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**SENATE OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Tuesday 22nd March, 2016

The Senate met at 10:41a.m.

PRAYERS

(The President in the Chair)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The President: Distinguished Senators, we have the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 17th March, 2016 before us for approval. We will start consideration from page 581 to 589.

Senator Peter Nwaboshi (Delta North): Mr. President, I move that the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 17th March, 2016 be approved.

Senator Yusuf Abubakar Yusuf (Taraba Central): Mr. President, I second the Motion that the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 17th March, 2016 be approved.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the Votes and Proceedings of 17th March, 2016 be approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Invitation

The President: This wedding invitation is from Senator (Dr.) Abdullahi Adamu, (CON) and it reads:

16th March, 2016

The Senate President
National Assembly Complex
Three Arms Zone
Abuja.

Mr. President,

Invitation to Wedding Ceremony

This is to officially announce and invite my dear distinguished colleagues to the wedding of my daughter (Saddiqah Abdullahi Adamu and Dr. Misbahu Bello Sani, FCMI) scheduled for Friday, the 25th of March, 2016, by 2:30 p.m. at Emir's Palace, Keffi.

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Thank you as you honour this invitation.

SENATOR (DR.) ABDULLAHI ADAMU, (CON)
Sarkin Yakin Keffi

Birthday Wishes

I want to congratulate Senator G. Bassey for his birthday, which was on the 18th March, 2016. We congratulate him and wish him many more years of good health and prosperity.

Visitors in the Gallery

I wish to acknowledge the presence of Members of Nigerian Economics Students Association, University of Abuja Chapter, Gwagwalada FTC, Abuja; Staff and Students of Young Doctors Academy, Rock Tafa, Niger State; and Staff and Students of Gifted Science Secondary School, Masaka, Nasarawa State who are in the Gallery to observe Senate Proceedings?

I wish them fruitful observations of the Senate proceedings.

(Visitors stood for recognition.)

Please sit down.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

Report on the Accounts of the Federation of Nigeria

Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume (Borno South): Mr. President, the first Business of the Day is the presentation of the Annual Report of the Auditor-General for the Federation on the Accounts of the Federation of Nigeria for the year ended 31st December, 2014 in accordance with section 85(2) and (5) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended.

With your permission, I therefore, wish to move that the Senate to receive the Report.

Senator Philip Aduda Tanimu (FTC): Mr. President, I second the Motion that the Senate do receive the Report as moved by the Senate Leader.

Question put and agreed to

(Report laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to report back within four (4) weeks)

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Report of the Conference Committee on MTEF

Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume: Mr. President, the Second Business of the Day is the presentation of a Report of the Conference Committee on the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP). Mr. President, you may wish to invite distinguish John Owan Enoh, Chairman of the Committee to move the Motion for the Senate to receive the Report.

Senator John Owan Enoh (Cross River): Mr. President, I move that the Senate receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper.

Senator Mustapha Bukar (Katsina North): Mr. President, I second the Motion ably moved by the Chairman of the Committee.

Question put and agreed to.

(Report laid on the Table)

2016 Appropriation Bill

Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume: Mr. President, the Third Business of the day is the presentation of the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on the 2016 Appropriation Bill. Mr. President, you may wish to invite distinguish Senator Danjuma Goje, Chairman of the Committee to move the Motion for the Senate to receive the Report.

Senator Danjuma Goje (Gombe Central): Mr. President, I move that the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on 2016 Appropriation Bill.

Senator Sunny Oji Ogbuoji (Ebonyi South): Mr. President, I second the Motion ably moved by Chairman Senate Committee on Appropriation.

Question put and agreed to

(Report laid on the Table)

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Demise of Honourable Baba Musa Owan

Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume: Mr. President, I want to announce on a sad note that the National Assembly on Thursday 17th March, 2016 lost one of its Member, Honourable Baba Musa Owan representing Nasarawa Toto from Nasarawa State. In line with the tradition of the National Assembly, I move that we observe a minute silence and stand down all other items on the Order Paper to the next Legislative Day.

Senator Philip Aduda Tanimu: Mr. President, in view of the sad event which took place in the House of Representatives on the loss of one of its Members, I second the Motion that we stand down all items on the Order Paper to the next Legislative Day.

Question put and agreed to

(With the leave of the Senate, all other items on the Order Paper stood down to the next Legislative Day).

(A minute silence was accordingly observed)

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Mohammed Ali Ndume: Mr. President, having exhausted all items on our Order Paper for today, I hereby move that the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 23rd March, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. prompt.

Senator Philip Aduda Tanimu: Mr. President, I second the Motion as moved by the Leader.

Question put and agreed to

Resolved: The Senate do stand adjourned till Wednesday, 23rd March, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. prompt

The Senate adjourned accordingly at 11:01a.m.