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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 13th November, 2014

1. The Senate met at 10.57 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 12th November, 2014.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgement:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of another group of Staff and Students of Madonna University Model School, Kuje, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Presentation of Bill:**
Consumer Contracts (Regulation of Unfair Terms) Bill 2014. (SB. 533) — *Read the First Time.*

5. **Confirmation of Nomination:**
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Honourable Justice Mahmud Mohammed, CFR, for appointment as Chief Justice of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee of the Whole to be taken on Tuesday, 18th November, 2014.

6. **Confirmation of Nomination:**
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the confirmation of Mr. Okwu Joseph Nnanna, for appointment as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within One (1) week.

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7. **Committee on Sports and Social Development:**
Report on the Nigeria Football Association Act Cap. N110 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (SB. 138):
Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development on the Nigeria Football Association Act Cap. N110 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 (*Adjourned Consideration - Wednesday, 12th November, 2014*) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NIGERIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ACT CAP N110, LFN 2004 AND ENACT THE NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION ACT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GAME OF FOOTBALL IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS 2014.

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION, TENURE AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Clause 3: **Establishment and Composition of the Executive Committee.**

(1) There is hereby established for the Federation a Committee which shall be known as the Executive Committee.

(2) The Executive Committee shall comprise of the following:
(a) President

(b) 1st Vice President

(c) 2nd Vice President, who shall be the Chairman of the Premier League;

(d) Chairman of Committee of Chairmen of state Football Associations for the 36 states and FCT;

(e) Chairman of Amateur League

(f) Chairman of National League

(g) Chairman of Women League

(h) Eight (8) other members who shall be elected by the General Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 4: **Cessation of membership of Executive Committee.**
A member of the Executive shall cease to hold office if;
(a) He becomes bankrupt,

(b) He is convicted of an offence involving dishonesty or fraud,

(c) He becomes of unsound mind or incapable of carrying his duties,

(d) He is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to his duties and

(e) He resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President of the Nigeria Football Federation.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 5: Election of the President and members of the Executive Committee.

(1) The procedure for electing members of the Executive Committee shall be as may be determined by the General Assembly, Federation electoral code and such other guidelines as may be provided by International institutions to which the Federation is affiliated.

(2) The General Assembly shall elect the President, 1st Vice President and 8-other members, and shall in doing so, have regard to the Federal Character principle as encapsulated in Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc) Act and the 1999 Constitution (as amended)

(3) The procedure for election by the League shall be as may be determined by the General Assembly of the Leagues and be approved by the Executive Committee of NFF.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 6: Tenure of office of members of the Executive Committee.

(1) The President, Vice Presidents and other members of the Executive Committee shall hold office for a period of four years and shall all be eligible for re-election.

Amendment Proposed:
Immediately after the word "re-election" in line 3, *insert* the words "for another four years and no more" *(Senator Ayo P. Akinyelure — Ondo Central)*.

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

(2) The process of election of the new Executive Committee shall commence by the general assembly at least six months before and concluded on the eve of the expiry of the term of the current Executive Committee and in strict compliance with the Federations Electoral Code (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

Question that Clause 6 *as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

Clause 7: **Functions of the Executive Committee.**

The Executive Committee shall have powers to:—

(a) take decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the General Assembly or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under the Federation's Statutes;

(b) Prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extra-ordinary General Assembly of NFF;

(c) Appoint the Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and members of judicial bodies;

(d) Set-up ad-hoc Committee if necessary at any time;

(e) issue regulations for the organization of standing and ad-hoc committees;

(f) Appoint or remove the General Secretary on the recommendation of the President;

(g) recommend for the approval of the General Assembly, the international bodies to which the Association may, from time to time, associate;

(h) set up or recognize such subsidiary bodies to assist the Executive Committee in the performance of its functions under this Act;

(i) Propose for engagement (appointment) of the independent auditors to the General Assembly;

(j) Decide the place and dates of and the number of teams participating in the competitions of NFF;

(k) Appoint coaches for the respective teams and other technical staff;

(l) Approve Statutes and regulations stipulating how NFF shall be organized;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in Clause 7(l) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"Recommend Statutes and regulations stipulating how NFF shall be organized to the General-Assembly" *(Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South)*.

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

(m) Dismiss a person or body or suspend a member of NFF provisionally until the next General Assembly;

(n) Delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of NFF or third parties;

(o) Organize the participation of Nigerian teams in international competitions;

(p) Provide, in cooperation with other bodies, adequate training for its employees and various personnel, who may be involved in the administration and organization of League matches and its activities, with a view to improving the standard of football administration and officiating;

(q) Determine such area of League activities to be commercialized, in order to earn income for the League, the professional players, professional clubs and the Federation and

(r) Grant annual license to persons seeking to be members of the Nigeria Football Referees Association and the Nigeria Football Coaches Association (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

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

(DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT IN CHAIR)

PART III

ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Clause 8: Establishment, Composition and functions of the General Assembly etc.

(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Nigeria Football Federation General Assembly (in this bill referred to as "the General Assembly") which shall be the supreme authority of the Federation.

(2) The General Assembly may be Ordinary or Extra-ordinary General Assembly and shall comprise:—

(a) 2-persons representing each of the 36 States Football Associations and FCT

(b) 2-persons representing each of the following:

Amendment Proposed:
Immediately after the figure "2" in sub-clause (2)(a) and (b) *leave* out the word "persons" and insert the word "delegates" instead thereof *(Senator Ahmad I. Lawan — Yobe North).*

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

(i) Premier League;

(ii) National League;

(iii) Coaches Association;

(iv) Referees Association;

(v) Players Association;

(vi) Amateur League; and

(vii) Women League.

(3) The President shall conduct the General Assembly's business in compliance with the standing orders of the General Assembly.

(4) The honorary President or honorary members may take part in the proceedings of the General Assembly and join in debates but are not entitled to vote

(5) Only the Chairman or President as the case may be is entitled to vote at the General Assembly and in his absence and with due authorization, of the Chairman or President, the Secretary can then vote (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

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

Clause 9: **Eligibility.**
A person shall be qualified to contest the election into the Executive Committee if;—

(a) He is a citizen of Nigeria in accordance with the provisions of the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended).

Amendment Proposed:
Immediately after the word "Nigeria" in line 1, *leave out* all the words *(Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North-East)*.

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

(b) He has been educated up to at least a pass in the Ordinary Level of the Secondary School Certificate (WAEC/GCE) or its equivalent.

Amendment Proposed:
Immediately after the words "up to" in line 1, *leave out* the words "at least a pass in the" *(Senator Ahmad I. Lawan — Yobe North)*.

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

(c) He has attained the age of 30 years for ordinary member and 35 years for President and Vice President.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the provision in Clause 9(c) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"(c) He has attained the age of 25 years for ordinary member and 30 years for President and Vice President" *(Senator Chris N. Ngige — Anambra Central)*.

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

(d) He is a duly registered member of a body, club or other organization which is a member of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) in accordance with article 10 of the NFF Statutes for a period of four years prior to the date of the election, or been involved in the administration of football for at least four years prior to the date of the elections.

(e) He produces evidence of tax payment as and when due for a period of three (3) years immediately preceding the year of election.

(f) He has a verifiable means of livelihood (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

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

Clause 10: Functions of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly shall carry out the following functions:—

(a) make, adopt or amend the Federation Statutes, regulations, rules and standing orders for the purpose of effective functioning and running of the football Federation;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "make, adopt or amend" and *insert* the word "approve" instead thereof *(Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South).*

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

(b) make, adopt or draw out procedure for general assembly's meeting in conformity with FIFA, CAF, WAFU etc guidelines;

(c) Appointment of scrutineers;

(d) approving the financial statements;

(e) approving the President's activities report;

(f) appoint independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "the" Clause 10(f), *leave out* the word "proposal" and *insert* the word "recommendation" instead thereof *(Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North-East).*

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

(g) Approve the Federation's budget as proposed by the Executive Committee;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "Approve" Clause 10(g), and *insert* the word "consider" instead thereof *(Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North-East).*

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

(h) Fixing membership subscriptions;

(i) elect the President, 1st Vice President and eight other members of the Executive committee in accordance with the procedure laid down by this Act and the Federation Electoral code;

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "the" in Clause 10(i) line 2, *leave out* the word "procedure" and *insert* the word "provisions" instead thereof *(Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North-East).*

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

(j) Confer honorary President or honorary member on any person or persons who have made valuable contribution to football in Nigeria base on the recommendation of Executive Committee;

(k) to admit, suspend or expel a member;

(l) revoke either in part or whole of the mandate given to a person or member or body of NFF;

(m) take decisions at the request of a member in accordance with the bill and the Federation Statutes;

(n) may appoint observers who may take part in the General Assembly without the right to debate or vote;

(o) do such other things as may be necessary and just for the attainment of these functions (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

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

Clause 11: Quorum.

(1) The quorum for the meeting of the executive committee shall be eight (8) members present;

(2) The quorum for the meeting of the general assembly shall be twenty three of the total membership of the assembly:

PROVIDED that where the meeting is for the election of the Executive Committee of the Federation, the Quorum shall be two thirds of the total membership.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART IV — DIVISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION, TRANSFERS ETC.

Clause 12: Division of the Association.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Association shall be constituted into the following four Divisions, that is—

(a) The Professional Football Division;

(b) The Competitions Division (National and International)

(c) The Technical Division; and

(d) The Finance and Administration Division

(2) The Association shall be solely responsible—

(a) For approving the constitution and composition of the Divisions;

(b) For the general supervision of the Divisions; and

(c) For ensuring absolute compliance by the Divisions and any other bodies involved in the sport of football with bye-laws relating to the sport of football and with rules and regulations of the Federation of International Football Association and the Confederation of African Football

(3) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, each Division shall be managed by an Assistant Secretary-General who shall liaise regularly with all affiliated bodies and clubs

(4) The Assistant Secretary-General shall be responsible to the Secretary-General for the activities of the Division under his care and shall perform such other duties which the Secretary-General may, from time to time assign to him.

Committee's Recommendation:
Leave out the provision in Clause 12 (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 13: **Transfer of Nigerian players to Foreign Clubs.**
As from the commencement of this Act, no transfer of a Nigerian amateur or professional football player to a club outside Nigeria shall be valid, unless the transfer is under a written contract providing, amongst others for—

(a) The unconditional release by that club of the Nigerian player, if requested by the Association, for the purpose of representing Nigeria in a football competition organized by—

(i) The Federation of International Football Association; or

(ii) The Confederation of African Football

(b) The payment by that club of such fees as may be prescribed by the Association.

Committee's Recommendation:
Leave out the provision in Clause 13 (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 14: **Endorsement.**
Endorsement of Contract between Nigerian Players and Foreign Club etc.

Copies of all contracts entered into in pursuance of the provisions of section 10 of this Act, shall be endorsed by the Secretary-General of the Association and deposited with the Association within fourteen days of the signing of the contract by the player.

Committee's Recommendation:
Leave out the provision in Clause 14 (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 15: **Security arrangement.**
Security Arrangements for football matches.

There shall a security Committee in each state of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory Abuja, for the purpose of ensuring effective security at all football matches played in any particular State or the Federal Capital Territory, for such period or occasions as may be determined from time to time.

Committee's Recommendation:
Leave out the provision in Clause 15 (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

PART V — STAFF OF THE FEDERATION

Clause 16: **Appointment of Secretary-General of the Federation.**

(1) The Executive Committee shall appoint or remove the General Secretary on the recommendation of the President.

(2) The General Secretary shall be the Chief Accounting Officer of the Federation and shall assist the President in ensuring that all rules and regulations relating to the management of human, material and financial resources are adhered to.

(3) The General Secretary may attend the meetings of all Committees as an ex-officio member, and may delegate these functions to senior members of staff as approved by the President, except where his personal interest is being considered.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 17: **Other employees of the Federation.**

(1) The Federation may appoint such other persons to be employees of the Federation as the Federation may from time to time, determine to assist the General Secretary in the exercise of his functions under this bill.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the word "appoint" in line 1, and *insert* the word "employ" instead thereof and Immediately after the word "determine" in line 2, *leave out* all the words *(Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North-East).*

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

(2) The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of other staff of the Federation shall be in accordance with the relevant Federal Public Service Rules and regulations (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

Question that Clause 17 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 18: Pensions.

(1) Employment of staff in the Federation other than those on contracts shall be pensionable under the existing Pensions Act and such employees shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as provided by that Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing shall prevent the Federation from employing any person to any office which precludes the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

(3) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, any employment made under subsection (1) of this section, shall have effect as if the office were in the Civil Service of the Federation as defined in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

(4) Employment of staff to any office in the Federation offer through a contract of service shall not be pensionable but may attract a pay-off at the expiration of the whole contract even after any renewal.

Provided that any employment to an office in the federation offered through a contract and terminated as a result of a breach of a fundamental term of the contract shall not attract the pay-off

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 18 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 19: Funds of the Federation.

(1) The Executive Committee shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed with approval of the Minister/Chairman National Sport Commission all expenditure incurred by the Federation.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the word "Minister/" *(Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir — Sokoto East).*

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

(2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under subsection (1) of this section—

(a) All monies as may be granted to the Federation by the Federal Government;

(b) All monies realized for the general purpose of the Federation;

(c) All monies accruing to the Executive Committee on behalf of the Federation by any means, including grants-in-aid, endowments and donations;

(d) All charges, fees, dues or amounts recovered by the Executive Committee;

(e) All interests on money invested by the Executive Committee; and

(f) Such other money as may, from time to time, accrue to the Federation or the Executive Committee (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

Question that Clause 19 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 20: Annual Estimate.

The Federation shall cause to be prepared, not later than 30th September in each year an estimate of expenditure necessary to carry out the programmes approved by the General Assembly for the next succeeding year and they shall submit to the Chairman National Sports Commission the estimate of expenditure and that of its income during the next succeeding year.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 20 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 21: Annual Report.

The Federation shall prepare and submit to the Chairman National Sports Commission not later than a month to its Annual General Assembly a report of its activities during the preceding year and the report shall include a copy of the audited accounts of the Federation and the auditor's report therein as approved by the General Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 21 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 22: Account and Audit.

(1) The Federation shall prepare, not later than 3 months to its Annual General Assembly, an expenditure account for its programmes for the following year and it shall be submitted to the Chairman National Sports Commission.

(2) The Federation shall cause every statement prepared under subsection (1) of this section to be audited within six months after the end of the year to which the statement relates by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 22 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 23: Power of the Minister to give directives.
The Minister may give the Federation directives of a general or specific nature, with regard to the exercise by the Federation of its functions subject to the provisions of this Act and rules of other International Institutions to which the Federation is affiliated (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*).

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the word "Minister" and *insert* the word "Chairman" instead thereof *(Senator Ita S. J. Enang — Akwa Ibom North-East).*

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

Question that Clause 23 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 24: Power to obtain information.
(1) For the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred on the Executive Committee under this Bill the General Secretary or any other employee of the Federation authorized in written by the President in this behalf—
(a) Shall have a right to access at all relevant times to records of any of its members; and

(b) May by notice in writing served on any person in charge of the member require that person to furnish information on such matters as may be specified in the notice;

(2) It shall be the duty of any person required to furnish information pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to comply with the notice within a reasonable period of time.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 24 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 25: Regulations.
The General Assembly may in addition to the Federation's statute make regulations generally for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill and, in particular, for:—
(a) limiting the total number of professional football players to be registered with the Federation;

(b) Ensuring that there are appropriate, legally binding agreements between football clubs, professional and national football players who may have the benefit of their legal advisers during negotiations;

(c) Ensuring that the necessary documentary evidence and particulars are made available by registered football clubs, as regards the salaries and other emoluments to be paid to professional and national league football players, so as to enable tax deductions to be made from the salaries and other emoluments where appropriate;

(d) requiring that before a football club wishing to engage professional football players is registered, it appoints an external auditor to audit the accounts of the club and that before registration is effected in any year, the club produces its audited accounts for the previous year and the auditor's report thereon;

(e) determining the amount of money to be deposited by any club as compensation to be paid in respect of damage, loss, fines and other financial liabilities incurred, as a result of default by its players or staff

(f) fixing the license fees to be paid in any year by every registered professional and national league football player and providing for the production of his income tax receipt for the previous year;

(g) Ensuring that a satisfactory insurance policy is taken out by each professional and national league club for every registered professional player and official, against physical injury or loss of life and also on behalf of third parties;

(h) making every registered football club responsible, in league and friendly matches, for organizing its matches with respect to publicity, security, sale of ticket and concessionaire rights;

(i) Requiring a referee officiating in a match under the auspices of the Federation to be registered with the Nigeria Football Referees Association and to hold a current licence from the Nigeria Football Federation;

(j) fixing minimum emoluments per annum, for registered professional football players and registered football coaches, as may be approved by the Executive Committee;

(k) encouraging registered professional clubs to build and own standard football pitches and stadia according to Federation of International Football Association within such number of years as may be determined by the Executive Committee after their initial active participation in professional football and for disqualifying them from participation in professional football, if this target is not meant within the prescribed period ;

(l) regulating the activities of amateur football club; and

(m) Adopting laws, statutes and other conventions made by International Institutions to which the Federation is affiliated.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 25 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 26: Repeal of Cap N110 LFN 2004.
The Nigeria Football Association Act, Cap N110 Laws of the Federation 2004 is hereby repealed.

(1) From the commencement of this Bill—

(a) Every person employed under the repealed Act under the contract, shall be transferred to and deemed to be employed by the Nigeria Football Federation;

(b) All assets, funds, resources, property, rights, interests, obligations and liabilities of the dissolved Association existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill shall vest in the Federation established by this Bill.

(c) the rights, interest, obligations and liabilities of the dissolved Association existing immediately before the commencement of this Act under any contract or instrument or at law or in equity shall , by virtue of this Act and with further assurance, be assigned to and vested in the Federation established by this Act;

(d) any contract or instrument as is mentioned in paragraph (c) of this subsection, shall be of the same force and effect against or in favour of the dissolved Association and shall be enforceable as fully and effective, as if instead of the dissolved Association, the Federation established by this Act, had been named therein or had been a party thereto.

(2) Any proceedings or cause of action pending or existing or which could have been taken by or against the dissolved Association immediately before the commencement of this bill shall be taken by or against the Nigeria Football Federation;

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 26 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 26 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 27: Interpretation.
In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires—
"General Assembly" means the Nigerian Football General Assembly, established by clause 7 of this Act;

Question: That the word "General Assembly" in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for sports and Ministry shall be construed accordingly;

Question: That the word "Minister" in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"professional club" means any club licensed by the Federation to participate in the Professional Football either in Nigeria or outside Nigeria;

Question: That the words "Professional club" in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Executive Committee" means executive body of the Nigeria Football Federation;

Question: That the words "Executive Committee" in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Federation" means the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), established by clause 1 of this Bill;

Question: That the word "Federation" in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"League" means a body subordinate and duly affiliated to the Nigeria Football Federation, that has been granted authority to organize competitions sanctioned in accordance with this Bill;

Question: That the word "League" in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Officials" mean all committee members, coaches, referees and attendants as well as other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters relating to the activities of the Federation;

Question: That the words "Officials" in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Laws of the game"means the laws of the game as authorize by the international Football Association Board; and

Question: That the words "Laws of the game" in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Member" means a legal or natural person that has been admitted into the membership of the NFF by the General Assembly.

Question: That the word "Member" in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 27 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 27 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 28: **Short title.**
This Act may be cited as the Nigeria football Federation Act 2014.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provision in Clause 28 be retained (*Senator Adamu I. Gumba — Bauchi South*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 28 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD

Proceedings of the Board

1. Subject to this bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for decisions of a statutory body to be taken by majority of its members and for the President to have a casting vote), the Executive Committee may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Committee and any of its committees.

2. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be presided over by the President or if the President is unable to attend a particular meeting, the 1st Vice President failing him is 2nd Vice President.

3. Where on a special occasion, the Executive Committee desires to obtain the advice of a person on a particular matter, the Executive Committee may co-opt that person to be a member for as many meeting as may be necessary, and that person while so co-opted, shall have all the rights and privileges of a member, except that he shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

Committees

4. Subject to its standing order, the Executive Committee may appoint such number of standing and ad-hoc committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any Matter with which the Executive Committee is concerned.

5. Every committee appointed under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, shall be presided over by a member of the Executive Committee and shall be made up of such number of persons, not necessarily members of the Executive Committee, as the Executive Committee may determine in each case.

6. The decisions of a committee shall be of no effect, until it is confirmed by the Executive Committee.

Miscellaneous

7. The fixing of the seal of the Federation shall be authenticated by the signature of the President and of the General Secretary or such other member authorized generally or specially by the Executive Committee to act for that purpose.

8. A contract or an instrument which, if made by person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Federation by the General Secretary or by any other person generally or specifically authorized by the Executive Committee to act for that purpose.

9. A document purporting to be a contract, instrument or other document signed or sealed on behalf of the Federation, shall be received in evidence and unless the contrary is proved, be presumed, without further proof, to have been so signed or sealed.

10. The validity of proceedings of the Executive Committee or of its committee shall not be adversely affected by—
(a) Vacancy in the membership of the Executive Committee or

(b) By a defect in the appointment of a member of the Executive Committee.

(c) By reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceeding.

11. A member of the Executive Committee or of its committee, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Executive Committee or committee shall forthwith disclose his interest and withdraw from the proceeding.

Question that paragraphs 1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 under the Head "Proceeding of the Board" stand part of the Schedule to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Sports and Social Development on the Nigeria Football Association Act Cap. N110 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2014 and approved as follows:

Clauses 3-5	—	As Recommended
Clauses 6-10	—	As Amended
Clauses 11-16	—	As Recommended
Clause 17	—	As Amended
Clause 18	—	As Recommended
Clause 19	—	As Amended
Clauses 20-22	—	As Recommended
Clause 23	—	As Amended
Clauses 24-28	—	As Recommended
Schedule (1-11)	—	As Recommended

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

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time *(Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

8. Joint Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development; and Science and Technology: ***Report on the National Biosafety Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB.308):***

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

9. Committee on Establishment and Public Services: ***Report on the Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2014 (SB. 117):***

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Federal Polytechnics Act CAP F17 LFN, 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 404):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act CAP N4 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2014 (SB. 135):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 18th November, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12.43 *p.m.*

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