



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 3 October, 2017

1. The House met at 11.31 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 Thursday, 28 September, 2017*.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
A Member-elect, Dorothy Mato (*Konshisha/Vandekia Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed to the Oaths of allegiance and membership as prescribed by law.

4. **Announcement**

(a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of Staff and Students of *Regent Secondary School, Mabushi, Abuja*.

(b) **Bereavements:**

- (i) By leave of the House, Hon. Yuguda Hassan Kila (*Gwaram Federal Constituency*), announced the death of Air Vice Marshall Muktar Mohammed (*rid*) (*Wazirin Dutse*), which happened on Sunday, 1 October, 2017. The deceased was described as a patriotic, loyal and gallant officer. The Late Wazirin Dutse was an advocate of peace and development of humanity and once served as a military Administrator of Kaduna State, among other appointments held. He thus, prayed the House to observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased; and

- (ii) By leave of the House, Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu (*Kano Municipal Federal Constituency*), announced the demise of Hon. Hassan Mohammed, a former Member of the House of Representatives (*Kano Municipal Federal Constituency, 1979–1983*), which event occurred on September 25, 2017.

The House observed a minute silence in honour of the departed.

5. **Petitions**

- (i) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Bamghose Joseph (*Badagry Federal Constituency*):

- (a) C. O. Okite & Associates (Attorney at-Law, Legal Consultants & Corporate Solicitors), on behalf of Chidinma Johnson Chidoziuno, on alleged incarceration, gross high handedness and plot to assassinate Johnson Chidoziuno by the Chief Superintendent of Police, Sunday Okpe of the SARS Command, Awkuzu, Anambra State;
 - (b) Goddy Osa Igbackemen, on the alleged withholding of his letter of confirmation of appointment, non-payment of outstanding salaries and allowances by the Management of the Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State;
 - (c) Charles Ogbo & Associates (Solicitors & Advocates of the Supreme Court of Nigeria), on behalf of Fimber Ikechukwu Madu, on the refusal of Diamond Bank Plc to release his reference letter to Fidelity Bank Plc;
 - (d) Goddy Osa, on behalf of The Stakeholders on the alleged fraud at the Nigeria Police Academy, Kano State;
 - (e) Onwuania Juliana and 3 others, on their disengagement from service by the National Identity Management Commission;
 - (f) George Halliday, on alleged dude cheques issued by the Regional Manager, Wema Bank Plc, Abuja;
- (ii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Johnbull Shekarau (Shendam/Mikang/Qua'an/Pan Federal Constituency):
- (a) Chief Emeka Diwe, on behalf of Unik D. Limited, Aba, on the seizure of their trucks and goods by the Deputy General Manager of Traffic and Indiscipline Management Agency (TIMAAS), Aba zone, Abia State;
 - (b) Kingdom Human Rights Foundation International, on the refusal of the Managing Director/CEO of the Federal Housing Authority, to obey and implement the Resolution of the House of Representatives of Wednesday, 1 March, 2017;
 - (c) Technical Trainee Graduates Association of Nigeria Ports Authority Dockyard, Apapa, Lagos State, on the refusal of Nigeria Ports Authority to comply with the Resolution of the House of Representatives of Tuesday, 28 February, 2017;
 - (d) Charles Nwankwo, on behalf of Association of Indigenous Waste Recyclers & Manufacturers of Nigeria, on the nefarious activities of some foreign owned companies involved in recycling waste business in Nigeria;
 - (e) Babatunde Babalola, on behalf of First Deep Water Discovery Limited, on the imputation of illegal entries into their accounts, contrary to Central Bank of Nigeria monetary policies; and
 - (f) Yerima Lawan and one other, on their dismissal from the Nigeria Police.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1166).
- (2) Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1167).

7. Consolidation of Bills

Motion made and Question, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry and to Provide for an Institute to be charged with the Responsibility for the Registration, Regulation and Disciplining of Members of the Profession and for Other Related Matters (HB. 594); and a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry and Establish a Council that may invest moneys into any Security created or issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Federation or in any other Security in Nigeria approved by the Council and for Related Matters (HB. 1089) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Enmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

8. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to include Former Heads of the National Assembly in the Council of State and for Related Matters — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to include Former Heads of the National Assembly in the Council of State and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the period within which the President or the Governor of a State may Authorise the Withdrawal of Monies from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the absence of an Appropriation Act from 6 Months to 3 Months and for Related Matters — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the period within which the President or the Governor of a State may Authorise the Withdrawal of Monies from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the absence of an Appropriation Act from 6 Months to 3 Months and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Funding of the House of Assembly of States directly from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State and for Related Matters — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Funding of the House of Assembly of States directly from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to abrogate the State Joint Local Government Accounts and Empower each Local Government Council to maintain its own Special Account and make Provisions for Savings in the Federation Account before distribution to other Levels of Government and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

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Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to strengthen Local Government Administration in Nigeria and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to strengthen Local Government Administration in Nigeria and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide Immunity for Members of the Legislature in respect of words Spoken or Written at Plenary Sessions or Committee Proceedings and Institutionalize Legislative Bureaucracy in the Constitution and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

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Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide the Independent National Electoral Commission with Sufficient Time to Conduct Bye-elections and provide Grounds for De-registration of Political Parties and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide the Independent National Electoral Commission with Sufficient Time to Conduct Bye-elections and provide Grounds for De-registration of Political Parties and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

15. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Timely Passage of Bills and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Timely Passage of Bills and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

16. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to require the President and Governors to submit the Names of Persons Nominated as Ministers or Commissioners within Thirty Days of taking the Oath of Office for Confirmation by the Senate or State House of Assembly and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to require the President and Governors to submit the Names of Persons Nominated as Ministers or Commissioners within Thirty Days of taking the Oath of Office for Confirmation by the Senate or State House of Assembly and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

17. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Independent Candidature in Elections and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Independent Candidature in Elections and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

18. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Change the Name of the Police from Nigeria Police Force to Nigerian Police to reflect their Core Mandate of providing Civil Services and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Change the Name of the Police from Nigeria Police Force to Nigerian Police to reflect their Core Mandate of providing Civil Services and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to disqualify a person who was sworn-in as President or Governor to complete the term of the Elected President or Governor from being Elected to the same Office for more than a Single Term and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to disqualify a person who was sworn-in as President or Governor to complete the term of the Elected President or Governor from being Elected to the same Office for more than a Single Term and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federal Government Separate from the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federal Government Separate from the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Make the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation and for the State Financially Independent by placing them on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation and of the State and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Make the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation and for the State Financially Independent by placing them on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation and of the State and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

22. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to further strengthen the Judiciary for speedy dispensation of Justice and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to further strengthen the Judiciary for speedy dispensation of Justice and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

23. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide Time for the Determination of Pre-election Matters and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide Time for the Determination of Pre-election Matters and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

24. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the Establishment and Core Functions of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps; and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the Establishment and Core Functions of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps; and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

25. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Procedure for Passing a Constitution Alteration Bill where the President Withholds Assent and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Procedure for Passing a Constitution Alteration Bill where the President Withholds Assent and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

26. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the Establishment of the Investments and Securities Tribunal under the Constitution and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the Establishment of the Investments and Securities Tribunal under the Constitution and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

27. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Reduce the Age for Qualification for the Offices of the President and Governor and Membership of the Senate, House of Representatives and the State House of Assembly and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Reduce the Age for Qualification for the Offices of the President and Governor and Membership of the Senate, House of Representatives and the State House of Assembly and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

28. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Specify the Period within which the President or the Governor of a State shall present the Appropriation Bill before the National Assembly or House of Assembly and for Related Matters — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Specify the Period within which the President or the Governor of a State shall present the Appropriation Bill before the National Assembly or House of Assembly and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

29. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Arid Research and Desertification Control and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Management, Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 573) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

30. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation of Manufacture, Sale, Installation and General use of Elevators and Lifts and for Related Matters (HB. 1090) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation of Manufacture, Sale, Installation and General use of Elevators and Lifts and for Related Matters (HB. 1090) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Jafaru Ibrahim — Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Justice.

31. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Provisions of the Export Prohibition Act, Cap. E22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1085) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Provisions of the Export Prohibition Act, Cap. E22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1085) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Dozie Ferdinand Nwankwo — Aniocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Commerce.

32. Rehabilitation of Oyo-Iseyin Road in Oyo State

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes that Oyo-Iseyin Road is a major road that connects many communities in Oyo State and enhances major economic activities in the State as goods and services are regularly transported through the road;

Also notes that the road has so dilapidated that it is putting commuters at risk of accidents and at the mercy of hoodlums who take advantage of the bad state of the road to carry out their nefarious activities;

Worried that if urgent steps are not taken to rehabilitate the road, the citizens will continue to suffer and economic activities will be halted, thereby resulting in loss of revenue to the State and the country at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), to commence rehabilitation of Oyo-Iseyin Road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and FERMA, to ensure the inclusion of the reconstruction of the road in the 2018 budget estimate (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Atiba East/Oyo West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 78/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

33. Deplorable State of Okenne - Obehira - Magongo - Lampese-Ibillo - Ekor - Ikiran - Ishua Road

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Okene-Obehira-Magongo-Lampese-Ibillo-Ekor-Ikiran-Ishua Road which traverses Kogi, Edo and Ondo States and connects the Northern States to the South-West and South-South Zones of the country is crucial to the socio-economic development of those areas;

Also notes that persistent rainfall and consequent erosion as well as the many heavy duty vehicles that ply the Road have deteriorated it to such an extent that it is becoming impassable;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the road has caused various degrees of accidents leading to loss of lives and destruction of properties, as well as unquantifiable loss of man-hours that demands constant maintenance to stem the tide of deterioration;

Also concerned that the bad spots on the Road have become safe haven for armed robbers to operate and dispossess travelers of their valuables and unless urgent remedial measures are taken to reconstruct the Road, the suffering of travelers will continue without let;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently rehabilitate the Road to make it passable;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the reconstruction of the road in the 2018 budget proposal (*Hon. Peter Ohiozogh Akpatason — Akoko Edo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 79/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

34. Need to Investigate the Reduction in the Cut-off Marks for Admissions into Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Recalls that on 22 August, 2017 the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), the heads of tertiary institutions and other stake holders held a policy meeting on plans and modalities for the conduct of admissions into tertiary institutions for the 2017/2018 academic session;

Notes that after the said meeting, the Registrar of JAMB, Professor Ishaq Oloyede announced that a minimum of 120 marks in the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) would be required for placement of candidates into the Universities, while 100 marks would be required for placement into Polytechnics or Colleges of Education;

Also notes that despite the fact that more than 500,000 candidates scored above 200 marks which represents 50% of the total mark, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board still went ahead to announce a 120 cut-off mark which represents only 30% of the total examination mark of 400, while 100 marks stipulated for Polytechnics and Colleges of Education represent only 25% of the total mark;

Concerned that the decision is bound to lower the standard/quality of education in tertiary institutions as many candidates who perform woefully in the UTME examination could secure admissions through nepotism, bribery and corruption while many other candidates who perform excellently could be denied admissions;

Convinced that Universities are supposed to be centres of excellence for learning, research and innovation, hence the need to always admit the best candidates in order to produce graduates that can compete favorably with their peers anywhere in the World;

Also convinced that tertiary education should be for those candidates who have the intellectual capacity, hence lowering the entry qualification into higher institutions of learning would definitely reduce the productivity and peak performance of young people seeking admissions into such institutions;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate the circumstances that led to the reduction in the cut-off marks required for admissions of candidates into tertiary institutions in Nigeria and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Hassan Saleh Anthony — Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that on 22 August, 2017 the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), the heads of tertiary institutions and other stake holders held a policy meeting on plans and modalities for the conduct of admissions into tertiary institutions for the 2017/2018 academic session;

Noted that after the said meeting, the Registrar of JAMB, Professor Ishaq Oloyede announced that a minimum of 120 marks in the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) would be required for placement of candidates into the Universities, while 100 marks would be required for placement into Polytechnics or Colleges of Education;

Also noted that despite the fact that more than 500,000 candidates scored above 200 marks which represents 50% of the total mark, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board still went ahead to announce a 120 cut-off mark which represents only 30% of the total examination mark of 400, while 100 marks stipulated for Polytechnics and Colleges of Education represent only 25 % of the total mark;

Concerned that the decision is bound to lower the standard/quality of education in tertiary institutions as many candidates who perform woefully in the UTME examination could secure admissions through nepotism, bribery and corruption while many other candidates who perform excellently could be denied admissions;

Convinced that Universities are supposed to be centres of excellence for learning, research and innovation, hence the need to always admit the best candidates in order to produce graduates that can compete favorably with their peers anywhere in the World;

Also convinced that tertiary education should be for those candidates who have the intellectual capacity, hence lowering the entry qualification into higher institutions of learning would definitely reduce the productivity and peak performance of young people seeking admissions into such institutions;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate the circumstances that led to the reduction in the cut-off marks required for admissions of candidates into tertiary institutions in Nigeria and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 80/2017**).

35. Need to Remove Underage Offenders from the Prisons and Build More Borstal Institutions
Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes with dismay the high number of minors in prisons who are placed among adult inmates;

Also notes that some of the minors in the prisons may be innocent victims of police raids who could not meet the conditions required by the Police to regain their freedom;

Concerned that the minors are being treated as adult offenders facing the danger of being subjected to extreme torture and starvation by prison officials as well as adult cell mates, making them to become even more hardened criminals upon their release from the prisons;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Chief Judges of the various States to visit prisons more regularly with a view to speedily reviewing cases involving minors held therein;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to build more borstal institutions that are adequately equipped to reform underage offenders; and

- (iii) mandate the Committees on Justice, and Interior to ensure compliance and report back within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ajisafe Olowookere — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with dismay the high number of minors in prisons who are placed among adult inmates;

Also noted that some of the minors in the prisons may be innocent victims of police raids who could not meet the conditions required by the Police to regain their freedom;

Concerned that the minors are being treated as adult offenders facing the likelihood of and subjected to extreme torture and starvation by prison officials as well as adult cell mates influencing them to become even more hardened criminals upon their release from the prisons;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Chief Judges of the various States to visit prisons more regularly with a view to speedily reviewing cases involving minors held therein;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to build more borstal institutions that are adequately equipped to reform underage offenders; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Justice, and Interior to ensure compliance and report back within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 81/2017**).

36. Re-introduction of Technical and Vocational Education and Practical Training to Create Employment

Motion made and Question proposed.

The House:

Notes the growing trend of unemployment among the youth who graduate annually from the nation's conventional tertiary institutions;

Aware that the trend is partly due to the fact that many of the graduates lack occupational skills to become self-employed or to function effectively in the work place;

Aware that Technical and Vocational Education can serve as career pathways as it guarantees employability in the blue-collar sectors of the economy such as Construction, Automotive Vehicle Mechanism, Agriculture, Horticulture, Water Resources Management which could also serve as foundation for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and empowerment for the youths;

Recalls that the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), at an international congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), had urged Governments to prioritize TVET in the quest to build greener societies and tackle global unemployment;

Realizes that occupational skills can be obtained through Technical and Vocational education as well as through increased practical training of students on Industrial Attachments;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to expand Technical and Vocational Education, make it attractive for academically sound and gifted students to seek admissions into and increase funding for Technical and Vocational Education;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to direct the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to revisit and redevelop curriculum contents that would place emphasis on practical training in real-workplace environment, particularly in sectors that can drive the economy;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Akinyede Julius Awodumila — Emure/Gbonyin/Ekiti East Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.*

The House:

Noted the growing trend of unemployment among the youth who graduate annually from the nation's conventional tertiary institutions;

Aware that the trend is partly due to the fact that many of the graduates lack occupational skills to become self-employed or to function effectively in the work place;

Aware that Technical and Vocational Education can serve as career pathways as it guarantees employability in the blue-collar sectors of the economy such as Construction, Automotive Vehicle Mechanism, Agriculture, Horticulture, Water Resources Management which could also serve as a foundation for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and empowerment for the youths;

Recalled that the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), at an international congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), had urged Governments to prioritize TVET in the quest to build greener societies and tackle global unemployment;

Realized that occupational skills can be obtained through Technical and Vocational education as well as through increased practical training of students on Industrial Attachments;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to expand Technical and Vocational Education, make it attractive for academically sound and gifted students to seek admissions into and increase funding for Technical and Vocational Education;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to direct the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to revisit and redevelop curriculum contents that would place emphasis on practical training in real-workplace environment, particularly in sectors that can drive the economy;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 82/2017**).

37. Consideration of Report***Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values on a Bill for an Act to Establish a National Agency for Ethics and Values, to Provide for the Functions and Powers of the Agency, the Qualifications and Procedures for Appointments of the Chairman and Members and for Related Matters (HB. 519) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL AGENCY FOR ETHICS AND
VALUES TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE AGENCY, THE
QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE
CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 519)

PART I — PRELIMINARY***Committee Recommendation:*****Clause 1: Establishment of the Agency.**

There is established an Agency to be known as the Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance (in this Bill referred to as the "Agency") which shall have the functions and powers assigned to it by this Bill (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 2: Composition and Appointment of the Agency.**

The Agency:

- (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
- (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- (c) shall be organised as an independent Agency in the Presidency;
- (d) is charged with the responsibility to receive and process disclosure of impropriety made by anyone to the Office of the President under the Whistleblower Protection Act (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 3: Objectives of the Agency.**

The objectives of the Agency shall be to:

- (a) monitor and regulate the activities of establishments in both public and private sectors in order to maintain high standards of workplace ethics in Nigeria;
- (b) develop and enforce ethical standards to ensure that the actions and behaviors of citizens or residents of Nigeria conform to the highest standards of National Ethics as provided in Chapter II of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: National Ethics.

The National Ethics shall be:

- (a) Discipline;
- (b) Integrity;
- (c) Dignity of Labour;
- (d) Social Justice;
- (e) Religious Tolerance;
- (f) Self-Reliance;
- (g) Patriotism (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Motto.

The motto of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be:

- (a) Unity and Faith;
- (b) Peace and Progress (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Mandate.

In fulfilling its mandate, the Agency shall, in addition to the values and principles under this Bill, observe and accommodate the following:

- (a) diversity of Nigerian people;
- (b) impartiality and gender equity; and,
- (c) the rules of natural justice (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: It shall be the duty of every citizen to:

- (a) abide by the Constitution, respect its ideals and its institutions, the National Flag, the National Anthem, the National Pledge, and legitimate authorities;
- (b) help to enhance the power, prestige and good name of Nigeria, defend Nigeria and render such national service as may be required;
- (c) respect the dignity of other citizens and the rights and legitimate interests of others and live in unity and harmony and in the spirit of common brotherhood;
- (d) make positive and useful contributions to the advancement, progress and well-being of the community where he resides;
- (e) render assistance to appropriate and lawful agencies in the maintenance of law and order; and,
- (f) declare his income honestly to appropriate and lawful agencies and pay his tax promptly (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Every establishment in Nigeria shall develop programmes to combat unethical behaviors, and these shall include:

- (a) establishment of Ethics and Values Unit to ensure compliance under the provisions of this Bill and workplace ethics;
- (b) designation of National Ethics Compliance Officer/s at its management level; and
- (c) regular ethics training for its employees (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: No persons shall practice the profession of Ethics Compliance in Nigeria unless the person is certified in accordance with this Bill (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Director-General and Directorate of the Agency.

The Agency shall consist of:

- (a) the Office of the Director-General;
- (b) the Directorates of:
 - (i) Finance and Administration;
 - (ii) Training and Licensing;

- (iii) Investigation and Compliance ;
 - (iv) Surveillance and Intelligence;
 - (v) Research & Planning; and
 - (vi) State Offices Operation:
- (c) departments and units as may be required to assist the Director-General in performance of the duties of the Agency under this Bill (*Hon. Odebus Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Governing Board of the Agency.

The Agency shall have a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as the "Board" which shall comprise the following:

- (a) the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as Chairman;
- (b) Secretary to the Government of the Federation
- (c) Attorney- General & Minister of Justice;
- (d) Minister of Industry, Investment & Trade;
- (e) Minister of Information and Culture;
- (f) Minister of Labour and Productivity;
- (g) Minister of Education;
- (h) Minister of Interior;
- (i) the Inspector-General of Police; and,
- (j) the Director-General of the Agency (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: The Board shall appoint other persons of proven integrity and with considerable experience to serve as members of the Board to represent the interest of the:

- (a) Professional & Business communities;
- (b) Christian bodies;
- (c) Muslim bodies;
- (d) Traditional rulers; and,
- (e) Civil Society Organisations (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: The Board shall make standing orders regulating its proceedings (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: The members of the Board, other than the Director-General, shall be part-time members of the Agency and at no time would the members exceed 20 persons (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: The numbers of meetings in a year and the emoluments of the members of the Board will be in conformity with the rules governing remunerations of other Federal Government Agencies Board (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Functions of the Board.

The functions of the Board shall be to:

- (a) direct the Agency in policy formulation;
- (b) give strategic direction to the Agency in the performance of its functions as stipulated in this Bill;
- (c) establish and maintain strategic linkages and partnerships with other stakeholders in the rule of law and other governance sectors;
- (d) deal with reports, complain of abuse of power, impropriety and other forms of misconduct on the part of the Agency or its staff;
- (e) review and approve the financial statements of the Agency ; and,
- (f) review and approve the annual estimates and budget of the Agency (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 16 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: The functions of the Agency shall be to:

- (a) enforce citizens and residents of Nigeria to comply with the National Ethics as may be provided for in this Bill;
- (b) regulate the standard of ethics in private and government establishments;
- (c) develop a set of professional and ethical standards to guide all public and private establishments to uphold National Ethics;

- (d) establish a National Ethics and Values Professional Certification Board;
- (e) conduct training and examinations for the award of various levels of certificate to person willing to practice as Ethics Compliance Officer;
- (f) facilitate the creation and supervise the "Ethics and Values Unit" in both public and private establishments;
- (g) monitor and evaluate the practices, procedures and code of ethics of private and public establishments operating in Nigeria (including professional bodies);
- (h) identify unethical practices of private and public establishments and secure the revision of the procedures;
- (i) research and identify all ethical issues that negatively impact on Nigeria's development and make recommendations to the President;
- (j) issue Certificate of National Ethics Compliance to individual and establishments;
- (k) collaborate with anti-graft agencies as it relates to the control of unethical behaviors (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 17 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Functions of the Agency.

The functions of the Agency shall be to:

- (a) enforce citizens and residents of Nigeria to comply with the National Ethics as may be provided for in this Bill;
- (b) regulate the standard of ethics in private and government establishments;
- (c) develop a set of professional and ethical standards to guide all public and private establishments to uphold National Ethics;
- (d) establish a National Ethics and Values Professional Certification Board;
- (e) conduct training and examinations for the award of various levels of certificate to person willing to practice as Ethics Compliance Officer;
- (f) facilitate the creation and supervise the "Ethics and Values Unit" in both public and private establishments;
- (g) monitor and evaluate the practices, procedures and code of ethics of private and public establishments operating in Nigeria (including professional bodies);
- (h) identify unethical practices of private and public establishments and secure the revision of the procedures;
- (i) research and identify all ethical issues that negatively impact on Nigeria's development and make recommendations to the President;

- (j) issue Certificate of National Ethics Compliance to individual and establishments;
- (k) collaborate with anti-graft agencies as it relates to the control of unethical behaviors (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 18 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 19: Contravention and Fines.

Any establishment or person that breaches any provision of this Bill or contravenes the provisions of sections 8 and 9 is guilty of an offence and is on conviction liable to a fine of ₦250,000 for each day the contravention continues (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 19 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: Any violation of ethical standards shall lead to an offence of disciplinary nature and shall be prosecuted by the Agency for the purpose of the:

- (a) protection of the rights of citizens and residents of Nigeria or visitors to Nigeria;
- (b) freezing or confiscation of proceeds of the breach or related to the breach;
- (c) payment of compensation;
- (d) recovery or protection of public property; and
- (e) other punitive and disciplinary measures (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 20 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Any statement in any declaration that is found to be false by any authority or person authorised in that behalf to verify it, shall be deemed to be a breach of this Bill (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 21 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: If any person required to furnish information under this Bill fails to do so or in purported compliance with such requirement to furnish information knowingly or recklessly makes any statement which is false shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of ₦500,000 or imprisonment for a term of six months or both (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 22 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Any person who willfully obstructs, interferes with, assaults or resists any officer of the Agency in the execution of his duty under this Bill or who aids, invites, induces or abets any other person to obstruct, interfere with, assault or resist any such officer of the Agency, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of ₦500,000 or imprisonment for a term of six months or both (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 23 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Where an offence under this Bill, which has been committed by a body corporate, is proved to have been committed with the connivance of or attributable to any neglect on the part of a director, manager or similar officer of the establishment, the body corporate shall be fined and the person prosecuted and sentenced or fined or both (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 24 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 25: Where a body corporate is liable for breach and found culpable four consecutive times under this Bill but found to be guilty one more time of any offence under this Bill, the court may order that the body corporate shall thereupon be wound up and all its assets forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 25 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: Any person who in respect of any complaint lodged by him knowingly makes to the Agency any statement, whether or not in writing, which is false in any material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be sentenced to imprisonment for one year without the option of a fine (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 26 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 27: The Agency shall have all powers necessary or expedient for the efficient and effective execution of its functions under this Bill or any other written law (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 27 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 28: Without prejudice to the generality of section 27 of this Bill, the Agency shall have power to:

- (a) to conduct investigation into any suspected breach of the National Ethics;
- (b) conduct mediation, conciliation and negotiation on conflicts that has arisen from neglect of the National Ethics;
- (c) monitor the ethical practices of both public and private establishments and order for the revision of their procedures where necessary;

- (d) institute and conduct proceedings in court for purposes of prosecution of breach of National Ethics or any section of this Bill;
- (e) establish and maintain strategic partnerships with Non-Governmental Organisations and other stakeholders in the advancement of ethics, rule of law and good governance;
- (f) receive complaints on the breach of public trust and breach of the Code of Ethics by public officers or delay in prosecution by anti-graft agencies;
- (g) investigate and recommend to the Director of Public Prosecutions the prosecution of any acts or breach or violation of public trust, Codes of Ethics or other matter prescribed under this Bill or any other law;
- (h) impose fine for violation of National Ethics as entrenched in this Bill or any ethics standard introduced by the Agency;
- (i) access buildings, relevant records, documents, personnel, electronic materials and computerized records generated, or in the possession of, any persons or organization for the purpose of investigations, financial reviews, forensic audits, evaluations or other activities related to suspected breach of National Ethics;
- (j) recommend appropriate action to be taken against public officers alleged to have engaged in unprofessional and unethical conduct;
- (k) oversee the enforcement of public trust and Codes of Ethics prescribed for public officers;
- (l) advise, on its own initiative, any person on any matter within its functions;
- (m) request and obtain professional advice from persons or organizations;
- (n) summon in writing any person who in the opinion of the Agency is in the position to testify on any matter before him, to give evidence in the matter and any person who fails to appear when required to do so shall be guilty of an offence under this Bill.
- (o) carry out joint operations with the Nigeria Police Force and establish a special unit, under the Nigeria Police Force, charged with responsibility of monitoring and arresting violators of National Ethics;
- (p) establish and operate Ethics and Values Corps (EVACORPS) in collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations, to compel citizens and residents of Nigeria, including corporate Nigerians to obey rules and ethics standards, using fines to correct disobedience.
- (q) open operation offices inside all the State and Local Government Secretariats across the country;
- (r) develop criteria and conduct examinations to determine competence in the practice of compliance and ethics profession through certification programs for Certified National Ethics Professional (CNEP);

- (s) register professionals and training institutes to provide short courses for candidates who are preparing for the Certified National Ethics Professional (CNEP) Examinations;
- (t) charge and retain, to offset its overhead expenses, fees for services rendered to establishments, including fees for certification as National Ethics Professional;
- (u) accept and retain, for its operations, gifts, grants or donations from any person(s) or establishment(s) unless the conditions attached are inconsistent with the functions of the Agency;
- (v) borrow on such terms and conditions as the Board may approve, such sums of money as the Agency may require, in the exercise of the functions conferred on it by this Bill.
- (w) remove and make copies of any documents for the purpose of investigating breach of National Ethics;
- (x) obtain from the Ethics Compliance Units of private and public establishments, not later than April 30 and October 31 of each year, a semiannual reports summarizing the activities of the Ethics Compliance Units during the immediately preceding six-month periods ending March 31 and September 30. Such reports shall include, but need not be limited to:
 - (i) description of significant problems, abuses, and deficiencies relating to the administration of ethics control measures during the reporting period;
 - (ii) description of the recommendations for corrective action made by the Ethics Compliance Unit during the reporting period;
 - (iii) identification of each significant recommendation described in previous semiannual reports on which corrective action has not been completed;
 - (iv) summary of matters referred to prosecutive authorities and the prosecutions and convictions which have resulted (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 28 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 29: In addition to the powers under this Bill, the Agency shall ensure access to all parts of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and shall have the power to:

- (a) acquire, hold, charge and dispose movable and immovable property; and
- (b) do or perform all such other things or acts for the proper discharge of its functions under this Bill or any written law (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 29 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 30: International Grants and Aids.**

The Agency, in consistent with the core principles and critical components for the success of donors assisted programs such as transparency, accountability and integrity, shall require all Recipients of International Grants and Aids to:

- (a) adhere to the highest ethical standards in the conduct of donor-supported activities;
- (b) exercise the utmost care and integrity in the management, use and appropriation of grant funds and any assets procured with Donors' Resources;
- (c) exercise diligence in ensuring that Donors' Resources are used for their intended purposes and reach the intended beneficiaries;
- (d) register with the Agency any agreement or Code of Conduct ascribed to;
- (e) notify the Agency upon discovery of conduct which is inconsistent with the National Ethics (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 30 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 31: The Agency shall:**

- (a) investigate violations of any agreement or any Code of Conduct for Recipients of International Grants and Aids;
- (b) establish the principles and standards of conduct required of all recipients of International Grants and Aids.
- (c) establish standards for financial management systems and practices to properly record, reconcile and report on the use, receipt and status of Donors' Resources ensure that Donors' Resources are not used to support, finance or promote violence, aid terrorists or fund unethical activities (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 31 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 32: The Agency shall:**

- (a) monitor the Recipients of International Grants and Aids to ensure they comply with the international donors' requirements;
- (b) provide compliance technical assistance to the grantees;
- (c) build the capacity of the grantees to enable them align their reports with international standards of Donor Agencies;
- (d) have power to charge and receive fees, from Recipients of International Grants and Aids, to offset its overhead expenses for providing compliance technical assistance (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 32 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 33: Recipients of International Grants and Aids shall obtain from the Agency, Certificate of National Ethics Compliance to qualify to receive international grants (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 33 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 34: Secretariats of the Agency.

There shall be National, State and Local Government Secretariats of the Agency. The Secretariats shall comprise of such:

- (a) professional, technical and administrative officers and support staff, as may be recruited or appointed by the Agency in the discharge of its functions under this Bill;
- (b) civil servants as may be seconded by the Federal or State Civil Service Commission to the Agency upon its request;
- (c) Police officers as may be posted by the Inspector-General of Police to the Agency upon its request (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 34 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 35: Committees.

- (1) The Agency may establish committees for the effective discharge of its functions.
- (2) The Agency may admit into the membership of committees established under section 35 other persons whose knowledge and skills are found necessary for the functions of the Agency.
- (3) Any person admitted into the Agency under section 36 may attend the meetings of the Agency and participate in its deliberation, but have no power to vote.
- (4) The business and affairs of the Committees shall be conducted in accordance as constituted in its procedure (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 35 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 36: Appointments.

- (1) The Agency shall:
 - (a) through an open, transparent and competitive recruitment process appoint suitably qualified persons as staff to carry out the functions of the Agency;
 - (b) in the appointment of employees, ensure that at least one-third of the employees are of either gender; and

- (c) ensure the appointments reflect ethic and regional diversity of the people of Nigeria.
- (2) The Agency shall be headed by a Director-General to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Board.
- (3) A person shall be qualified for appointment as the Director-General of the Agency if the person:
 - (a) is a citizen of Nigeria;
 - (b) possesses a professional certificate or postgraduate degree; and
 - (c) has had at least fifteen years proven experience and demonstrated ability and a distinguished career in any of the following fields:
 - (i) Ethics or Governance;
 - (ii) Accounting or Audit;
 - (iii) Public Administration;
 - (iv) Leadership or Trusteeship;
 - (v) Economics;
 - (vi) Social Studies;
 - (vii) Law;
 - (viii) Religious Studies or Philosophy;
 - (ix) Fraud Investigation;
 - (x) Public Relations and Media;
 - (xi) Defence and Security
- (4) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as Director-General if the person:
 - (a) is a member of a governing body of a political party;
 - (b) is an un-discharged bankrupt;
 - (c) has been convicted of a felony; or breach of public trust
 - (d) has been removed from public office for contravening the provisions of the Nigeria Constitution, this Bill or any other law (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 36 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 37: Oath.**

The Director-General shall take and subscribe to the oath of office (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 37 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 38: Tenure of Office.**

The Director-General shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for reappointment (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 38 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 39: Functions of the Director-General.**

The Director-General shall be:

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency;
- (b) the Accounting Officer of the Agency; and
- (c) responsible for:
 - (i) carrying out the decisions of the Agency;
 - (ii) supervision of other employees; and
 - (iii) the day to day administration and management of the affairs of the Agency (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 39 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 40: The Agency shall be divided into directorates to be headed by Executive Directors. A person shall be qualified for appointment, recruitment, secondment or promotion to any of the positions of the Executive Directors of the Agency if the person:

- (a) holds an educational qualification not below a degree (or professional certificate of a degree equivalent) in any of the fields listed in section 41 (c) (i)-(xi); and,
- (b) has knowledge and experience of not less than fifteen years in the fields of study relevant to the position (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 40 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 41: The Executive Directors shall be assisted by Heads of Departments and State Compliance Officers (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 41 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 42: A person shall be qualified for appointment, recruitment, secondment (by the Civil Service Commission) or promotion to any of the positions of the Heads of Department or State Compliance Officers of the Agency if the person:

- (a) holds an educational qualification not below a degree (or professional certificate of a degree equivalent) from a recognized educational institution; and,
- (b) has had a distinguished career as well as knowledge and experience of not less than ten (10) years in any of the fields listed in section 41 (c) (i)-(xi); or,
- (c) is a police officer of not less than the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police, as may be posted by the Inspector-General of the Police to the Agency upon its request; or,
- (d) is an expert as may be hired with the approval of the Board, as contract staff to provide technical supports especially in the areas of forensic audit, grant management, arbitration and for other job schedules (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 42 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 43: Contract Staff that shall be recruited in pursuant to section 48 (d) shall be appointed in the first instance for a period of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment, subject to good performance, for such further period as the Board may, from time to time, determine and on such terms as to emolument and otherwise as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment and as may, from time to time, be approved by the Board (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 43 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 44: For the purposes of this Bill, a police officer who is posted by the Inspector-General of Police or public officer who is seconded by the Civil Service Commission shall:

- (a) have the same benefits in the same manner as an employee recruited directly by the Agency under this Bill; and,
- (b) be required to execute any instruction, orders and directions of the Agency (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 44 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 45: Members and the employees of the Agency shall subscribe to the code of conduct as set out by the Agency in its manuals, sign a conflict of interest declaration form and be guided at all times by the standard operating procedures of the Agency (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 45 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 46: The Agency shall identify ethical issues that can improve interpersonal and corporate relationships and produce documentary regular reports that shall engineer the conscience of the citizenry to improve the ethical culture of the nation (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 46 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 47: The Agency shall direct every Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the governments to establish Ethics and Values Unit within the MDAs to carry on the following duties:

- (a) provide coordination for control measures designed by the Agency to promote ethical cultured work place in MDAs;
- (b) receive and investigate complaints or information from employee of the MDAs concerning the possible existence of an activity constituting a violation of National Ethics;
- (c) carry out quarterly review and submit report to the Agency, with a copy to the head of the MDA, on ethical issues that may affect the economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the administration of their establishment or the nation;
- (d) provide a means for keeping the head of the MDA and the Agency fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to compliance with National Ethics and the necessity for and progress of corrective action (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 47 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 48: There shall be a Certified National Ethics Professional of no lower rank than a deputy director who shall be the Ethic Compliance Director in all MDAs (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 48 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 49: The Ethics Compliance Director shall report to and be under the general supervision of the head of the MDA involved or, to the extent such authority is delegated, the officer next in rank below such head, but shall not report to, or be subject to supervision by any other officer of such MDA (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 49 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 50: Neither the head of the MDA nor the officer next in rank below such head shall prevent or prohibit the Ethics Compliance Director from initiating, carrying out, or completing any investigation (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 50 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 51: The Agency shall direct every private establishments operating in Nigeria to establish Ethics and Values Unit within their establishment to carry on the following duties:

- (a) provide coordination for control measures designed by the Agency to promote ethical cultured work place in Nigeria.
- (b) receive and investigate complaints or information from employee or customer of the establishment concerning the possible existence of an activity constituting a violation of National Ethics;
- (c) carry out quarterly review and submit report to the Agency, with a copy to the Chief Executive Officer of the establishment on ethical issues that may affect the economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the administration of their establishment or the nation;
- (d) provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment and the Agency fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to compliance with National Ethics and the necessity for and progress of corrective action (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 51 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 52: **Seal of the Agency.**

- (1) The seal of the Agency shall be such device as may be determined by the Board and shall be kept by the Director-General.
- (2) The affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by the Director-General or any other person authorized in that behalf by a resolution of the Board.
- (3) Any document purporting to be under the seal of the Agency or issued on behalf of the Agency shall be received in evidence and shall be deemed to be so executed or issued, as the case may be, without further proof, unless the contrary is proved (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 52 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART III — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**Committee Recommendation:**

Clause 53: (1) The funds of the Agency shall consist of:

- (a) monies allocated by Appropriation Act of the National Assembly for the Agency;
 - (b) any grants, gifts, donations or other endowments given to the Agency;
 - (c) such funds as may vest in or accrue to the Agency in the performance of its functions under this Bill or under any other written law.
- (2) Any funds donated or lent to, or gift made to the Agency shall be disclosed and made public before use (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 53 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 54: Staff and member of the Agency shall be paid such remuneration or allowances as the Salaries and Remuneration Agency shall approve (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 54 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 55: At least three months before the commencement of each financial year, the Agency shall cause to prepare estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Agency for that year (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 55 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 56: The annual estimates shall make provision for all the estimated expenditure of the Agency for the financial year concerned and in particular, shall provide for the:

- (a) payment of remuneration in respect of the members and staff of the Agency;
- (b) payment of pensions, gratuities and other charges in respect of benefits which are payable out of the funds of the Agency;
- (c) maintenance of the buildings and grounds of the Agency;
- (d) funding of training, research and development of activities of the Agency; and,
- (e) creation of such funds to meet contingent liabilities in respect of benefits, insurance or replacement of buildings or installations, equipment and in respect of such other matters as the Agency may think fit (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 56 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 57: The annual estimates shall be approved by the Board before the commencement of the financial year to which they relate and shall be submitted to the Presidency to forward to the National Assembly (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 57 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 58: The financial year of the Agency shall be:

- (a) the period starting from the day on which this Bill comes into operation and ending on the following 31st December;
- (b) the period of twelve months commencing on the first of January and ending on the 31st December of the subsequent year (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 58 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 59: The Agency shall cause to be kept all proper books and records of account of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Agency (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 59 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 60: The annual accounts of the Agency shall be prepared, audited and reported upon in accordance with the Public Audit Act (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 60 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 61: The Agency shall, at the end of each financial year cause an annual report to be prepared (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 61 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 62: The Agency shall submit the annual report to the President and the National Assembly three months after the end of the year to which it relates (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 62 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 63: The annual report shall contain, in respect of the year to which it relates:

- (a) the financial statements of the Agency;
- (b) a description of the activities of the Agency;
- (c) such other statistical information as the Agency may consider appropriate relating to the Agency's fund;
- (d) any recommendations made by the Agency to MDAs or any person and the action taken;
- (e) the impact of the exercise of any of its mandate or function;
- (f) any impediments to the achievements of the objects and functions under this Bill or any written law; and
- (g) any other information relating to its functions that the Agency considers necessary (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 63 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 64: The Agency shall cause the annual report to be published and the report shall be publicized in such manner as the Agency may determine (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 64 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART IV — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**Committee Recommendation:**

Clause 65: Except as provided in this Bill, the Agency shall, in the performance of its functions, not be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 65 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 66: The Agency shall publish and publicize important information within its mandate affecting the nation. A request for information by a citizen-

- (a) shall be addressed to the Director General or such other person as the Agency may for that purpose designate;
- (b) may be subject to the payment of a reasonable fee; and
- (c) may be subject to confidentiality requirements of the Agency (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 66 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 67: Subject to this Bill, the Agency may decline to give information to an applicant on the following grounds —

- (a) the request is unreasonable in the circumstances;
- (b) the information requested is at a deliberative stage by the Agency;
- (c) failure of payment of a prescribed fee; or
- (d) failure of the applicant to satisfy confidentiality requirements by the Agency (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 67 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 68: The right of access to information under the Constitution and any other written law is limited to the nature and extent specified therein (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 68 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 69: Every member and employee of the Agency shall sign a confidentiality agreement (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 69 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 70: The Agency shall, in such manner as it shall consider appropriate, publish a notice for public information specifying:

- (a) the location of its principal office; and
- (b) its address or addresses, telephone numbers and other means of communication or contact with the Agency (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 70 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 71: The Agency may request legal advice from the Attorney-General (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 71 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 72: The Agency may make Regulations for the application of this Bill for:

- (a) the appointment, including the power to confirm appointments of persons, to any office in respect of which it is responsible under this Bill;
- (b) the disciplinary control and termination of appointments of employees of the Agency; and
- (c) the practice, procedure and code of conduct of the Agency in the exercise of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 72 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 73: All property, assets, rights, liabilities, obligations, agreements and other arrangements existing at the commencement of this Bill and vested in, acquired, incurred or entered into by or on behalf of the Special Adviser to the President on Ethics and Values, shall upon the commencement of this Bill, be deemed to have vested in or to have been acquired, incurred or entered into by or on behalf of the Agency to the same extent as they were enforceable by or against the Agency before the commencement of the Act (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 73 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 74: Where the transfer of any property transferred to or vested in the Agency under section 83 is required by any written law to be registered, the Agency shall, within three months from the commencement of this Bill or within such other period as the written law may prescribe, apply to the appropriate registering authority for the registration of the transfer and thereupon the registering authority shall, at no cost to the Agency or any person by way of registration fees, stamp or other duties:

- (a) make such entries in the appropriate register as shall give effect to the transfer;

- (b) where appropriate, issue to the Agency a certificate of title or other statutory evidence of ownership of the property or make such amendments on such certificates or in the appropriate register as may be necessary; and
- (c) make any necessary endorsements on such deeds or other documents as may be presented to such registering authority relating to the title, right or obligation concerned (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 74 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 75: Any person who immediately before the coming into effect of this Bill is a principal office holder in the National Ethics and Values Compliance Office, existing before commencement of this Bill, shall continue in Office and be deemed to have been appointed to his/her office by the Agency established by this Bill, unless the office occupied by the person becomes non-existent under the new organizational structure of the Agency. This Bill shall be the basis for the regularizations of the employment of such principal office holders (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 75 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 76: On the commencement of this Bill:

- (a) the National Ethics and Values Compliance Office shall cease to exist and its rights and obligations shall reside in the Agency and the appointment of its Director General appointed by the former Special Adviser to the President shall terminate;
- (b) the President, on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Board, shall appoint the first Director-General of the Agency in accordance with the provisions of this Bill;
- (c) the Director of Finance and Accounts of the National Ethics and Values Compliance Office, existing before commencement of this Bill, shall act as the Director-General of the Agency until such a time that the President appoints the first Director-General (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 76 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 77: In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires;

"Agency" means Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance established under this Bill (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere F. deral Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Agency" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance" means an Agency established by this Bill (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Special Adviser to the President" means the Special Adviser to the President responsible for matters relating to ethics and values (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Special Adviser to the President" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Salaries and Remuneration" means the Salaries and Remuneration of the Agency established under this Bill (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Salaries and Remuneration" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Director- General" means the Director-General appointed by the Agency in accordance with the procedure set out in this Bill (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Director-General" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 77 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 78: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance Bill, 2017.

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance to provide for the Functions and Powers of the Agency, the Qualifications and Procedures for the Appointment of the Chairman and Members, and for Related Matters (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish National Agency for Ethics and Values to Provide for the Functions and Powers of the Agency, the Qualifications and Procedures for the Appointment of the Chairman and Members, and for Related Matters (HB. 519) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun — Ogo Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*) — **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 Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values on a Bill for an Act to Establish a National Agency for Ethics and Values, to Provide for the Functions and Powers of the Agency, the Qualifications and Procedures for Appointments of the Chairman and Members and for Related Matters (HB. 519) and approved Clauses 1 - 78, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

38. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 4 October, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.12 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker