SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 28th October, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10.59 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 23rd October, 2014.

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

3. **Announcement:**
Transmission of 1999 Constitution, 4th Alteration Bill:
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,

28th October, 2014

His Excellency
The Senate President
Senate Chamber
National Assembly Complex
Abuja

My dear brother,

ANNOUNCEMENT
(TRANSMISSION OF CONSTITUTION 4TH ALTERATION BILL)

The National Assembly will transmit the Constitution (Fourth) Alteration Bill to the Speakers of State Houses of Assembly, today, Tuesday 28th October 2014, at 3:00 pm at the Senate Conference Room 200, Senate New Building.

Respectfully, Distinguished Senators are hereby invited to the programme.

(Signed)
Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President/Chairman

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4. Petition:
Rising on Rule 41, Senator Alkali A. Jajere *(Yobe South)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Capt. Adamu Abdullahi (rtd) on the unjust and forceful retirement from the Nigerian Army. 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)].

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Abdul A. Ningi (*Bauchi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the current pathetic situation of refugees in North-Eastern part of Nigeria. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate recall its Resolution of 20th May, 2014 on the request of extension of State of Emergency in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States and the plight of internally displaced persons;

notes that over 2 million Nigerians have been displaced across Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Taraba and Yobe States;

observes that more than 10,000 are in Chad, Cameroon and Niger Republics; and

notes the non-involvement of International Community in the provision of relief materials to the internally displaced persons.

Accordingly Resolves to:
(*i*) call for involvement of the International Community in the provision of relief materials to the affected areas; and

(*ii*) call on the Federal and States Governments to double their efforts in bringing relief to the affected areas.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do call for involvement of the International Community in the provision of relief materials to the affected areas.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the words "call for the involvement of" and *insert* the words "urge the Federal Government to involve" instead thereof (*Senator Mohammed A. Ndume — Borno South*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do call on the Federal and States Governments to double their efforts in bringing relief to the affected areas — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolution:
Insert additional Proposed Resolution as follows:
"That the Senate do send a token of Twenty Million Naira only (₦20,000,000.00) as a mark of concern and commitment to the plight of the internally displaced persons" (*Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba — Cross River Central*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government to involve the International Community in the provision of relief materials to the affected areas;

(*ii*) call on the Federal and States Governments to double their efforts in bringing relief to the affected areas; and

(*iii*) send a token of Twenty Million Naira only (₦20,000,000.00) as a mark of concern and commitment to the plight of the internally displaced persons ***(S/Res/011/04/14)***.

6. Presentation of Bills:

(*i*) Integrated Infrastructure Development Bill, 2014 (SB. 521) — *Read the First Time.*

(*ii*) Unclaimed Financial Assets Bill 2014 (SB. 522) — *Read the First Time.*

(*iii*) Corporate Social Responsibility Bill 2014 (SB. 523) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Conference Committee:
Report on the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund Act CAP N88 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 221):

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. Joint Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity; and Interior:
Report on the Abuse of Expatriate Quota by Foreign Multinationals in Nigeria:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the Sexual Offences Bill 2014 (SB. 279):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the Sexual Offences Bill 2014 (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on Administration of Criminal Justice Bill 2014 (SB. 222):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters, on the Administration of Criminal Justice Bill 2014 (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

11. Motion:
Rescission of the Senate decision on clause 3(2) and inclusion of a second schedule in the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre Bill 2014:
Motion made: That the Senate notes that the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Centre Bill 2014 was passed on Thursday, 17th July, 2014; and

observes that the resolution on clause 3 was not appropriate.

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) rescind the decision on clause 3(2) of the Bill as passed;

(*ii*) leave out the words as earlier passed in clause 3(2) and insert a new clause 3(2) as follows:
"The above shall consist of —
(*a*) a part time Chairman;

(*b*) Central Bank of Nigeria;

(*c*) Securities and Exchange Commission;

(*d*) National Insurance Commission;

(*e*) the Director General;

(*f*) Federal Ministry of Justice; and

(*g*) Federal Ministry of Finance."

(*iii*) Insert a second schedule as follows:
"Technical Advisory Committee
(*i*) Federal Ministry of Justice;

(*ii*) Federal Ministry of Finance;

(*iii*) Central Bank of Nigeria;

(*iv*) National Security Adviser;

(*v*) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission;

(*vi*) National Drug Law Enforcement Agency;

(*vii*) Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission;

(*viii*) National Insurance Commission;

(*ix*) Securities and Exchange Commission;

(*x*) State Security Service;

(*xi*) Nigeria Customs Service

(*xii*) Nigeria Immigration Service;

(*xiii*) Nigeria Police Force;

(*xiv*) National Intelligence Agency; and

(*xv*) National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons."

Debate:

Further consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Committee on Establishment and Public Services:
Report on the screening of nominee:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions:
Report on the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Bill 2014 (SB. 284):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Federal Polytechnics Act CAP F17 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 404):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 4th November, 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.