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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 6 February, 2013

1. The House met at 11.32 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 5 February, 2013.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**

(*i*) ***Constitution Review*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Constitution Review, requesting Members to cross check the collated results of the Peoples' Public Sessions on the Review of the 1999 Constitution, and address any observation on the results to the Secretariat of the Committee, Room 447, New Building between Wednesday, 6 and Friday, 8 February, 2013.

(*ii*) ***Meeting with the under-listed Standing Committees and National Assembly Leadership*:**
Mr Speaker also announced that a meeting of the Leadership of the National Assembly with the Chairmen of the following Standing Committees has been scheduled to hold on Thursday, 7 February, 2013 in Senate Conference Room 231 (New Building) by 2.00 p.m.:

(1) Committee on Police Affairs
(2) Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
(3) Committee on Water Resources
(4) Committee on Education
(5) Committee on Federal Capital Territory Administration
(6) Committee on Health
(7) Committee on Power
(8) Committee on Science and Technology
(9) Committee on Transport
(10) Committee on Works
(11) Committee on Lands and Housing
(12) Committee on Aviation
(13) Committee on Environment
(14) Committee on Niger-Delta
(15) Committee on MDGs

(*iii*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

(*a*) Staff and Students of Oloye Comprehensive College, Lugbe, Abuja;

(*b*) Staff and Students of Model Islamic Nursery and Primary School, Kubwa, Abuja;

(*c*) Staff and Students of JAMS Academy, Madalla, Suleja, Niger State.

4. **Petition:**
A petition was presented and laid by Hon. Adetunji Ajagbe (*Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*), from Barr. O. A. Adeyemi and 13 Others, on behalf of Federal Council of Ede Descendants Union protesting the manner of the appointment of the Rector, Federal Polytechnic, Ede, and praying the House to redress the anomaly.

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Presentation of Report:**
***Committee on Finance*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Finance on the Independent Revenue Generation and Remittance to the Consolidated Revenue Fund by Government-Owned Agencies" (*Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin — Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid.

6. **Need to Review Federal Constituencies and Senatorial Districts in Nigeria:**

Order read; by leave of the House, deferred.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 217) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 217) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola — House Leader*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Education, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), and Gas.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Civil Aviation Act, 2006 to Prescribe Penalties for delays and Cancellation of Flights by Airlines and for Other Related Matters (HB. 410) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Civil Aviation Act, 2006 to Prescribe Penalties for delays and Cancellation of Flights by Airlines and for Other Related Matters (HB. 410) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Question that the Bill be now read a Second time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Aviation.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Govern the Legal Profession and for Other Purposes (HB. 335) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Govern the Legal Profession and for Other Purposes (HB. 335) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ali Ahmad — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constitution*).

Debate:

Bill stood down, by leave of the House.

10. Consideration of Reports:

(*i*) ***Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 218) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN AFRICA AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, MEMBERSHIP, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN AFRICA

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 1: Establishment of the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa.

(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (in this Bill referred to as the "Directorate").

(2) The Directorate shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 1 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 2: Establishment of the Board.

(1) There is hereby established for the Directorate, a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") which shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Directorate.

(2) The Board shall consist of the following members:

(*a*) The Minister as Chairman;

(*b*) a representative of each of the following Ministries, being persons not below the rank of

(*c*) Director appointed by their respective Ministers —

(*i*) the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology;

(*ii*) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

(*iii*) the Federal Ministry of Finance;

(*d*) the Director-General of the Directorate;

(*e*) Director Legal who shall act as the Secretary to the Board.

Schedule.

(4) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill shall have the effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters contained therein (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 2 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 3: Tenure of office.

(1) The three other members of the Board, referred to in Section 2 sub-section (2) paragraph (c), shall each hold office for a period of 4 years on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment and may be re-appointed for one further period of 4 years and no more.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, any member of the Board may, at any time, be removed from office by the Minister, with the approval of the President, for inability to discharge the functions of his office, (whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause), or for corrupt practices or any act of misconduct.

(3) A member of the Board may at any time resign his office by a letter addressed to the President or if the President is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Directorate for the person appointed to continue in office the member shall be notified in writing to that effect (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Amendment Proposed:

In subclause (3), line 2, immediately after the word "President", *leave out* all the other words (*Hon. Enokorogha Francis — Burutu Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that Clause 3 *as amended. stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 4: Allowances, Benefits, etc.

The Chairman and members of the Board shall be paid such allowances and benefits as may be determined, from time to time, by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 4 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 5: Functions of the Directorates.

(1) The Directorate shall —

(*a*) promote technology transfer through technical cooperation between Nigeria and other countries in Africa;

(*b*) facilitate capacity building in research and development;

(*c*) promote the exchange of high-level research experts in science, technology and the humanities;

(*d*) generate new ideas for African development through cooperative research and development activities;

(*e*) promote the reversal of the trend of brain drain from Africa to the developed countries and promote the movement of high skilled manpower within Africa and from developed countries;

(*f*) facilitate cooperation and integration in Africa through technology transfer and the diffusion of innovations;

(*g*) provide sustainable funding for the Scientific and Technical Exchange Programme (STEP); and

(*h*) provide database of all Nigerian experts in the humanities, arts, science and technology (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 6: Powers of the Directorates.

The Directorate shall have power to —

(*a*) enter into collaborative and cooperation agreements or arrangements with international

(*b*) agencies and organizations in respect of international cooperation and regional integration particularly in Africa; and

(*c*) carry out consensus building and awareness programmes among countries in Africa on matters relating to international cooperation and integration (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIA TECHNICAL COOPERATION FUND

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 7: Establishment, etc. of the Nigeria Technical Co-operation Fund.

(1) The Directorate shall establish and maintain a Fund with the African Development Bank Group to be known as the Nigeria Technical Cooperation Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Fund") pursuant to the Technical Cooperation Agreement between the Government of Nigeria and the African Development Bank Group.

(2) The Fund established pursuant to sub-section (1) of this section shall consist of money accruing from the resources of the Nigerian Trust Fund with the African Development Bank.

(3) The Fund shall be managed by the African Development Bank and shall be utilized in financing the activities of the Directorate as specified in the Technical Cooperation Agreement.

(4) The African Development Bank shall furthermore, on the advice of the Directorate from time to time, defray from the Fund expenses relating to, among other things, costs, remuneration, allowances and benefits of experts selected, approved and engaged by the Directorate for its programmes. The Directorate shall howsoever not be allowed to draw directly from the Fund (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART III — STAFF OF THE DIRECTORATE

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 2: Director General and staff of the Directorate.

(1) There shall be for the Directorate, a Director General who shall be appointed by the President and shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Directorate responsible for the execution of policy and the day-to-day running of the affairs of the Directorate.

(2) The Director General shall hold office for a term of 4 years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(3) The Board shall appoint for the Directorate such other staff as it may deem necessary and expedient, from time to time, for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Directorate.

(4) The terms and conditions of service including remuneration, allowance, benefits and pensions of officers and employees of the Directorate shall be determined by the Board after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

(5) Without prejudice to any future re-structuring, the Director shall for the smooth running of its affairs and in pursuance of its set goals and objectives, have among others the following:

(*a*) Departments:
- (*i*) Administration;
- (*ii*) Diaspora;
- (*iii*) Finance;
- (*iv*) Programme Management;
- (*v*) Research Monitoring and Information Services; and
- (*vi*) Legal.

(*b*) Units:
- (*i*) Anti-Corruption and Transparency
- (*ii*) Internal Audit;
- (*iii*) Public Relations; and
- (*iv*) SERVICOM (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency.*

Question that Clause 8 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 9: Pension Reforms Act, 2004.

(1) It is hereby declared that service in the Directorate shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions, and accordingly, officers and employees of the Directorate shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Pension Reform Act 2004.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.

(3) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act 2004, any power exercisable by the Minister or other authority of the Federal Government, other than the power to make regulations, under section 23 thereof, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Board and not by any other person or authority (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency.*

Question that Clause 9 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 10: Fund of the Directorates.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Bill, the Directorate may, from time to time, defray its expenses from funds accruing to it from the following sources: .

(*a*) any allocation to the Directorate from the Federation Account;

(*b*) such moneys as may, from time to time, be granted to the Directorate by the Federal Government;

(*c*) rents, fees and other internally generated revenues from services provided by the Directorate;

(*d*) grants, loans and other facilities from national, bilateral and multilateral agencies or organizations; and

(*e*) all other sums accruing to the Directorate, from time to time.

(2) The Directorate shall apply the proceeds of the fund accruing to it to —

(*a*) the cost of administration of the Directorate;

(*b*) the payment of salaries, fees, remuneration, allowances and such other moneys payable to members of the Board, employees and/or officers of the Directorate;

(*c*) the payment for all contracts, including mobilization, fluctuations, variations, legal fees and costs on contract administration;

(*d*) the payment for all purchases; and

(*e*) undertaking such other activities as are connected with all or any of the functions of the Directorate under this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) In subclause (1) (*a*), *leave out* the words "Federation Account" and *insert* the words "Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation" (*Hon. Leo O. Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) In subclause (1) (*c*), immediate after the words "in such a manner as prescribed by the National Assembly" (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that Clause 10 *as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 11: Power to borrow.

The Directorate may, with the approval of the Minister or in accordance with the general authority given by the Federal Government, borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source any moneys required by the Directorate to meet its obligations and its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 11 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 12: Power to accept gifts.

(1) The Directorate may accept any gift of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.

(2) The Directorate shall not however accept any gift if the conditions attached by the Person or organization offering the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Directorate or the policy of the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 12 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 13: **Investment Act, Cap. 449, LFN.**

The Directorate may, with the approval of the Minister, invest any of its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Act or in such other securities in accordance with the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency.*

Question that Clause 13 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 14: **Exemption from Tax.**

The Directorate shall be exempted from the payment of any income tax on any income accruing from investments for the Directorate or otherwise howsoever (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency.*

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision of Clause 14 (*Hon. Leo O. Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 15: **Annual estimates and accounts.**

(1) The Directorate shall, not later than the 30th day of September in each year, submit to the Minister through the Board, budgetary estimates of its expenditure for the following year.

(2) The Directorate shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency.*

Question that Clause 15 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 16: **Annual Report of the Directorate.**

The Directorate shall, not later than six months after the end of each year and in collaboration with the African Development Bank, prepare and submit annual report to the Federal Executive Council through the Board and the Minister, in such form as may be prescribed by the Minister, on the activities of the Directorate during the preceding year and such report shall include a copy of the audited accounts of the Directorate for that year and the auditors' report on the accounts (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency.*

Question that Clause 16 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

PART V — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 17: **Limitation of the suits against the Directorate, etc. Cap. 379,LFN.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of the Directorate.

(2) No suit against the Directorate, a member of the Board or the Director-General or any officer or employee of the Directorate for any act done or omitted to be done or any alleged neglect or default in pursuance or execution of the functions of the Directorate or in exercise of any powers pursuant to this Bill or any other enactment or law, or of any public duty or authority shall lie or be instituted unless it is commenced —

(*a*) within twelve months next after the act, omission, neglect or default complained of; or

(*b*) in the case of continuation of damage or injury, within six months next after the ceasing thereof.

(3) No suit shall be commenced against the Directorate, a member of the Board or the Directorate-General or any officer or employee of the Directorate before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on the Directorate by the intending plaintiff or his agent.

(4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) of this Section shall clearly and explicitly state the cause of action, the particulars of the claims, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 17 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 18: **Service of Documents.**

A notice, summons or other document required or authorized to be served on the Directorate under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering it to the Director-General or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the Director-General at the principal office of the Directorate (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 18 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 19: **Restriction of Execution against the property of the Directorate.**

(1) In any action against the Directorate, no execution or attachment of process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Directorate unless a prior notice, of not less than three months, of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the Directorate.

(2) Any sums of money which by the judgment of any court, awarded against the Directorate shall, subject to any direction given by the court where notice of appeal against the judgment has been given, be paid from the Fund of the Directorate with the African Development Bank (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 19 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 20: **Indemnity of Officers.**

A member of the Board or the Director-General or any officer or employee of the Directorate shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Directorate against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Board, Director-General, officer or employee of the Directorate (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 20 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 21: **Secrecy.**

(1) A member of the Board or the Director-General or any officer or employee of the Directorate shall —

(*a*) not, for his personal gain, make use of any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board or as the Director-General, officer or employee of the Directorate;

(*b*) treat as confidential any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the performance of his duties under this Bill;

(*c*) not disclose any information referred to under paragraph (*b*) of this subsection except when required to do so by any court or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed, from time to time, by the Committee.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ₦500,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both such fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 21 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 22: **Directives by the Minister, etc.**

Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the Directorate directives of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with respect to the performance by the Directorate of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Directorate to comply with the directives (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 22 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 23: **Powers to make regulation.**

The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Directorate, make Regulations generally for the purposes of this Bill or for giving effect to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that Clause 23 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 24: **Interpretation.**

In this Bill, except the context otherwise requires —

"Directorate" means the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa established under Section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that the meaning of the word "Directorate" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Board" means the Governing Board established under Section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that the meaning of the word "Board" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Minister" and "Ministry" means the Minister and Ministry respectively charged with the responsibility for matters relating to Cooperation and Integration in Africa (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that the meaning of the words "Minister" and "Ministry" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Technical Cooperation" includes but is not limited to any arrangement or measures for collaborative interactions between nations or organizations on matters relating to technical expertise; technology transfer; capacity building; research and development; project or programme formulation and implementation; funding; etc. (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency.*

Question that the meaning of the words "Technical Cooperation" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 24 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Amendment Proposed:
Insert a new Clause as follows:
"Clause 25: Citation.
This Bill may be cited as Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2013 (*Hon. Albert T. Sam-Tsokwa — Dunga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that new Clause 25 *stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

SCHEDULE

Section 2 (3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

1. The Board shall for the purposes of this Bill, meet quarterly in each year and whenever it is summoned by the Chairman.

2. Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him for such period as it thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.

3. (1) The Board may appoint one or more sub-committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such of its functions under this Bill as the Board may determine.

(2) A sub-committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board) as may be determined by the Board; and a person, other than a member of the Board shall hold office on the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(3) A decision of a sub-committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

4. (1) Fixing of the seal of the Directorate shall be authenticated by both the signature of the Chairman or of any other person authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board or Directorate and the Director General.

(2) Any contract or instrument, which if made or

(3) Executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Board or Directorate by the Director General or any person generally or specially authorized by the Board to act for the purpose.

(4) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Directorate shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

5. The validity of any proceeding of the Board or of a sub-committee thereof shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or of a sub-committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Board sub-committee.

6. (1) Any member of the Board who is directly or indirectly interested in any matter being deliberated upon or considered by the Board or is interested in any contract made or proposed to be made by the Directorate shall, as soon as possible after relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest in writing or at a meeting of the Board.

(2) A disclosure made under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be recorded in the minutes of meetings of the Board considering the matter or contract in respect of which the interest was disclosed and the member shall not participate in the meeting (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question that the provisions of the Schedule stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Establish the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa and for Matters Connected Therewith (*Hon. Abubakar E. Momoh — Etsako East/West/Central Federal Constituency*.

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole consider the Report of the Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 218) and approved Clauses 1 and 2, amended Clause 3, approved Clauses 4 - 9, amended Clause 10, approved Clauses 11 - 13, delected Clause 14, approved Clauses 15 - 24, approved a new Clause 25 and the Long Title of the Bill.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole, put and agreed to.

(*ii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Petition by A. M. Mabayat:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by A. M. Mabayat against the Federal Civil Service Commission (FRSC) and the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation on the Improper Grade level placement and Career stagnation in the Federal Civil Service and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Federal Civil Services Commission to release the petitioner's 2009/2010 promotion to GL 16; and effect the petitioner's placement on GL 17 with effect from 1st January 2010" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Further urge the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation to calculate and pay him the balance of his salary and allowances at the prevailing rate from the date he was short-paid" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the words in Prayers (*i*) and (*ii*) and *insert* instead thereof as follows:
"The Federal Civil Service Commission should re-appraise the petitioner's case and act in accordance with extant rules in the service" (*Hon. Simon Yakubu Arabo — Kauru Federal Constituency*).

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

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by A. M. Mabayat against the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) and the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation on the improper grade level placement and career stagnation in the Federal Civil Service and approved the Recommendation as amended.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole, put and agreed to.

(*iii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Petition by the Former Staff of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC):
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the Former Staff of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) on the Alleged Dismissal of 4,029 Officers from the Services of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) to present the disengaged staff to the private partner for first option consideration of those suitably qualified for utilization under the new scheme" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to direct the Federal Civil Service Commission to absorb the affected staff into other Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) where they are suitably qualified" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the former staff of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) on the alleged dismissal of 4,029 Officers from the service of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) and approved Recommendations (*i*) and (*ii*).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole, put and agreed to.

(*iv*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Petition by Tyoor F. M. Terhemba:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Tyoor F. M. Terhemba against the Director-General, Women Development Centre, Abuja on the Alleged Intimidation, Harassment, Victimization and Threat to Life and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Resolve to step down the petition being a subject of litigation before a court of law" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Tyoor F. M. Terhemba against the Director-General, Women Development Centre, Abuja on the alleged intimidation, harassment, victimization and threat to life, and approved the Committee's one Recommendation.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole, put and agreed to.

11. Adjournment:
That the House do now adjourn till Thursday, 7 *February*, 2013 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Mulikat Akande -Adeola — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.18 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker