7TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FOURTH SESSION
NO. 34

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 19th November, 2014

1. The Senate met at 12:00 noon. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 18th November, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

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:

Submission of Revised 2015-2017 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

18th November 2014

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

Your Excellency,

SUBMISSION OF REVISED 2015-2017 MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK

As you may recall, I had transmitted the 2015-2017 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (MTEF/FSP) to the National Assembly for consideration and approval. However, recent developments in the international oil market have necessitated that the MTEF be revised.

Consequently, following further consultations with key stakeholders, adjustments have been made to some of the key parameters as well as to some fiscal estimates in the MTEF.

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I hereby forward copies of the revised 2015-2017 MTEF to the National Assembly, and hope that it will receive your usual kind expeditious consideration 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

4. Announcement:

Demise of Senator Cosmas Niagwan:
The Senate President read a letter from the family of Late Senator Cosmas Niagwan as follows:

THE FAMILY OF LATE SENATOR (CAPT.)
COSMAS GEOKUR NIAGWAN

LAGOS
H18 Akin Ajayi Drive,
UPDC Estate,
Lekki Phase II,
Lagos.

No. 3, Poediel Rd,
Shendam,
Plateau State.

His Excellency,
The Senate President,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja, F.C.T.

Capt. Cosmas Niagwan Passage (1942-2014)

On behalf of the family, I wish to inform you most respectfully, of the passage into glory of our Husband, Father, and Grandfather, Senator (Capt.) Cosmas Niagwan on the 12th of November 2014.

There will be service of songs on the 26th Of November 2014 at his Lagos residence at 5pm. There will be a lying in state at his Jos Residence, 25 New Layout Rantya Low-Cost on the 1st of December 2014 at 12pm. The funeral service will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Shendam, Plateau State on the 2nd of December 2014. Interment will follow immediately at his residence at 3 Poediel Rd, Shendam, Plateau State.

We look forward to your support and participation for the Niagwan family

(Signed)
NIAGWUL .J. NIAGWAN (Son)
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5. ***Extension of State of Emergency in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States:***
Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into Closed Session to resume consideration of the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for extension of State of Emergency in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Session — 12:15 p.m.

Extension of Time:
Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Open Session — 2:10 p.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for extension of the proclamation of the State of Emergency in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States by further period of six months from the date of expiration of the current period and approved:

(*i*) to defer further consideration of the request to the next Legislative Day; and

(*ii*) invite the Service Chiefs to brief the Senate.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Closed Session — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

6. **Standards Organisation of Nigeria Act CAP S9 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (HB. 153):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

7. **Standards Organisation of Nigeria Act CAP S9 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (SB. 394):**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. **Committee on Health, Primary Health Care:**
Report on the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, CAP N42 LFN 2004, (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (SB. 214):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. **Adjournment:**
And it being 2:25 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 20th November, 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2.25 p.m.

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