SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 11th March, 2015

1. The Senate met at 10:56 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 10th March, 2015.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(i) Security Briefing:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator George T. Sekibo (*Rivers East*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE & ARMY

NOTICE FOR SECURITY BRIEFING

Members of the Senate Committees on Defence, Army, Navy, Airforce and National Security and Intelligence are requested to attend the security briefing earlier slated for last week but postponed to today 11/03/15.

Our colleagues from the North-East States of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe are also invited to attend so that members of the Joint Committee would be able to authenticate the status of the briefing.

Venue: *Room 211, New Senate Building*

Time: *3:00 p.m.*

(Signed)
Senator George T. Sekibo, CON
Chairman, Committee on Defence & Army

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(ii) ***Acknowledgment:***
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of St. Augustine's School, Mararaba-Gurku, Nasarawa State who were in the gallery to observe Senate proceedings.

4. Committee on Health:
Report on the National Tobacco Control Bill 2015 (SB. 477 and SB. 213):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Health on the National Tobacco Control Bill 2015 (*Senator Margery Chuba-Okadigbo — Anambra North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

5. Committee on Establishment and Public Services:
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Services on the screening of Ambassador Toye Olofintuyi (*Edo, Ekiti and Ondo States*) for appointment as a Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Senator Aloysius A. Etok — Akwa Ibom North West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Conference Committee:
Report on the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science Act No. 26 of 2007 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (HB. 478 and SB. 504):
Motion made: That the Senate do adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science Act No. 26 of 2007 (Amendment) Bill 2015 (*Senator Emmanuel Bwacha — Taraba South*).

Report presented.

Question put and agreed to.

Report accordingly adopted.

7. Committee on National Identity and National Population:
Report on the screening of nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on National Identity and National Population on the screening of Abimbola Temitayo Hundeyin, for appointment as a Member of the National Population Commission (*Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawan — Borno North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report *(Deputy Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Population Commission.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:
Abimbola Temitayo Hundeyin — *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 National Identity and National Population on the screening of Abimbola Temitayo Hundeyin, for appointment as a Member of the National Population Commission and approved the nomination.

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

Confirmation of nomination:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Abimbola Temitayo Hundeyin, for appointment as a Member of the National Population Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Abimbola Temitayo Hundeyin, for appointment as a Member of the National Population Commission accordingly confirmed.

8. Confirmation of Nominations:
Motion made: That the Senate do resume the screening of the following as Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

(*i*)	Mrs Hauwa'u Lawan	Jigawa
(*ii*)	Mr. Kenneth Kobani	Rivers
(*iii*)	Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya	Taraba
(*iv*)	Senator Mohammed Musiliu Obanikoro	Lagos

(*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Privileges of the Floor:
(i) Admission of Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters:
Motion made: That the Senate do invoke Rule 17(1) to admit Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters to the Floor of the Senate *(Deputy Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters accordingly admitted to the floor of the Senate.

(ii) Admission of Ministerial nominees:
Motion made: That the Senate do suspend Rule 17(1) to admit the Ministerial nominees to the Floor of the Senate *(Deputy Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Ministerial nominees accordingly admitted to the floor of the Senate.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of 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 (*Adjourned Screening 4th March, 2015*) (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

(Screening of Ministerial Nominees)

Nominees screened:

(*i*)	Mrs Hauwa'u Lawan	Jigawa
(*ii*)	Mr. Kenneth Kobani	Rivers
(*iii*)	Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya	Taraba
(*iv*)	Senator Mohammed Musiliu Obanikoro	Lagos

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(*i*)	Senator Patricia Akwashiki (*Nasarawa*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*ii*)	Prof Nicholas Akise Ada (*Benue*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*iii*)	Col. Augustine Okwudiri Akobundu (Rtd) (*Abia*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*iv*)	Engr. Fidelis Nwankwo (*Ebonyi*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*v*)	Mrs Hauwa'u Lawan (*Jigawa*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*vi*)	Mr. Kenneth Kobani (*Rivers*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*vii*)	Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya (*Taraba*)	—	*Agreed to.*
(*viii*)	Senator Mohammed Musiliu Obanikoro (*Lagos*)	—	*Agreed to.*

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 and approved the nomination of the following:

(*i*) Senator Patricia Akwashiki (*Nasarawa*)
(*ii*) Prof Nicholas Akise Ada (*Benue*)
(*iii*) Col. Augustine Okwudiri Akobundu (Rtd) (*Abia*)
(*iv*) Engr. Fidelis Nwankwo (*Ebonyi*)
(*v*) Mrs Hauwa'u Lawan (*Jigawa*)
(*vi*) Mr. Kenneth Kobani (*Rivers*)
(*vii*) Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya (*Taraba*)
(*viii*) Senator Mohammed Musiliu Obanikoro (*Lagos*)

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 Senator Patricia Akwashiki (*Nasarawa*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Senator Patricia Akwashiki (Nasarawa) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prof Nicholas Akise Ada (*Benue*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Prof Nicholas Akise Ada (Benue) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Col. Augustine Okwudiri Akobundu (Rtd) (*Abia*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Col. Augustine Okwudiri Akobundu (Rtd) (Abia) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Engr. Fidelis Nwankwo (*Ebonyi*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Engr. Fidelis Nwankwo (Ebonyi) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mrs Hauwa'u Lawan (*Jigawa*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mrs Hauwa'u Lawan (Jigawa) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Kenneth Kobani (*Rivers*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Kenneth Kobani (Rivers) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya (*Taraba*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Senator Joel Danlami Ikenya (Taraba) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Senator Mohammed Musiliu Obanikoro (*Lagos*) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Senator Mohammed Musiliu Obanikoro (Lagos) as a Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

9. Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2015 (SB. 442):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:
Report on the Administration of Criminal Justice Bill 2015 (HB. 391):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Committee on Capital Market:
Report on the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment Bill 2015 (SB. 06):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 12th March, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:16 *p.m.*

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