SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 4th August, 2015

1. The Senate met at 10:43 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 30th July, 2015.

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:

Request for Approval to Obtain $75 Million USD Credit Facility:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

31st July, 2015

Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON
President of the Senate
Senate Chambers
National Assembly Complex
Three Arms Zone
Abuja.

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO OBTAIN $75 MILLION USD CREDIT FACILITY FROM THE WORLD BANK FOR EDO STATE

I am writing to seek the consideration of the National Assembly (NASS) of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and approval of a request by the Edo State Government to obtain a $75 Million USD Credit Facility from the World Bank.

Your Excellency may wish to know that, the World Bank had approved a Development Policy Operation (DPO) loan (Budget Support) for the total sum of US $225 Million to Edo State Government in 2012 to be implemented in three tranches of US$75 Million per annum. The first tranche was approved by the National Assembly in the 2012-2014 Federal Government External (Rolling) Borrowing Plan.

The DPO I has since been successfully implemented by the State in 2014. Following this success, the bank's board of Executive Directors approved the second tranche, DPO II on April 29, 2015. The DPO II was captured in the Federal Government External (rolling) Borrowing Plan of 2014 - 2017 which is pending with the NASS.

It is for the above reason that I seek your favour to facilitate the consideration and approval of the Development Policy Operation II Loan of US $75 Million to enable the State to consolidate on the gains of the First Tranche of the operation (DPO I). Your Excellency it is instructive to mention that the Governor of Edo State has informed me that the key programme objectives of the DPO are already beginning to show in terms of increased inflows of private investment to the state, increased private sector employment opportunities and increased Internally Generated Revenues. An accelerated approval of this request will help to sustain these gains.

I look forward, Distinguished Senate President, to the usual kind expeditious consideration of the above request by the Senate. This letter supercedes HCSF/3143/T/137 of 28th July 2015.

Please accept, as always, the assurances of my highest regards and esteem.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcements:

(i) Ad-hoc Committee on Waivers, Concessions and Grants:

The Senate President announced Senator Bassey A. Akpan as a Member of the *ad-hoc* Committee on Waivers, Concessions and Grants.

(ii) Committee Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Muhammad A. Adamu (*Kebbi Central*) as follows:

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
THE SENATE
AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON IMPORT DUTY WAIVERS
Room 1.lc, White House, National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone, P. M. B. 141, Gorki - Abuja, Nigeria.

August 4, 2015

The Senate President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

His Excellency,

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sequel to the setting up of the Ad-hoc Committee on Import Duty Waivers, Distinguished Members of the Committee are hereby invited to a meeting scheduled to hold immediately after Senate Plenary today, Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at Meeting Room 211, New Senate Building, National Assembly Complex, Abuja.

Members should please endeavor to attend.

Thank you.

(Signed)
SENATOR MUHAMMAD ADAMU ALIERO
Chairman

(iii) Senate Delegation to Adamawa State:

The Senate President named the following Senators to visit Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Centres, the Military Command Centre and the Adamawa State Government:

(*i*)	Senator Ike Ekweremadu	—	Leader
(*ii*)	Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah	—	Member
(*iii*)	Senator Binta M. Garba	—	Member
(*iv*)	Senator Ahmad I. Lawan	—	Member
(*v*)	Senator Emmanuel Bwacha	—	Member
(*vi*)	Senator Bashir G. Marafa	—	Member
(*vii*)	Senator Abdul'Aziz Nyako	—	Member
(*viii*)	Senator George T. Sekibo	—	Member
(*ix*)	Senator Shehu Sani	—	Member
(*x*)	Senator Ahmed Abubakar	—	Member

(iv) Acknowledgement:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Members of the Federation of Oyo State Students Union who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Dino Melaye *(Kogi West)* drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Mr Meseko, Olugbenga Felix, for wrongful dismissal from office by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS). 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)].

6. Executive Communication:

Screening of Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of the following nominees for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs respectively for the Armed Forces of the Federation:

(*i*)	Major General Abayomi Gabriel Olonisakin	—	Chief of Defence Staff
(*ii*)	Major General Tukur Yusufu Buratai	—	Chief of Army Staff
(*iii*)	Rear Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas	—	Chief of Naval Staff
(*iv*)	Air Vice Marshal Sadique Baba Abubakar	—	Chief of Air Staff

(*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chief of Defence Staff, Service Chiefs and the Defence Liaison Officers to the National Assembly accordingly admitted.

Motion made: Pursuant to Rules 113 and 136, the Senate do resolve into a Closed Executive Session to screen the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs (*Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Closed Executive Session — 11:19 a.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(2)] (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Open Session — 4:00 pm

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Executive Session, considered the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of nominees for appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation. The nominees answered questions from Distinguished Senators on Defence Matters and a number of topical issues and thereafter approved the nominations of the following persons as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation:

(*i*)	Major General Abayomi Gabriel Olonisakin (*Chief of Defence Staff*)	— *Agreed to*
(*ii*)	Major General Tukur Yusufu Buratai (*Chief of Army Staff*)	— *Agreed to*
(*iii*)	Rear Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas (*Chief of Naval Staff*)	— *Agreed to*
(*iv*)	Air Vice Marshal Sadique Baba Abubakar (*Chief of Air Staff*)	— *Agreed to*

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Major General Abayomi Gabriel Olonisakin for appointment as the Chief of Defence Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federation?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Major General Abayomi Gabriel Olonisakin for appointment as the Chief of Defence Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federation accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Major General Tukur Yusufu Buratai for appointment as the Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federation?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Major General Tukur Yusufu Buratai for appointment as the Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federation accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Rear Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas for appointment as the Chief of Naval Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federation?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Rear Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas for appointment as the Chief of Naval Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federation accordingly confirmed.

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Air Vice Marshal Sadique Baba Abubakar for appointment as the Chief of Air Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federation?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Air Vice Marshal Sadique Baba Abubakar for appointment as the Chief of Air Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federation accordingly confirmed.

7. Motions:

(a) Collapse of Road Infrastructure in Nigeria:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

(b) Flood and Erosion Disaster in Awka, Isuanaocha, Obosi and Other Communities of Anambra Central:

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

8. Adjournment:

And it being 4:18 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Wednesday, 5th August, 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 4:18 *p.m.*

Abubakar Olubukola Saraki, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.