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1. The House met at 11.38 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, 21 October, 2014.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following:

(*i*) Representatives of Lagos State University Students' Union, Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State.

(*ii*) Staff and Students of African International College, Abuja.

4. **Petition:**
A petition was presented and laid by Hon. Raphael Samson Osagie (*Orhiomwon Uhunmwode Federal Constituency*) on behalf of Mr Anthony Joe Ikpeme, praying the House to investigate the termination of his appointment by First Bank Nigeria Plc, with a view to ensuring justice.

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46):**
(*i*) Hon. Isa Lawan (*Guzamola/Kukawa/Mobbar/Abadan Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the unrelenting siege on most communities in his constituency by Boko Haram insurgents. He noted that despite the announcement of cease-fire agreement by the Federal Government, the insurgents have continued their reign of terror, thereby causing villagers to flee to other neighboring countries for refuge. He emphasized the need for the Federal Government to immediately rescue these villages and thus urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that the matter could be debated immediately

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

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Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

The Urgent Need to Rescue Abadam/Mobbar/Guzamal/Kukawa Federal Constituency in Borno State which has Fallen under the Control of the Boko Haram Insurgents:

The House:

Notes that Abadam Local Government Area alone is known to be one of the food baskets of the nation which cultivates over 150,000 hectares of land to produce Rice, Maize and Beans to feed the nation and the neighboring countries of Chad and Niger Republics;

Further notes that some villages in Abadam, Kukawa and Mabbar Local Government Area in the shores of the Lake Chad Basin which includes Abadam, Gashagar, Jabullam, Doguri, Madai, Dumba, Kulleram, Kuikelea, Shawaram, Kangarwa, Arega, Faliwa, Gogobirni, Ali Jilamari, Mamuri, Kurnawa, Malum Zuberu and Bawari are already under the control of the insurgents;

Aware that these agriculturally rich areas have been under the control of the Boko Haram Insurgents for the past one week;

Concerned that this unfortunate incident is still continuing despite the announcement of the cease fire agreement between the Federal Government and the Boko Haram Sect;

Worried that if urgent action is not taken to rescue the villages and town, Nigeria will further lose its territory to the Boko Haram Insurgents;

Disturbed that innocent people are being taken hostage and forced into all kinds of inhuman punishments thereby subjecting them to hunger and starvation;

Further disturbed that Nigerian citizens are being forced to migrate to other neigbouring countries in search for food, shelter and security on daily bases;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to focus and give more attention on the Northern Borno axis which is falling into the hands of the Boko Haram on daily basis;

(*ii*) Also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to without delay provide relief materials to those victims who are taking refuge in Damasak, Kukawa, Gudulmbal and neighboring Niger and Chad Republics (*Hon. Isa Lawan Guzamala, Kukawa, Mobbar, Abadam Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to Committees on Defence, and Public Safety and National Security for further legislative action (**HR. 43/2014**).

(*ii*) Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa (*Ikorodu Federal Constituency*) recalled that about a week ago, Oyoms, the son of Chief Diepriye Alameseigha, former Governor of Bayelsa State died in mysterious circumstances in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. She noted that another Nigerian student, Tosa Falode also died in similar circumstances a few months ago. She averred that at least seven other Nigerians have been reportedly killed in Dubai under questionable circumstances and therefore stressed the need for the Federal Government to intervene. She thus urged the House to consider the matter as one of urgent public importance and to suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) so that the matter could be debated immediately.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.*

Indiscriminate Killing of Nigerians in Dubai, United Arab Emirate:

The House:

Notes that on Tuesday, 14 October, 2014, a Nigerian student in Dubai, United Arab Emirate, Oyoms, son of the former Governor of Bayelsa State, Dr Diepriye Alameseigha died in a mysterious circumstances in Dubai;

Concerned that contrary to speculations that Oyoms committed suicide, available information revealed that he was actually murdered;

Further notes that only few months ago, another Nigerian student in Dubai, Tosa Falode, son of a notable Journalist, Aisha Falode died in similar circumstances;

Worried that since the death of Tosa Falode, over 7 Nigerians have died in similar mysterious circumstances in Dubai;

Perturbed that if full investigation are not conducted on these deaths, further killings of Nigerian may continue in Dubai;

Resolves to:

Urge the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to liaise with the Nigerian Embassy in Dubai to ensure full scale investigations into the death of Oyoms Alameseigha, Tosa Falode and other Nigerians who were killed in Dubai and to report back to the House within one month (*Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa -- Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs for further legislative action (**HR. 44/2014**).

6. Matter Requiring the Attention of the House:

Hon. Eucharia Azodo (*Aguata Federal Constituency*) noted that on Monday, 20 October, 2014 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Nigeria free of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). She noted the success story of Nigeria in effectively containing the spread of the disease in the country. She commended the efforts of the Federal Government, State Governments and indeed all Nigerians in the collective struggle against the disease. She prayed for those who lost their lives in the course of the struggle and called for continuous vigilance of all Nigerians with a view to preventing a resurgence of the virus. She stated that because the National Assembly is a public institution with high volume of movement of people, the leadership and management of the Assembly should take precautionary steps to ensure that the premises of the Assembly is continuously free from the virus.

Mr Speaker noted that the management of the National Assembly have provided hand sanitizers in strategic areas of the complex as a precautionary measure.

7. Presentation of Bills:

The following Bills were presented and read the *First Time*:

(*i*) Financial Contributions to Police Reform Programme Bill, 2014 (HB. 762);

(*ii*) Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 763);

(*iii*) Nigerian Industrial Revolution Plan Bill, 2014 (HB. 757);

(*iv*) Quarantine Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 758);

(*v*) National Empowerment and Enhancement Scheme (Establishment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 759);

(*vi*) Animal Health Practitioners (Registration) Bill, 2014 (HB. 760);

(*vii*) National Agricultural Seeds Council Bill, 2014 (HB. 761); and

(*viii*) National Programme on Immunization (Repeal) Bill, 2014 (HB. 764).

8. Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to ensure full Integration of Persons with Disabilities into the Society and to Establish a National Commission for Persons with Disabilities and Vest it with the Responsibilities for their Education, Health Care and the Protection of their Social, Economic and Civil Rights (HB. 70) 2012:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2012 was passed by the House on Thursday, 24 May, 2012 and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence;

The Senate passed same Bill with some differences;

The two Chambers met in Conference on Wednesday, 28 May, 2014 and adopted a harmonized version of the Bill;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for receipt and adoption;

And in view of the importance of the Bill in ensuring the integration of persons with disabilities in the society and the development and management of the health system in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to ensure full Integration of Persons with Disabilities into the Society and establish a National Commission for Persons with Disabilities and Vest it with the Responsibilities for their Education, Health Care and the Protection of their Social, Economic and Civil Rights (*Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

9. Need for Explanation of the Failure to Construct the ₦3.7 Trillion Green Field Refineries at Lagos, Bayelsa and Kogi States Four (4) Years after the Award of the Contract:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government signed an Agreement on May 13, 2010 with the China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC) for the construction of Greenfield Refineries Projects at Lagos, Bayelsa and Kogi States at a cost of $23 Billion (₦.7 Trillion) with a completion period of five years;

Aware that based on the terms, 80 percent of the cost is to be funded with a loan provided by China Export Credit Insurance Corporation and a consortium of Chinese banks led by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, while the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) is to provide 20 percent of the funding as equity contribution;

Disturbed that no tangible work has been executed at any of the three project sites with just a year to the end of the period projected for completion of the refineries, even though the Minister of Petroleum Resources had assured the public of the commitment of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to pursue the projects as soon as the White Paper on the Report of the twenty-two (22) member Task Force headed by former Minister of Finance, Dr Kalu Idika Kalu was released;

Amazed that despite a favourable recommendation by the Task Force for the Lagos refinery, out of the three, there is no evidence of any plan to construct a refinery at the Lekki site by year 2015, as reported by Daily Trust of Monday, September 1, 2014;

Concerned that the revelations by the Minister of Petroleum Resources raised issues that need clarification as to the reason for the delay in the commencement of the projects and subsequent reduction in their scope after the delay in releasing the Report of the Task Force and the White Paper on it;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Downstream), and Finance to investigate the delay in the commencement of the refinery projects and report back to the House within two weeks (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen — Zaria Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspense Order VIII, Rule 50 to enable it take an amendment on the Motion" (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Amendment Proposed:
In the Prayer, *leave out* the words "and Finance" (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Government signed an Agreement on May 13, 2010 with the China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC) for the construction of Greenfield Refineries Projects at Lagos, Bayelsa and Kogi States at a cost of $23 Billion (₦3.7 Trillion) with a completion period of five years;

Aware that based on the terms, 80 percent of the cost is to be funded with a loan provided by China Export Credit Insurance Corporation and a consortium of Chinese banks led by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, while the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) is to provide 20 percent of the funding as equity contribution;

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Concerned that the revelations by the Minister of Petroleum Resources raised issues that need clarification as to the reason for the delay in the commencement of the projects and subsequent reduction in their scope after the delay in releasing the Report of the Task Force and the White Paper on it;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the delay in the commencement of the refinery projects and report back to the House within two weeks (**HR. 45/2014**).

10. **Need to Stop the Use of Face Masks and Hoods by Military and Department of State Service Personnel:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that every security agency has an assigned uniform for ease of identification;

Aware that none of the agencies has masks or hoods as part of its uniform;

Concerned that some military and Department of State Service personnel, now routinely use masks and hoods openly, particularly while monitoring elections and carrying out other duties;

Also aware that the use of masks and hoods often terrifies the citizenry as they conceal the identity of those wearing them;

Further aware that hoodlums also use face masks and hoods while carrying out their criminal activities;

Recalls that in the recent time, masks and hoods were used by security operatives to perpetrate illegal arrests, harassment and detention of innocent citizens;

Resolves to:

Urge the Chief of Defence Staff, the Service Chiefs, the Inspector General of Police and the Director-General of the Department of State Service to direct their personnel to adhere strictly to their various assigned uniforms and stop the use of masks and hoods in carrying out their official duties (*Hon. Nathaniel Agunbiade — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Debate adjourned.

Ordered: The Committees on Defence, Public Safety and National Security, Army, Air Force, Navy, and Police Affairs should investigate the reported rampant use of masks and hoods by Security Personnel and report back to the House in 2 weeks.

11. **Consolidation of Bills:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition, Prevention, Detection, Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes and for Other Related Matters (HB. 669), a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Cyber Security and Information Protection Agency Charged with the Responsibility to Secure Computer Systems and Networks and Liaison with the Relevant Law Enforcement Agencies for the Enforcement of Cyber Crime Laws, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 407), and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Promotion of Internet Safety, to require Internet Service Providers and Mobile Phone Operators to provide a service that excludes Pornographic Images and to require Electronic device Manufacturers to provide a means of filtering the contents of devices made for use in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 673) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Deputy House Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

12. **A Bill for an Act to incorporate and enforce certain Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, National Gender Policy; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 756) — *Second Reading*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resume debate on a Bill for an Act to incorporate and enforce certain Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, National Gender Policy; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 756) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Mr Speaker recalled that on Thursday, 16 *October*, 2014, *the sponsor of the Bill was directed to liaise with the Committee on Rules and Business with a view to examining the constitutionality or otherwise of the Bill. He therefore invited the Chairman, Committee on Rules and Business to brief the House.*

The Chairman, Committee on Rules and Business noted that the essence of the Bill is to domesticate the international treaties to which Nigeria is a signatory, since the Treaties are not enforceable in the country without domestication. He stated that Sections 34 and 42 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) are general in nature, whereas the provisions of the Bill are specific and complimentary to the Constitution. He stated that the Committee on Rules and Business therefore concluded that the Bill is constitutionally in order.

Debate resumed:

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

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Human Rights, Women Affairs, and Justice.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Loan and Risk Management of Nigeria, to provide for the Control of its membership and to Promote the Practice of Loan and Risk Management in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 593) — *Second Reading*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Loan and Risk Management of Nigeria, to provide for the Control of its membership and to Promote the Practice of Loan and Risk Management in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 593) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ekpenyong Essien Ayi — Calabar South/Akpabuyo/Bakassi Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

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

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

14. **A Bill for an Act Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to empower, develop and provide alternative Employment for the Youths, to facilitate Peace Community Services, Nation Building and for Other Related Matters (HB. 616) — Second Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to empower, develop and provide alternative Employment for the Youths, to facilitate Peace Community Services, Nation Building and for Other Related Matters (HB. 616) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Joseph Haruna Kigbu — Lafia/Obi Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

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

Bill read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Interior, Youth Development, and Justice.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Development and Implementation of a Local Industry Participation Policy for Nigeria and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 726) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Postal Service Act, Cap. N127, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 755) — *Second Reading*:**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Consideration of Reports:**

(*i*) ***Committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management and Finance*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management and Finance on the External Borrowing of not more than One Billion US Dollars (USD 1B) to tackle the National Security Challenges in the Country and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):
"Approve the request of Mr President on the need for his administration to borrow not more than $1 billion USD for the purpose of tackling the current national security challenges" *(Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):
"Request the National Security Adviser to provide the breakdown of allocations apportioned to the under-listed Agencies to the Committees on Public Safety and National Security, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management within one week. The Agencies are:

(*a*) Nigerian Air force,

(*b*) Nigerian Navy,

(*c*) Nigerian Army,

(*d*) Department of State Services (DSS),

(*e*) Nigeria Police Force,

(*f*) Nigeria Intelligence Agency (NIA) *(Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):
"Request the Minister of Finance to provide information on source of funds terms and conditions of the loan (vis a vis the tenor, interest repayment, etc.) to the Committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management, and Finance within one week *(Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko 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 Committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management and Finance on the External Borrowing of not more than One Billion US Dollars (USD 1B) to tackle the National Security Challenges in the Country and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*) of the Report.

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

(*ii*) ***Committee on National Planning and Economic Development*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria to be charged with the responsibility to determine what standards of Knowledge and Skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become Members of the Statistics Profession and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 541) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the 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 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF STATISTICIANS OF NIGERIA, AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF STATISTICIANS OF NIGERIA

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 1: Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria.

(1) Establishment:

(*a*) there is hereby established a body to be known as the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria (in this Bill hereafter referred to as "the Institute") which shall be a body corporate under that name;

(*b*) the Institute shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, which shall be kept in such custody as the Council under this Bill, may from time to time authorize; and

(*c*) the Institute may sue and be sued in its corporate name and may hold, acquire and dispose of any property, moveable or immoveable.

(2) Duties of the Institute:
The Institute shall be charged with the general duty of:

(*a*) determining what standards of knowledge and skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the Statistics profession and reviewing those standards from time to time as circumstances may permit:

(*b*) securing in accordance with the provision of this Bill the establishment and maintenance of registers of fellows, associates and registered Statisticians entitled to practice as Statisticians and the publication from time to time of lists of those persons; and

(*c*) performing through the Council under this Bill the functions conferred on it by this Bill.

(3) Membership of the Institute:
Subject to the provisions of this Bill, members admitted to the Institute shall:

(*a*) be enrolled as Chartered Statisticians in the category of:

(*i*) fellows, or

(*ii*) associates; or

(*b*) be registered as registered Statisticians, and shall have such status in the Institute accordingly:

(*c*) persons accorded by the Council under this Bill with the status of Chartered Statisticians shall be entitled to the use of that name and:

(*i*) shall be recorded as fellows if they satisfy the Council that for the next five years preceding the date of application in that behalf they have been fit and proper persons and have, in addition to being the holders of approved academic qualifications, been in continuous practice on their own account as Statisticians or in partnership with other Statisticians;

(*d*) be recorded as fellows if for the period of not less than ten years immediately preceding the date of application for such enrolment (the period of membership of the association, in the discretion of the Council, counting in that behalf) they have been enrolled as associates, or qualified to be so enrolled whether in practice as Statisticians or not and are otherwise fit and proper persons; and

(*e*) be recorded as associates if they satisfy the Council that they have passed examinations prescribed or accepted by the Institute and are otherwise fit and proper persons to be enrolled in the register.

(*f*) where a person is enrolled or registered as the case may be in the Institute, he shall be entitled to the use of such letters after his name as may be authorized by the Council accordingly as a fellow, an associate or registered Statistician, and shall, when enrolled or registered, as the case may be, receive a certificate in such form as the Council may approve for that purpose (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 2: Election of President and Vice-President of the Institute.

(1) There shall be a President and a Vice-President of the Institute who, subject to the Provisions of section 3 and of the First Schedule to this Bill, shall be elected by the Members of the Institute and hold office each for a term of two years from the date of election.

(2) The President shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Institute. However, in his absence, the Vice President shall act on his behalf and in the event of death, incapacity, resignation or inability for any reason of the President, the Vice-President shall act in his stead for the unexpired period of the term of office, or as the case may require, and references in this Bill to the President shall be construed accordingly.

(3) The President and Vice-President shall respectively be Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council under this Bill.

(4) If the President or Vice-President ceases to be a member of the Institute, he shall cease to hold any of the offices designated under this section and shall cease to enjoy any privileges related to that office (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 3: Governing Council.

(1) There shall be a governing body of the Institute, (herein referred to as "the Council") charged with the responsibility for the administration and general management of the Institute.

(2) The Council shall consist of a total of fifteen persons, being fellows or associate members, appointed, or elected as the case may be, as follows:

(*a*) the Minister in charge of Education or his representative;

(*b*) the Minister in charge of National Planning Commission or his representative;

(*c*) the Head of Service of the Federation or his representative

(*d*) the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria or his representative;

(*e*) the Statistician General of the Federation or his representative;

(*f*) the Chairman, National Population Commission or his representative;

(*g*) eight persons elected by the Institute who must be Chartered members ; and

(*h*) the President and Vice President of the Institute.

First Schedule.

(3) Provisions of the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and the other matters therein mentioned.

(4) The Council shall set guidelines for the recruitment, discipline and promotion of staff, approve terms and conditions of service, and benefits of employees of the Institute.

(5) The remuneration, allowances, and benefits of the President, Vice President, and Council members shall be approved by the General Meeting of the Institute (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 4: Fund of the Institute.

(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund, the management and control of which shall be in the hands of the Council, and into which shall be paid all moneys received by the Council including moneys held by the Nigerian Statistical Association incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act (in this Bill, hereafter referred to as "the Association") on its ceasing to exist as provided in the next succeeding section. There shall be defrayed from the fund, any liabilities incurred by or on behalf of the Institute:

(*a*) Terms and condition of service

(*b*) Remuneration, allowances, and benefits of employees of the Institute.

(2) The Council may invest moneys in the fund in any security created or issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Federation or in any other securities in Nigeria approved by the Council.

(3) The Council may borrow money for the purposes of the Institute if the need arises, and any interest payable on such moneys so borrowed, shall be paid out of the fund.

(4) The Council shall keep proper accounts on behalf of the Institute in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts, and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited by an auditor appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

(5) When audited, the accounts shall be submitted to the members of the Institute for approvalat the next Annual General Meeting.

(6) The Auditor, appointed for the purposes of this section shall not be a member of the Council (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 5: Transfer to the Institute of Certain Assets and Liabilities.

(1) On the commencement of this Bill:

(*a*) all property held immediately before that day by or on behalf of the association shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the Institute and be held by it for the purpose of the Institute;

(*b*) the association shall cease to exist; and

(*c*) subject to subsection (2) of this section, any act, matter or thing made or done by the association shall cease to have effect.

Second Schedule.

(2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer by this section to the Institute property of the association, and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — THE REGISTRAR AND THE REGISTER

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 6: Appointment of Registrar, etc. and Preparation of the Register.

(1) It shall be the duty of the Council to appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registrar for the purpose of this Bill, and such other persons as the Institute may from time to time deem necessary.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain, in accordance withthe rules made by the Council, a register of the names, addresses and approved qualifications, and of such other particulars as may be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Bill to be enrolled as fellows or as associates, or registered as registered Statisticians, and who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be registered.

(3) The Register shall consist of three parts of which one part shall be in respect of the fellows, the second part shall be in respect of associates and thethird part in respect of registered Statisticians

(4) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the Council shall make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the registers and the making of entries therein, and in particular:

(*a*) regulating the making of application for enrolment or registration as the case may be and providing for the evidence to be produced in support of applications;

(*b*) providing for the notification to the Registrar, by the persons to whom any registered particulars relating to any change in those particulars.

(*c*) authorizing a registered person to have any qualification which is, in relation to the relevant division of the profession, either an approved qualification or an accepted qualification for the purposes of this Bill, registered in relation to his name in addition to or, as he may elect, in substituting for any other qualifications so registered;

(*d*) specifying the fees, including any annual subscription, to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names on the register, and authorizing the registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until any fee specified for the entry has been paid;

(*e*) specifying anything failing to be specified under the foregoing provisions of this section.

(5) Rules made for the purposes of paragraph (*d*) of this subsection shall not come into force until they are confirmed at a special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose thereafter, or at the next annual general meeting, as the case may be.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Registrar:

(*a*) to correct, in accordance with the Council's directions any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the Council's opinion, an entry which was incorrectly made;

(*b*) to make from time to time any necessary alterations in the registered particulars of registered persons;

(*c*) to remove from the register the name of any registered person who has died;

(*d*) to record the names of members of the Institute who are in default in payment of annual subscriptions and where such members continued to default in payment for more than six months:

(*i*) such defaulting members shall be advised in writing to fulfil their obligations within three months; and

(*ii*) upon the expiration of the three months period in question, and of a second similar three months and receive no payment/response, to take such action in relation thereto (including removal of the names of defaulters from the register) as the council may direct or require.

(7) If the Registrar:

(*a*) sends by post to any registered person, a registered letter addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within the period of six months from the date of posting it; and

(*b*) upon the expiration of the period sends in the like manner to the person in question a second similar letter and receive no reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting it, the Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register, and the Council may direct the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register any particulars removed there from under this subsection (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Publication of Register and List of Corrections.

(1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar:

(*a*) to cause the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public not later than two years from the appointed day; and

(*b*) every two years after that in which the register is first published under paragraph (*a*) of this subsection, to cause to be printed, published and put on sale as aforesaid either a corrected edition of the register or a list of alterations made to the register since it was last printed; and

(*c*) to cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute, and it shall be the duty of the Council to keep the register and lists so deposited available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the public.

(2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register published under this section by authority of the registrar, or documents purporting to be prints of an edition of the register so published and of a list of corrections to that editions so published, shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the document, or the documents read together, as being registered was so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections, as the case may be, and that any person not so specified was not so registered.

(3) Where in accordance with subsection (2) of this section a person is, in any proceedings, shown to have been or not to have been, registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be; or not to be, so registered (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Registration of Chartered Statisticians.

(1) Subject to section 12 of this Bill and to rules made under Section 6 of this Bill a person shall be entitled to be registered as a Chartered Statistician if:

(*a*) he passes the qualifying examination for membership conducted by the Council under the Bill and completes the practical training prescribed; or

(*b*) he holds a qualification granted inside or outside Nigeria and for the time being accepted by the Institute and, if the Council so requires, satisfies the Council that he has had sufficient practical experience as a Statistician.

(2) An applicant for registration shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that:

(*a*) he is of good character and high integrity;

(*b*) he has attained the age of twenty-one years; and

(*c*) he has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or gross misconduct.

(3) The Council may in its sole direction provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this section, or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.

(4) Any entry directed to be made in the register under subsection (3) of this section shall show that registration is provisional, and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the consent of the Council signified in writing in that behalf'

(5) The Council shall from time to time publish in the Federal Gazette particulars of qualifications for the time being acceptable for enrolment or registration by the Institute (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 9: Approval of Qualifications, etc.

(1) The Council may approve any relevant qualifications for the purposes of this Bill, and may for those purposes approve:

(*a*) any course of training at any approved institution which is intended for persons who are seeking to become or are already Chartered Statisticians and which the Council considers is designed to confer on persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skill for admission to the Institute,

(*b*) any relevant qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination indicating in the opinion of the members of the Council that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill to practice Statistics.

(2) The Council may, if it deems fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution; but before withdrawing such an approval the Council shall:

(*a*) give notice that it proposes to do so to reach each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be, and

(*b*) afford each such person an opportunity of making to the council representations with regard to the proposal; and

(*c*) take into consideration any representation made as respects the proposal in pursuance of paragraph (*b*) of this subsection.

(3) As respects any period during which the approval of the Council under this section for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course, qualification or institution shall be treated as approved under this section but the withdrawal of such an approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the approval was registered or eligible for registration (either unconditionally or subject to his obtaining a certificate or experience) immediately before the approval was withdrawn.

(4) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument; and the Council shall:

(*a*) as soon as may be, publish a copy of every such instrument in the Federal Gazette; and

(*b*) not later than seven days before its publication as aforesaid for execution (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy – Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 10: Supervision on Instruction, etc.

(1) It shall be the duty of the Council to keep itself informed of the nature of:

(*a*) the instruction given at all approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training, and

(*b*) the examinations as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and for the purposes of performing that duty the Council may appoint a Committee either from among its own members or otherwise, to visit approved institutions, or to observe such examinations.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Committee appointed under subsection (1) of this section to report to the Council:

(*a*) the adequacy of instruction given to persons attending approved courses of training at institutions visited

(*b*) the adequacy of the examinations attended, and

(*c*) any other matters relating to the institutions or examinations on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request it to report, but no member of the Committee shall interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.

(3) On receipt of a report made in pursuance of this section, the Council may, if it deems fit, and shall if so required by the Institute, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examinations to which the report relates requesting that person to make observation on the report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not being less than one month beginning with the date of the request (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 11: Establishment of Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigation Panel.

(1) There shall be established a body to be known as the Statisticians Disciplinary Tribunal (In this Bill hereafter referred to as "the Tribunal"), which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Panel established under subsection (3) of this section, and any other case of which the Tribunal has mandate under the following provisions of this Bill.

(2) The Tribunal shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and six other members of the Council appointed by the Council.

(3) There shall be a body, to be known as the Statisticians Investigating Panel (in this Bill hereafter referred to as "the Panel"), which shall be charged with the duty of —

(*a*) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member has misbehaved in his capacity as a Statistician, or should for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the Tribunal; and

(*b*) deciding whether the case should be referred to the Tribunal.

(4) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of 5 members, three of which shall be members of the Council and two Chartered Statisticians who are not members of the Council.

Third Schedule.

(5) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as they are applicable to the Tribunal and Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies.

(6) The Council may make rules not inconsistent with this Bill as to acts, which constitute professional misconduct (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 12: Penalties for Unprofessional Conduct, etc.

(1) Where:

(*a*) a member is judged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, or

(*b*) a member is convicted, by any court of competent jurisdiction in Nigeria or elsewhere, of an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a Statistician, or

(*b*) the supervision and regulation of the engagement, training and transfer of such persons: and

(*c*) the provision of articles.

(2) The Council may also make rules:

(*a*) prescribing the amount and due date for payment of the annual subscription and annual renewal of studentship and for such purpose different amounts may be prescribed by the rules according as the member of the Institute is a fellow, an associate or a registered Statistician and according as the fellow or the associate is in practice as a Statistician or not;

(*b*) prescribing the form of license to practice to be issued annually or, if the Council deems fit, by endorsement on an existing licence;

(*c*) restricting the right to practice as a Statistician in default of payment of the amount of the annual subscription where the default continues for longer than such period as may be prescribed by the rules;

(*d*) restricting the right to practice as a Statistician if the qualification granted outside Nigeria does not entitle the holder to practice as a Statistician; and

(*e*) prescribing the period of practical training in the office of a chartered statistician in practice to be completed before a person qualifies for enrolment or a license to practice as a statistician.

(3) Rules when made shall, if the Chairman of the Council so directs, be published in the Federal Gazette (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 16: Provision of Library Facilities, etc.

The Institute shall:

(*a*) provide and maintain a library comprising ofbooks and publications for the advancement of knowledge of Statistics, and such other books and publications as the Council may think necessary for that purpose;

(*b*) encourage research into Statistics and allied subjects to the extent that the Council may from time to time consider necessary (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 17: Regulations.

(1) Any regulations made under this Bill shall be published in the Federal Gazette as soon as may be after they are made.

(2) Rules made for the purpose of this Bill shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at its next annual general meeting or at any special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose, and if then annulled shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended pursuance of any such rules (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Offences and Penalties.

(1) If any person for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter:

(*a*) makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material particular; or

(*b*) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, he is guilty of an offence.

(2) If, on or after the relevant date, any person not being a member of the Institute practices as a Statistician for or in expectation of reward, or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is in practice as a Statistician, he is guilty of an offence:

PROVIDED that, in the case of a person falling within Clause 13 of this Bill:

(*a*) this subsection shall not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of three months mentioned in that section; and

(*b*) if within that period he duly applies for membership of the Institute, then, unless within that period he is notified that his application has not been approved, this subsection shall not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is enrolled or registered or is notified as aforesaid.

(3) If, on or after the relevant date, a registered Statistician holds himself out as a Chartered Statistician or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is a Chartered Statistician, he shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) If the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute wilfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, he shall be guilty of an offence.

(5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable —

(*a*) on summary conviction to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦100,000 (one hundred thousand Naira) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(*b*) on conviction on indictment to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦50,000 (fifty thousand Naira) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(6) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(7) In this section "the relevant date" means the third anniversary of the appointed day or such earlier date as may be prescribed and published in the Federal Gazette; and for the purposes of this section different dates may be prescribed for different territories within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 19: Interpretation (Cap. C23).

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Association" means the Nigerian Statistical Association (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chartered Statistician" means a Statistician registered as a fellow or associate of this Institute (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commencement day" means the day this Bill comes into force (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" or Council under this Bill" means the Council established as the governing body of the Institute under section 3 of this Bill (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"enrolled" in relation to a fellow or an associate, means registered in the part of the register relating to fellows or associates as the case may be (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"fees" includes annual subscriptions (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Infamous conduct" means any act or omission, which are inconsistent with the code of conduct for members and or, which may be reasonably construed to be shameful or disgraceful (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria under this Bill (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Members in practice" means Members of the Institute who engage in any statistical practice (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister of the Government of the Federation charged with the responsibility for National Planning and the Minister in charge of Education (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"professional misconduct" means any dishonest act or attempt to subvert the course of the statistical profession by the use of deceptive or reprehensible method whether deliberate or not (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Panel" has the meaning assigned by section 11 of this Bill (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" and "Vice-President" mean respectively the office-holders under those names in the Institute (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"register" means the register maintained in pursuance of section 6 of this Bill (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"registered Statistician" means a member of the Institute who is not a fellow or an associate member (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Tribunal" has the meaning assigned to it by section 11 of this Bill (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 20: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2014 (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

[*Section* 3 (3)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Qualification and Tenure of Office of Members

1. (1) The President and Vice President of the Institute shall hold office for a period of two years.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph a member of the Council shall hold office for a period of three years, provided that at the first election of Council members, four of which score the least votes, shall be elected for a term of two years beginning with the date of their election. In the event of ties, a second voting shall be held.

(3) Any member of the Institute who ceases to be a member thereof shall if he is also a member of the Council ceases to hold office on the Council.

(4) Any member may by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President resign his office.

(5). Elections to the Council shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and until so prescribed they shall be decided by a show of hands.

(6) If for any reason an elected member vacates office, a new member shall be elected at the next general meeting of the Institute. who shall serve for a term of three years.

Powers of Council

2. (1) The Council shall have power to take certain actions which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may in the name of the institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute, the Council or any of the Institute's Committees.

(3) The standing orders shall provide for decision to be taken by a majority of the members, and, in the event of equality of votes, the President or the Chairman, as the case may be, shall have a second or casting vote.

(4) The standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the Committee reports back to the Council on any matter not within its competence to decide.

(5) The quorum of the Council shall be five; and the quorum of a Committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.

Meetings of the Institute

3. (1) The Council shall convene the annual general meetings of the Institute on such days as the Council may from time to time appoint, so however that if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous annual meeting, not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings.

(2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council at anytime; and if not less than ten percent of members of the Institute require it by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the objects of the proposed meeting, the Chairman of the Council shall convene special meeting of the Institute.

(3) The quorum of any general meeting of the Institute shall be ten percent of members, and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be ten percent of members.

Meetings of the Council

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than five other members; he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from the date on which the notice is given

(2) At any meeting of the Council, the President or in his absence the Vice-President shall preside; but if both are absent, the members present shall appoint one of their members to preside at that meeting.

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

Committees

5. (1) The Council may appoint one or more Committees to carry out on behalf of the Institute or of the Council; such functions as the Council may determine.

(2) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council, of whom not more than one-third shall be persons who are not members of the Council, and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

(3) A decision of a Committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

6. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the President or of some other member of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or 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 Institute or of the Council as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

(3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

(4) The validity of any proceedings of the Institute or the Council or of a Committee of the Council shall not be affected by any vacancy in membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or of the Council or of a person to serve on the Committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

(5) Any member of the Institute or of the Council and any person holding office on a Committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council on behalf of the Institute, or on behalf of the Council or a Committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the President or to the Council, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

(6) A person shall not by reason only of his membership of the Institute be required to disclose any interest relating solely to the audit of the accounts of the Institute (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

[*Section* 5 (2)]

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Transfer of Assets and Liabilities

1. (1) Every agreement to which the Association was a party immediately before the appointed day, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such a nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations there under could be assigned by the association, shall, unless its terms or subject matter make it impossible that it should have effect as modified in the manner provided by this subparagraph, have effect from the appointed day, so far as it relates to property transferred by this Bill to the Institute as if:

(*a*) the Institute had been a party to the agreement;

(*b*) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to the association that were substituted, as respects anything failing to be done on or after the appointed day, a reference to the Institute; and

(*c*) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied to a member or members of the Council of the association or an officer of the association that were substituted, in respect of anything failing to be done on or after the appointed day, a reference to a member or members of the Council under this Bill or the officer of the association who corresponds as nearly as may be to the member or officer in question of the association.

(2) Other documents which refer, whether specially or generally, to the association shall be construed in accordance with subparagraph (1) of this paragraph so far as applicable.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, where , by the operation of any of them or of section 5 of this Bill, any right, liability or obligation vests in the Institute, the Institute and all other persons shall, as from the appointed day, have the same rights, powers and remedies (and in particular, the same rights as to the taking or resisting of legal proceedings or the making or resisting of applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have had if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the Institute

(4) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending on the appointed day by or against the association and relating to assets and liabilities transferred by this Bill to the Institute may be continued on or after that day by or against the Institute.

(5) If the law in force at the place where any assets and liabilities transferred by this Bill is situate provides for the registration of transfers of assets and liabilities of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the court to furnish the necessary particulars, of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and for that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

Transfer of Functions, etc.

2. (1) At its first meeting the Council of the Institute shall fix a date (not later than six months after the appointed day) for the Annual General Meeting of the Institute.

(2) The members of the Council of the Association shall be deemed to be the members of the Council of the Institute until the date determined in pursuance of the foregoing subparagraph when the Institute shall have its first Annual General Meeting, and they shall cease to hold office at the conclusion of such meeting.

(3) Any person who, immediately before the appointed day, held office as the President or Vice-President of the Council of the Association by virtue of the articles of the Association shall on that day become the President or, as the case may be, the Vice-President of the institute, and shall be deemed —

(*a*) to have been appointed to that office in pursuance of the provision of this Bill corresponding to the relevant provision in the said articles of the Association; and

(*b*) to have been so appointed on the date on which he took office, or last resumed office, in pursuance of the relevant provision of these articles.

(4) The members of the Association shall, as of the appointed day, be registered as members of the Institute; and, without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of this Schedule relating to the transfer of property, any person who, immediately before the appointed day, was a member of the staff of the Association, shall on that day become the holder of an appointment with the institute with the status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which pertained to him in his capacity as a member of that staff.

(5) Any person being an office-holder on, or member of, the Council of the Association immediately before the appointed day and deemed under this paragraph to have been appointed to any like position in the Institute, or on the Council of the Institute, and thereafter ceasing to hold office otherwise than by reason of his misconduct, shall be eligible for appointment to office in the Institute or to membership of the Council, as the case may be.

(6) All regulations, rules and similar instruments made for the purposes of the association and in force immediately before the appointed day shall, except in so far as they are subsequently revoked or amended by any authority having power in that behalf, shall take effect, with any necessary modification, as if duly made for the corresponding purposes of the Institute (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

[*Section* 11 (5)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL AND INVESTIGATING PANEL OF THE TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal

1. The quorum of the Tribunal shall be six (6) of whom at least three shall be Statisticians.

2. (1) The Attorney General of the Federation may make rules as to the selection of the members of the Tribunal for the purposes of any proceedings and as to the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Tribunal.

(2) The rules shall in particular provide —

(*a*) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given, at such time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;

(*b*) for determining who in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be party to the proceedings;

(*c*) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requires, be entitled to be heard by the tribunal;

(*d*) for enabling any party to the proceedings to be represented by a legal practitioner;

(*e*) subject to the provisions of section 12 (5) of this Bill, as to the costs of proceedings before the Tribunal;

(*f*) for requiring in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect that where the Tribunal adjudges that the allegation has not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates;

(*g*) for publication in the Federal Gazette notice of any directive of the Tribunal, which has, taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off the register.

3. For the purposes of any proceedings before the Tribunal, any member of the Tribunal may administer Oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the registry of the Court of Appeal writs of subpoena ad testificandum and duces tecum; but no person appearing before the tribunal shall be compelled:

(*a*) to make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or

(*b*) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.

4. (1) For the purpose of advising the tribunal on question of law arising in proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than seven years standing.

(2) The Attorney General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph, and in particular such rules shall contain provisions for securing that —

11. The Tribunal may dispense with any requirements of these rules as to notice, affidavits, documents, service or time for doing or omitting anything, in any case where it appears to the Tribunal to be just or expedient so to do; and the Tribunal in any particular case may extend the time for doing anything under these rules.

12. Books and other exhibits whatsoever produced or used at the hearing shall, unless the Tribunal otherwise directs, be retained by the Registrar until the expiry of the time for filing an appeal against a finding or directive of the Tribunal or, if notice of any such appeal is given, until the hearing and disposal of the appeal.

Assessors

13. (1) An Assessor, when nominated in accordance with paragraph 4 (1) of Schedule 3 to the Act shall be appointed by the Institute by instrument, and the Assessor shall hold and vacate office as provided in the instrument; and where the appointment is not a general one, it shall have effect only in respect of a particular meeting of the Tribunal.

(2) Subject to the terms of his appointment, an Assessor shall attend any meetings of the Tribunal as and when requested to do so by notice in writing given to him by the Registrar not later than three days before the date appointed for the meeting; and, he shall thereafter advise the Tribunal on question of law.

(3) The Tribunal shall be the sole judge of facts offered in evidence, however, in the event of mixed questions of fact and law, question of law shall be for the Assessor to advise on, in relation to evidence and procedure, and matters specified by these rules; and the Tribunal shall confer with the Assessor on the advisability of hearing proceedings in private, unless already so advised in writing by the Attorney-General of the Federation.

(4) If advice is tendered by an Assessor to the Tribunal otherwise than in the presence of all parties entering an appearance or as may be of their Counsel, the Assessor shall as soon as may be thereafter, inform all parties to the proceedings entering an appearance, as to the nature of the advice given and the reaction thereto of the Tribunal.

General

14. (1) Except when the context otherwise requires, expression used in these rules have the same meaning as in the Bill.

(2) Where used in these rules:

"complainant" means a person or body alleging before the Tribunal, professional misconduct against a member of the Institute;

"respondent" means the person required to answer to any charge of professional misconduct.

15. These rules may be cited as the Chartered Statisticians (Disciplinary Tribunal and Assessors) Rules.

SCHEDULE

[*Rule* 2 (1)]

NOTICE OF HEARING BY THE CHARTERED STATISTICIANS (DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL)

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF STATISTICIANS OF NIGERIA BILL

AND

IN THE MATTER OF A CHARGE OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

AGAINST

.....of .....
a Chartered Statistician/registered Statistician

TAKE NOTICE that the Chartered Statisticians Disciplinary Tribunal sitting at ..... at ..... on ....., 20..... will commence its hearing of charge(s) to be there preferred against .... aforesaid of unprofessional conduct as a Chartered Statistician/registered Statistician and that the Tribunal shall thereafter present its finding.

This notice is given to you as a .....
(*here state whether a party or a member, etc*)

and a copy of the charge(s) to be preferred is annexed.

DATED at Abuja this day of ....., 20.....

.....
Registrar
(*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria, and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (*Hon. Abdulrahman Badamasiuy — Okehi/Adavi 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 considered the Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria to be charged with the responsibility to determine what standards of Knowledge and Skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become Members of the Statistics Profession and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 541) and approved Clauses 1 - 20, the Schedules 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.

(*iii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Mr A. Ishaya:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr A. Ishaya and three others against the Federal Road Safety Commission on alleged unlawful termination of employment 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 the 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 Management of the Federal Road Safety Commission to recall to their respective duty posts and offices, Messrs A. Ishaya (DRC) C-01964, B. Adejoh (PRM) M904-02288, and B. John Daniel (PRM) M8912-00270" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Also urge the Management of the Federal Road Safety Commission to pay all their salary arrears, allowances and denied entitlements from 2006 to date" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"Further urge the Management of Federal Road Safety Commission to pay to the next of kin of late U. O. Shittu (RMII) M0301-06310 his salary arrears, allowances and all denied entitlements from 2006 to the period of his death" (*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 Mr A. Ishaya and three others against the Federal Road Safety Commission on alleged unlawful termination of employment and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*) of the Report.

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

(*iv*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**

Report on the Petition by Bulus Daniel:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Bulus Daniel on behalf of other disengaged temporary staff of Central Bank of Nigeria on alleged non-payment of terminal benefits 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 the 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 Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to reconsider and review the exit benefits of the petitioners and, together with the petitioners, work out the best formula with a view to bringing it to parity and conformity with the Central Bank of Nigeria's Condition of Service" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**

"Also urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to examine, with fairness, the qualifications and skills of the disengaged staff and re-engage as permanent staff, those of them with the requisite skills and who wish to be recalled" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**

"Condemn the practice of employing casual workers by the Central Bank of Nigeria and other commercial banks in Nigeria which are seeking to minimize costs and maximize profit without recourse to the express prohibition of such mode of employment under the existing Labour Act, and do urge both the Central Bank of Nigeria and all commercial banks in the country to desist from such unlawful practice" (*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 Bulus Daniel on behalf of other disengaged temporary staff of Central Bank of Nigeria on alleged non-payment of terminal benefits and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*) of the Report.

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

(*v*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Mrs Mary Yusuf:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mrs Mary Yusuf against the Nigerian Customs Service on alleged wrongful auctioning of her imported container 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 the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Discountenance the petition for lack of merit" (*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 Mrs Mary Yusuf against the Nigerian Customs Service on alleged wrongful auctioning of her imported container and approved the only recommendation of the Report.

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

(*vi*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Festus Olawale Ogundipe:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Festus Olawale Ogundipe against the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources on alleged non-payment of his retirement benefits 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 the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):
"Condemn the suffering, hardship and hazards which aged retirees in Nigeria face before receiving their benefits" *(Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):
"Urge the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation to pay to the petitioner all his retirement benefits, from the date of retirement till date, within 2 months from the date of the Resolution, and that the respondent, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, should do all that is necessary to effect the payment" *(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 Festus Olawale Ogundipe against the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources on alleged non-payment of his retirement benefits and approved Recommendations (*i*) and (*ii*) of the Report.

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

(*vii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Omenyi Samuel:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Omenyi Samuel against the Nigeria Police Force on alleged wrongful dismissal from 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 the 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 Nigeria Police Force, the Police Service Commission, the Inspector General of Police and the Commissioner of Police, Ebonyi State, to consider, review and evaluate the circumstances of the ruling delivered by His Lordship, Hon. Justice S. Saidu of the Federal High Court sitting in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State on December 5, 2011 directing the reinstatement of Mr Omenyi Samuel to his employment with the Nigeria Police Force with a view to complying with same" *(Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency)*.

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation (ii)*:**
"Also urge the Nigeria Police Force, the Police Service Commission and the Inspector General of Police to obey the Order of the Federal High Court sitting in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State in Suit No. FHC/AI/CS/37/2011 dated June 12, 2012 by restoring Mr Omenyi Samuel to status quo ante and pay him all arrears of salary from September 2010 to the month of his reinstatement as the Order remains valid and binding, having not been appealed against" (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike — Abia North/Abia South Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

***Recommendation (iii)*:**
"Further urge the Nigeria Police Force not to undermine court judgments or orders and to set example for other law enforcement agencies by ensuring that they comply at all times with orders given by competent courts requiring them to do certain things, especially where they choose not to appeal against such orders" (*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 Omenyi Samuel against the Nigeria Police Force on alleged wrongful dismissal from service and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*) of the Report.

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

(*viii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Agada Christian and 324 Others:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Agada Christian and 324 Others against the Management of the Bank of Agriculture on alleged wrongful termination of their appointments 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 the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Urge the Management of the Bank of Agriculture to review the dismissal of the petitioners, Agada Christian and 324 others and accord them the right of first refusal in case of vacancies for which they are qualified in the Bank" (*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 Agada Christian and 324 Others against the Management of the Bank of Agriculture on alleged wrongful termination of their appointments and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

18. Adjournment:

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 16 *October*, 2014 *at* 10.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Deputy House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.43 *p.m.*

Aminu Waziri Tambuwal
Speaker