Senator Aidoko A. Ali as Chairman, Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs.

(*ii*) Senator Shem Z. Nuhu as Vice Chairman, Navy and Member of Appropriations; Employment, Labour and Productivity; Interior; and Sports and Social Development.

(iv) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*a*) Members of Lagos State University Students' Union, Lagos, Lagos State;

(*b*) Staff and Students of Africa International College, Kaura District, Abuja; and

(*c*) Members and Staff of Owan East Local Government, Afuze, Edo State.

4. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Compulsory Free Universal Basic Education Act 2000 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB.517) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Niger Delta Development Commission Act CAP N86 LFN 2011 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 518) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act CAP 117 LFN 2011(Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 519) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iv*) Nigeria Infrastructure Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB. 520) — *Read the First Time.*

5. Committee on Works:
Report on the Engineers (Registration etc.) Act CAP E11 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 211):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

6. Joint Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development; and Science and Technology:
Report on the National Biosafety Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB.308):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development; and Science and Technology on the National Biosafety Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (*Senator Emmanuel Bwacha — Taraba South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. Dichotomy and Discrimination between First Degree and Higher National Diploma in the same Profession/Field (Prohibition) Bill 2014 (SB. 433):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Abolish and Prohibit Dichotomy and Discrimination between First Degree and Higher National Diploma in the same Profession/Field and related matters 2014 be read the Second Time (*Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Education to report within Four (4) weeks.

8. Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (HB.88):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes:
Report on the Cyber Crime Bill 2014 (SB.438):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Committee on Sports and Social Development:
Report on the Nigerian Football Association Act Cap. N110 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (SB. 138):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 23rd October, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.59 *p.m.*

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