



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21 March, 2018

1. The House met at 11.19 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**  
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 20 March, 2018.  
*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*
3. **Announcements**
  - (a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**  
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:
    - (i) Staff and Students of *Arise and Shine Private Schools*, Dutse, Abuja;
    - (ii) Staff and Students of *Our Lady of Fatima Private School*, New Karu, Nasarawa State;
    - (iii) Staff and Students of *New Covenant Academy*, GRA, Garaku, Nasarawa State;
    - (iv) Staff and Students of *City Stars Academy*, Ado, Karu, Nasarawa State; and
    - (v) Staff and Students of *His Excellency International Schools*, Bwari, Abuja.
  - (b) **2018 Appropriation Bill**  
Mr Speaker announced the time table for the consideration and passage of the 2018 Appropriation Bill as follows:
    - (i) submission of harmonised Budget by Sub-Committees to the Appropriations Committee (29/03/2018);
    - (ii) meetings and briefing of the Presiding/Principal Officers by Appropriations Committee (16/04/2018);

- (iii) laying of the Budget Report by Appropriations Committee (19/04/2018); and
- (iv) passing of the Budget (24/04/2018).

**4. Petition**

A petition by the disengaged youths of Cross River and Akwa Ibom States, on the non-payment of their entitlements by Addax Petroleum Development Nigeria Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Ayi Essien Ekpenyong (*Calabar South/Akpabuyo/Bakassi Federal Constituency*).

*Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

**5. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**

**(i) Flood Disaster in Abbi Communities in Ndokwa West Local Government Area of Delta State:**

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.*

*Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

**Flood Disaster in Abbi Communities in Ndokwa West Local Government Area of Delta State:**

The House:

*Notes* the constant perennial flooding currently ravaging the entire region of the coastal communities of Niger Delta;

*Also notes* that on Sunday, 18 March, 2018, the entire communities of Abbi in Ndokwa West Local Government Area of Delta State was devastated by flood due to heavy down pour of rain in the area;

*Observes* that the havoc wreaked on these communities by flood and erosion, caused about two hundred (200) households to be without shelter, while hundreds of vulnerable children and women, particularly expectant and nursing mothers were greatly traumatized;

*Disturbed* that since this incident, schools, farmland, health centers and places of worship were seriously affected and submerged on a daily basis;

*Worried* that the resultant health hazard caused by the deplorable condition on peasant farmers is so grave and have been left with no available means of livelihood;

*Acknowledges* that food security, welfare and shelter of the people is the primary purpose of governance;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected Communities with a view to ascertaining the extent of damage in the area; and
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to quickly provide relief materials to the victims of the disaster in accordance with Section 6 (j) of its Act (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 111/03/2018).**

*Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).*

**(ii) *Need to Curb Further Herdsmen Attacks, Killings and Destruction of Lives and Property in Kogi State and Its Environs:***

Hon. Emmanuel Egwu (*Idah/Igalamela/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.*

*Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

**Need to Curb Further Herdsmen Attacks, Killings and Destruction of Lives and Property in Kogi State and Its Environs:**

The House:

*Notes* that there have been several killing of innocent citizens, attacks, rape, on farmers, villagers, and community leaders by armed herdsmen in different parts of the country like, Benue, Plateau, Kaduna, Adamawa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Enugu, Ondo, Ekiti, Kogi States, which have become so rampant and alarming;

*Also notes* that there were several attacks by the armed herdsmen within Kogi State in the last two (2) weeks, at Abejukolo, Bagaji-Odo, Bagana, Ajokopi, Agbada II, Ebeje-erabo, Edede, Oje Icheke in Omalla Local Government, Ogane-nigu, Agojeju in Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas;

*Aware* that two (2) trucks of heavily armed herdsmen were sighted last Saturday at Ankpa in Ankpa Local Government, and whisked into the bushes to unknown places;

*Also aware* that there were several attacks at Odolu and Ofu in 2017, which led to the loss of lives and property worth millions of Naira;

*Regrets* that the reported number of deaths from the attacks last week at Kogi East was thirty-two (32), while several persons are missing, and some have taken to their heels for their dear lives;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) condemn the recent killing of thirty-two (32) persons at Abejukolo, Oganenigu, Bassa of Omalla, Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas of Kogi State;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to direct the Police, Army, Directorate of State Security, Civil Defence, to take proactive actions by mobilizing their men to the places of the incidents and other routes;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, send relief materials to the affected areas;
- (iv) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to carry out national research work on the incessant herdsman attacks in order to provide a lasting and enduring measures for peaceful co-habitation of citizens, most especially areas where cattle rearing are carried out; and
- (v) observe a minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the incident (*Hon. Emmanuel M. Egwu — Idah/Igalamela-Odolu/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.*

## The House:

*Noted* that there have been several killing of innocent citizens, attacks, rape, on farmers, villagers, and community leaders by armed herdsmen in different parts of the country like, Benue, Plateau, Kaduna, Adamawa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Enugu, Ondo, Ekiti, Kogi States, which have become so rampant and alarming;

*Also noted* that there were several attacks by the armed herdsmen within Kogi State in the last two (2) weeks, at Abejukolo, Bagaji-Odo, Bagana, Ajokopi, Agbada II, Ebeje-erabo, Edede, Oje Icheke in Omalla Local Government, Ogane-nigu, Agojeju in Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas;

*Aware* that two (2) trucks of heavily armed herdsmen were sighted last Saturday at Ankpa in Ankpa Local Government, and whisked-into the bushes to unknown places;

*Also aware* that there were several attacks at Odolu and Ofu in 2017, which led to the loss of lives and property worth millions of Naira;

*Regretted* that the reported number of deaths from the attacks last week at Kogi East was thirty-two (32), while several persons are missing, and some have taken to their heels for their dear lives;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) condemn the recent killing of thirty-two (32) persons at Abejukolo, Oganenigu, Bassa of Omalla, Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas of Kogi State;
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- (iv) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to carry out national research work on the incessant herdsmen attacks in order to provide a lasting and enduring measures for peaceful co-habitation of citizens, most especially areas where cattle rearing are carried out; and
- (v) observe a minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the incident (**HR. 112/03/2018**).

*Motion referred to the Ad-hoc Committee on Incessant Killings and other Security Concerns in the Country.*

*Motion made and Question proposed.* "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance" (*Hon. Orker Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(iii) Need to Address Recent cases of Unlawful and Sporadic Shooting by the Officers and Men of the Nigerian Customs Service:**

Hon. Muhammed Gudagi Kazaure (*Kazaure/Roni/Gwiwa/Yankwashi Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.*

*Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

**Need to Address Recent cases of Unlawful and Sporadic Shooting by the Officers and Men of the Nigerian Customs Service:**

The House.

*Notes* that in recent times, officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service led by officers in charge of Task Force, Jigawa/Kano Command were engaged in unlawful and sporadic shooting that led to the death of many innocent people in the States of Katsina, Jigawa, Kano and Kaduna;

*Also notes* that as a result of the shootings, one Zubairu Muktar, Allani Faruk U/Tudu, Alani Umari Babamufum amongst others were killed;

*Worried* that the actions of the officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service threatened the security, as well as the welfare of the people in the affected States;

*Alarmed* that this action is one of too many, among the intimidating activities of the officers and men of the Nigerian Customs Service;

*Desirous* of the need to check the reoccurrence of the ugly incidents;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Customs and Excise, and Police Affairs to investigate the incidence with a view to identifying the culprits and bring them to book, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Mohammed Gudaji Kazaure — Kazaure/Roni/Gwiwa/Yankwashi Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that in recent times, officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service led by officers in charge of Task Force, Jigawa/Kano Command were engaged in unlawful and sporadic shooting that led to the death of many innocent people in the States of Katsina, Jigawa, Kano and Kaduna;

*Also noted* that as a result of the shootings, one Zubairu Muktar, Allani Faruk U/Tudu, Alani Umari Babamufum amongst others were killed;

*Worried* that the actions of the officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service threatened the security, as well as the welfare of the people in the affected States;

*Alarmed* that this action is one of too many, among the intimidating activities of the officers and men of the Nigerian Customs Service;

*Desirous* of the need to check the reoccurrence of the ugly incidents;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Committees on Customs and Excise, and Police Affairs to investigate the incidence with a view to identifying the culprits and bring them to book, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 113/03/2018**).

**(iv) *Need to Stop the Attacks and Killings by Herdsmen in Ugboha Community in Esan North East/Esan South East Federal Constituency of Edo State:***

Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun (*Esan North East/Esan South East Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

(a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and

(b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.*

*Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

**Need to Stop the Attacks and Killings by Herdsmen in Ugboha Community in Esan North East/Esan South East Federal Constituency of Edo State:**

The House:

*Informed* about the wanton killing and attack on innocent persons by suspected herdsmen in Ugboha, Esan South East Local Government Area of Edo State, in which three persons were gruesomely murdered and some others severely injured on Friday, 16 March, 2018;

*Recalls* that the incessant attacks by herdsmen on Ugboha residents have led to the killing of innocent Ugboha community dwellers in the past;

*Worried* at the apparent inability of the existing security apparatus to safeguard lives and properties in Ugboha and curb the rising tide of insecurity and herdsmen attacks in this region;

*Cognizant* of the fact that the protection and security of lives and properties is the duty of the Federal Government pursuant to the provision of Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

*Disturbed* that unless urgent measures are taken to nip this ugly trend in the bud, this rate of herdsmen attack and wanton killings would continue unabated;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to direct all relevant security agencies to deploy security personnel to the affected area to forestall breakdown of law and order and bring the perpetrators of this dastardly act to justice; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan North East/Esan South East Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Informed* about the wanton killing and attack on innocent persons by suspected herdsmen in Ugboha, Esan South East Local Government Area of Edo State, in which three persons were gruesomely murdered and some others severely injured on Friday, 16 March, 2018;

*Recalled* that the incessant attacks by herdsmen on Ugboha residents have led to the killing of innocent Ugboha community dwellers in the past;

*Worried* at the apparent inability of the existing security apparatus to safeguard lives and properties in Ugboha and curb the rising tide of insecurity and herdsmen attacks in this region;

*Cognizant* of the fact that the protection and security of lives and properties is the duty of the Federal Government pursuant to the provision of Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

*Disturbed* that unless urgent measures are taken to nip this ugly trend in the bud, this rate of herdsmen attack and wanton killings would continue unabated;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to direct all relevant security agencies to deploy security personnel to the affected area to forestall breakdown of law and order and bring the perpetrators of this dastardly act to justice; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 114/03/2018**).

*Motion referred to the Ad-hoc Committee on Incessant Killings and other Security Concerns in the Country.*

- (v) ***Need to Intervene in the Exclusion of Qualified Table Tennis Players from Participating at the 2018 Commonwealth Games:***

Hon. Ayo Omidiran (*Ayedaade/Irewole/Isokan Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.*

*Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

***Need to Intervene in the Exclusion of Qualified Table Tennis Players from Participating at the 2018 Commonwealth Games:***

The House:

*Notes* that the Commonwealth Games will be staged at Gold Coast, Australia from 4th to 15th of April, 2018;

*Aware* that Nigeria, as a Commonwealth Country, will participate at the games;

*Also aware* that Table Tennis is one of the ten sports approved by the Ministry of Sports for Nigeria to compete in at the Games;

*Concerned* that the Table Tennis Federation presented the names of only male players for participation at the Games, thereby foreclosing the participation of female players;

*Further aware* that Nigeria has qualified and high ranking female table tennis players in Africa (2nd and 3rd ranked players);

*Worried* that exclusion of the female players is a clear case of gender marginalization and discrimination;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) condemn the deliberate marginalization of the national female table tennis players by the Table Tennis Federation and Ministry of Sports;



- (ii) urge the Nigeria Table Tennis Federation and the Ministry of Sports to immediately include at least 2 qualified female table tennis players to the list of athletes representing the country at the Commonwealth Games; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to look into the matter, ensure compliance and report back within one (1) week for further legislative action (*Hon. Ayo Omidiran — Ayedaade/Irewole/Isokan Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the Commonwealth Games will be staged at Gold Coast, Australia from 4th to 15th of April, 2018;

*Aware* that Nigeria, as a Commonwealth Country, will participate at the games;

*Also aware* that Table Tennis is one of the ten sports approved by the Ministry of Sports for Nigeria to compete in at the Games;

*Concerned* that the Table Tennis Federation presented the names of only male players for participation at the Games, thereby foreclosing the participation of female players;

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*Worried* that exclusion of the female players is a clear case of gender marginalization and discrimination;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) condemn the deliberate marginalization of the national female table tennis players by the Table Tennis Federation and Ministry of Sports;
- (ii) urge the Nigeria Table Tennis Federation and the Ministry of Sports to immediately include at least 2 qualified female table tennis players to the list of athletes representing the country at the Commonwealth Games; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to look into the matter, ensure compliance and report back within one (1) week for further legislative action (**HR. 115/03/2018**).

**6. Privilege (Order Six, Rules 1 and 2)**

Hon. Abiante Awari Inombek Dagonne (*Andoni Opobo Nkoro Federal Constituency*), invited the attention of the House to the interview granted by Hon. Agbonayinma Johnson Ehiozuwa (*Egor Ikpoba Okha Federal Constituency*) on Channels Television, "Politics Today", on Tuesday, 20 March, 2018, disparaging the integrity of the House by alleging that the process of passage of the Electoral Act, Amendment Bill 2018, was in breach of the House Standing Orders. He considered the actions of Hon. E. J. Agbonayinma was a breach of his privilege and that of the House.

**Ordered:** Matter referred to the *Committee on Ethics and Privileges*, pursuant to Order Six, Rule 2.

## 7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Environmental Health Officers (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 29).
- (2) Chartered Institute of Loan and Risk Management of Nigeria Bill, 2018 (HB. 77).
- (3) Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria Bill, 2018 (HB. 78).
- (4) Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria Bill, 2018 (HB. 85).
- (5) Nigerian Peace Corps Bill, 2018 (HB. 89).
- (6) Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 100).
- (7) Nigerian Institute for Social Work (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 161).
- (8) Currency Conversion (Freezing Orders) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 274).
- (9) Police Procurement Fund Bill, 2018 (HB. 314).
- (10) Federal University, Wukari (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 810).
- (11) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 HB. 966).
- (12) Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1369).
- (13) Intimate Image Protection Bill, 2018 (HB. 1370).
- (14) Ajaokuta Steel Company Completion Fund Bill, 2018 (HB. 1371).
- (15) Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1372).
- (16) Aso Villa Hospital Abuja (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1373).
- (17) Federal University of Agriculture, Jalingo (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1374).
- (18) Federal University of Agriculture, Igbara Odo Ekiti, (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1375).
- (19) Federal College of Education, Gbongan (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1376).
- (20) Arbitration and Conciliation Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1377).

## 8. Presentation of Reports

### (i) **Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA):**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency Act, 2002, Cap. F38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to, among Other Things, Re-structure the Agency and Increase its Funding, and harmonise the Provisions of the Act with the Federal Highways Act with respect to the Powers of the Minister to grant Road Concessions Contracts; and for Related Matters (HB. 627 and HB. 685)" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(ii) Committees on Power and Public Procurement:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Power and Public Procurement on the Need to Investigate the Sale of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) Non-Core Assets and Scraps (HR. 168/2017)" (Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency).*

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, 2011 to Provide for Additional Conditions for Accessing of Fund for Capital Projects by Beneficiary Institutions to embark on their own Capital Projects instead of relying solely on the Fund for Capital Development; to Review some Provisions to give the National Assembly certain Powers under the Act and Subject the Annual Budget of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) to Approval of the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 967, HB. 1057 and HB. 1324) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, 2011 to Provide for Additional Conditions for Accessing of Fund for Capital Projects by Beneficiary Institutions to embark on their own Capital Projects instead of relying solely on the Fund for Capital Development; to Review some Provisions to give the National Assembly certain Powers under the Act and Subject the Annual Budget of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) to Approval of the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 967, HB. 1057 and HB. 1324) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abbas Tajudeen — Zaria Federal Constituency and 2 others).*

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.*

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara State to Ensure Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, the University is a Conventional University with Restricted Programmes and Limited and Focused Faculties; and for Related Matters (HB. 1163) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara State to Ensure Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, the University is a Conventional University with Restricted Programmes and Limited and Focused Faculties; and for Related Matters (HB. 1163) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Mu'azu Lawal — Gummi/Bukkuyum 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 Tertiary Education and Services.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Signage and Advertisement Agency as the Regulatory Body for Outdoor Structure used for Signage and Advertisement; and for Related Matters (HB. 1256) — *Second Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed.* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Signage and Advertisement Agency as the Regulatory Body for Outdoor Structure used for Signage and Advertisement; and for Related Matters (HB. 1256) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Bill withdrawn by leave of the House.*

12. **Need to Investigate Activities of the Presidential Amnesty Office to Ensure Accountability and Efficiency of the Programme**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that Late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, GCFR, on June 25, 2009, proclaimed a 60-day unconditional amnesty period for militants in the Niger Delta, as a step towards resolving the protracted insecurity in the region occasioned by militancy which resulted in huge oil revenue loss to the nation;

*Also notes* that the proclamation gave rise to the establishment of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office to institutionalize programmes to assist in the Disarmament, Demobilization, Rehabilitation and provision of reintegration assistance to the militants;

*Aware* that the budget of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office which ranges between 60 to 70 Billion Naira annually has been shrouded in secrecy in terms of implementation towards achieving the core objectives of the programme;

*Also aware* that on November 1, 2017, hundreds of ex-agitators stormed the National Assembly to protest the non-payment of their stipends and other allowances spanning several months by the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office and called on the National Assembly to intervene;

*Disturbed* that allegations of corruption and ineptitude have always bedeviled the Amnesty programme since its inception, resulting in hitches in the implementation of the amnesty programme, especially the non-payment of outstanding allowances to the ex-militants running into billions of naira;

*Also disturbed* that the non-payment of tuition fees of ex-agitators schooling abroad has resulted in Embassies and Schools throwing out the students despite billions of naira being allocated to cater for the programme annually;

*Worried* that the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office has been enmeshed in several allegations of financial impropriety and other acts that are allegedly detrimental to the objectives of the Programme and the ex-agitators are at the receiving end;

*Cognisant* that few days ago, President Muhammadu Buhari relieved the coordinator of the Presidential Amnesty Programme, Brig-Gen. Paul Boroh (*rtid*) of his duties on the heels of allegations of mismanagement of funds by the Office under his watch;

*Also cognizant* that President Muhammadu Buhari has directed the National Security Adviser to carry out investigation into the activities of the Amnesty Programme from 2015 to date covering only 3 out of the 9 year existence of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Ministry to carry out a comprehensive probe into the management of the funds allocated to the office from inception to date and assess the impact of the programme on the ex-agitators (*Hon. Abubakar Chika Adamu — Shiroro/Rafi/Munya Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that Late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, GCFR, on June 25, 2009, proclaimed a 60-day unconditional amnesty period for militants in the Niger Delta, as a step towards resolving the protracted insecurity in the region occasioned by militancy which resulted in huge oil revenue loss to the nation;

*Also noted* that the proclamation gave rise to the establishment of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office to institutionalize programmes to assist in the Disarmament, Demobilization, Rehabilitation and provision of reintegration assistance to the militants;

*Aware* that the budget of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office which ranges between 60 to 70 Billion Naira annually has been shrouded in secrecy in terms of implementation towards achieving the core objectives of the programme;

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*Disturbed* that allegations of corruption and ineptitude have always bedeviled the Amnesty programme since its inception, resulting in hitches in the implementation of the amnesty programme, especially the non-payment of outstanding allowances to the ex-militants running into billions of naira;

*Also disturbed* that the non-payment of tuition fees of ex-agitators schooling abroad has resulted in Embassies and Schools throwing out the students despite billions of naira being allocated to cater for the programme annually;

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*Also cognizant* that President Muhammadu Buhari has directed the National Security Adviser to carry out investigation into the activities of the Amnesty Programme from 2015 to date covering only 3 out of the 9 year existence of the Presidential Amnesty Programme Office;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Ministry to carry out a comprehensive probe into the management of the funds allocated to the office from inception to date and assess the impact of the programme on the ex-agitators (**HR. 116/03/2018**).

**13. Call on the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to Deploy Men of the Nigeria Police to Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas of Kogi State and to Establish a Police Outpost at Agojeju in Oganengwu Ward**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that some communities in Oganengwu ward of Dekina Local Government Area and Ikende Ward in Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State have come under severe attacks in the last 18 months leading to several deaths and destruction of property;

*Worried* by the incessant killings of innocent, unarmed and defenceless farmers who are often butchered in cold blood by these well-armed herdsmen in their farms;

*Also worried* that in the last 18 months, seven communities in Oganengwu Ward have been attacked by these herdsmen and 55 deaths were recorded;

*Again worried* that the people of Ojuwa-Omayegbi in Bassa LGA and Aloko in Dekina LGA have also been under severe attacks in the last few days and also 12 deaths were recorded;

*Convinced* that the establishment of a Police Post at Agojeju will assist to curb or possibly halt further clashes in these communities;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to quickly deploy men and officers of the Nigeria Police Force into these Communities to avert further killings;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to establish a Police Outpost at Agojeju to check the marauding herdsmen; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to ensure compliance (*Hon. Benjamin Ikani Okolo — Bassa/Dekina Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that some communities in Oganengwu ward of Dekina Local Government Area and Ikende Ward in Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State have come under severe attacks in the last 18 months leading to several deaths and destruction of property;

*Worried* by the incessant killings of innocent, unarmed and defenceless farmers who are often butchered in cold blood by these well-armed herdsmen in their farms;

*Also worried* that in the last 18 months, seven communities in Oganengwu Ward have been attacked by these herdsmen and 55 deaths were recorded;

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**14. Need to Extend the Payment of Occupational Hazard Allowances to Agricultural Professionals in the Civil/Public Service of the Federation**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that Agriculture is the largest employer of labour in many countries especially in Africa and Asia, therefore Nigeria cannot be an exception;

*Also notes* that Agriculture in addition to been the largest employer of labour in Nigeria is one of the three most dangerous sectors in terms of Occupational Safety and Health; the two others being Construction and Mining;

*Aware* that the Safety and Health in Agriculture convention held at Geneva on 5 June, 2001 defined "Agriculture" to cover Agricultural and Forestry activities carried out in agricultural undertakings including crop production, forestry activities, animal husbandry, insect raising, and agricultural installation including any process storage, operation or transportation in an agricultural undertaking which are directly related to Agricultural Production;

*Concerned* that despite hazards being faced by agricultural professionals in Nigeria, they do not enjoy any form of occupational hazard allowances as currently enjoyed by their counterparts in the Veterinary, Livestock and other related Animal Health fields;

*Conscious* of the fact that Agricultural officers like their counterparts in Veterinary and Livestocks faces a lot of hazard which sometimes lead to incapacitation, deformity and, or death;

*Cognisant* that the nature of hazards being faced by the Agricultural Professionals include Chemical Poisoning, Acid spill, inhaling poisonous gases, susceptibility to attacks by wild animals, poisonous insects, reptiles, bees and snakes etc;

*Acknowledges* the need to mitigate the exposure of the Agricultural Professional by extending to them the benefits to enjoy occupational hazard allowances;

*Recalls* that the Agricultural Professionals through its recognized body, the Agriculture and Allied Employees made several requests to enjoy the occupational hazard allowances but were turned down on no justifiable grounds;

*Convinced* that extending the payment of occupational hazard allowances to Agricultural Professionals like their counterpart in the Veterinary, Livestock and other related Animal Health fields will spur them into putting in their best services;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to direct the National Council on Establishment to extend the payment of occupational hazard allowances to Agricultural Professionals in the Civil/Public Service of the Federation; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and, Labour, Employment and Productivity to monitor compliance and report within three (3) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monuguno/Marte/ Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

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**15. Need to Revitalise the Cassava Bread Project in Nigeria**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that in 1982, the Federal Government came up with a policy decision to explore the means of using cassava flour in the production of bread;

*Also notes* that the policy decision was not pursued further due to the sudden change in administration in 1983;

*Further notes* that in 2004, the Federal Government deemed it necessary to again explore the advantage of using cassava to bake bread and this development was warmly welcome and embraced by most Nigerians;

*Worried* that the cassava bread project again suffered another setback and was abandoned after a few months of introducing the products in the market;

*Again notes* that in 2014, the craving of Government to move away from dependence on conventional flour for baking and production of bread was vigorously campaigned but yet again, was not realized;

*Aware* that bread is one of the major food items eaten by both high and low income earners in Nigeria;

*Also aware* that the demand for bread is very high and therefore requires high production level to meet the high demand for local consumption and then for export to earn the much needed foreign exchange to boost the economy;

*Concerned* that the components of bread making like sugar and flour are mostly imported and the prices are soaring high, thus affecting the price of bread;

*Appreciates* the effort made by the Federal Government to revitalize the cassava bread project, which will save the nation's foreign exchange, enhance economic diversification, reduce cost of production thus making bread cheaper and affordable for the vast majority of Nigerians as well as create employment for Nigerians;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources to revitalize the Cassava bread policy; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to work out modalities towards reviving the Cassava bread Project in Nigeria and report back within six weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Emmanuel Akpan — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that in 1982, the Federal Government came up with a policy decision to explore the means of using cassava flour in the production of bread;

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**16. Need to Take Urgent Steps Against Sea Piracy, Kidnaping and Other Related Crimes in Ogbia Federal Constituency**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

**17. Consideration of Reports**

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Jos to Provide Courses of Instruction, Training and Research in Exploration and Exploitation of Minerals for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 770):***  
*Motion made and Question proposed.* "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Jos to Provide Courses of Instruction, Training and Research in Exploration and Exploitation of Minerals for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 770) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos 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 THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING AND GEOSCIENCES, JOS TO PROVIDE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF MINERALS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 770)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING AND GEOSCIENCES, JOS

**Clause 1: Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Jos.**

- (1) There is established, the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Jos (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute").
- (2) The Institution is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and it can sue or be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2: Functions of the Institute.**

The functions of the Institute shall be to —

- (a) provide courses of instruction, training and research in Geosciences and Mining and produce technicians and such skilled personnel normally required for the Mining and related industries;

- (b) provide for both the public and private sectors alike, laboratory services for rock and mineral identification, sampling and mineral beneficiation, mineral and metallurgical analysis;
- (c) sponsor educational programmes pertaining to geosciences, mining, processing technologies, production techniques, mining and geosciences management, safety and other mining related issues;
- (d) disseminate to the public and industries any results of the research or studies in developments pertaining to mining, processing and geosciences;
- (e) offer consultancy and technical services in geosciences, mineral processing and mining to public and private establishments engaged in mining and related industries;
- (f) conduct research in mining, quarrying and related industries;
- (g) collaborate with other similar institutions within and outside Nigeria for the realization of its mandate;
- (h) conduct and participate in conferences, symposia, seminars, lectures, training courses and similar study arrangements as may enhance the activities of the Institute;
- (i) provide skilled training for the Artisanal and Small Scale Mining operators; and
- (j) carry out any other activity for the realization of its mandate under this Bill (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Marewa — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3: Powers of the Institute.**

In carrying out its mandate under this Bill, the Institute shall have power to —

- (a) establish such departments, divisions and units within the Institute as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary;
- (b) establish such posts or positions and make appointments;
- (c) provide for the appointment, promotion, discipline, training and welfare of staff of the Institute;
- (d) admit students for training and skill acquisition programmes and award Certificates, Diplomas;
- (e) demand from any student or any other person attending the Institute for the purposes of instructions, training and research, such fees as the Institute may, from time to time determine;
- (f) exercise disciplinary control over the students for acts of misconduct as may be prescribed in the Institute's Students' Handbook;

- (g) acquire, hold, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property;
- (h) accept gifts, legacies and donations, provided the terms and conditions attached are not in violation of any of the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the purpose and objectives of the Institute;
- (i) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustees solely or jointly with any other person and employ and act through agents;
- (j) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, lecture halls or residences, sports grounds, dining halls and other buildings suitable for the objectives of the Institute;
- (k) make gifts for any charitable purposes and make donations to professional bodies; and
- (l) do all such other things which are incidental to the foregoing (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Governing Board of the Institute.**

- (1) The Institute shall have a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") which shall consist of —
  - (a) a Chairman that is, the Minister responsible for Mines;
  - (b) one representative of the Ministry responsible for Mines;
  - (c) Director of Mines Inspectorate of the Ministry responsible for Mines;
  - (d) one representative of Mining and Quarrying Industry;
  - (e) one representative of Cement Manufacturing Industry;
  - (f) Director General, Nigerian Geological Survey Agency;
  - (g) Registrar, Council of Nigerian Mining Engineers and Geoscientists;
  - (h) one representative of Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society;
  - (i) one representative of Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers; and
  - (j) the Director General of the Institute.
- (2) The Legal Adviser of the Institute shall serve as Secretary to the Board.
- (3) The members of the Board who are not ex-officio members shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

- (4) The supplementary provisions set out in the schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Proceedings of the Board and the other relevant matters contained in it. (Schedule) (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5: Tenure of Office of the Members of the Board.**

A member of the Board, other than an *ex-officio* member, shall hold office for four years and may be re-appointed for a final term of four years (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Remuneration of the Members of the Board.**

- (1) The members of the Board shall be paid such emoluments as may be specified in their letters of appointment.
- (2) The allowances payable to members of the Board shall be in accordance with such rates as may be specified and approved by the Federal Government from time to time (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: Removal from Office of a Member of the Board.**

A member of the Board may be removed from office by the President where he —

- (a) is unable to discharge the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind;
- (b) has committed gross misconduct;
- (c) makes a compromise with his creditors or is declared bankrupt.
- (d) is insane or of unsound mind;
- (e) is convicted of criminal offence; or
- (f) is against national interest and institute (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

**Clause 8: Functions of the Board.**

The Board shall —

- (a) subject to the provisions of this Bill, be the governing body of the Institute and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finance and property of the Institute;
- (b) ensure that the Institute is staffed by persons with requisite competencies;

- (c) ensure that proper accounts of the Institute are kept and that those accounts are audited annually as specified in this Bill;
- (d) shall present Annual Report on the activities of the Institute and Audited Accounts of the Institute to the Minister (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: Establishment of Committees.**

The Board may, subject to its standing orders, establish such standing or ad hoc committees as it may deem fit, to consider and report on any matter with which the institute is concerned (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE

**Clause 10: Appointment of Management Staff of the Institute.**

- (1) The Principal Officers of the Institute shall be the —
  - (a) Director General and Chief Executive Officer;
  - (b) Director of Training and Research;
  - (c) Director of Skills Acquisition and Development;
  - (d) Director of Finance and Administration;
  - (e) Legal Adviser
- (2) The Management Staff of the Institute other than the Director General shall be appointed by the Board (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: Appointment of the Director General of the Institute.**

- (1) There shall be appointed for the Institute by the President, a Director General on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) The Director General shall —
  - (a) be a holder of at least a Masters Degree in Mining or Mineral Processing Engineering or Geosciences;
  - (b) have 25 years post qualification experience, 10 of which shall be work experience in the Mining, Quarrying or Mineral Exploration Industry; and
  - (c) be a registered member of the Council of Mining Engineers and Geoscientists of Nigeria.

- (3) The Director General shall be the Chief Academic, Administrative and Accounting Officer of the Institute and shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the Institute.
- (4) The Director General shall hold office for four years which may be renewed for a final term of four years.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Director General shall hold office on such terms as to emoluments and other conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Appointment of Directors and Legal Adviser.**

- (1) The Director, Training and Research shall —
  - (a) be a holder of at least a Masters Degree in Mining or Mineral Processing Engineering or Geosciences;
  - (b) be registered with the Council of Mining Engineers and Geoscientists of Nigeria; and
  - (c) have 20 years post qualification experience in the Mining, Quarrying or Mineral Exploration Industry.
- (2) The Director, Skills Acquisition and Development shall —
  - (a) be the holder of at least a Bachelor of Science Degree or Higher National Diploma in Mining or Mineral Processing Engineering or Geosciences;
  - (b) be registered with the Council of Mining Engineers and Geoscientists;
  - (c) have 15 years post qualification experience with at least 10 years work experience in the Mining, Quarrying or Mineral exploration Industry.
- (3) The Director, Finance and Administration shall —
  - (a) be the holder of at least a Bachelor of Science or Higher National Diploma in Accounting or Business Administration;
  - (b) have 15 years post qualification experience in the Bursary of a Financial Industry, five of which years shall be at managerial level.
- (4) The Director Legal Services shall be a Legal Practitioner with at least 10 years post-qualification experience in legal practice who has attained the rank not below that of a Director (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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



**Clause 13: Appointment of Other Staff of the Institute.**

- (1) The Board may, from time to time appoint for the Institute, such other staff as it may deem necessary, to assist the Director General in the performance of his functions under this Bill.
- (2) Without prejudice to subsection (1) of this section, the Board may appoint persons or employees of the Institute either by way of transfer or secondment in accordance with the Public Service Rules (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 14: Conditions of Service of Staff of the Institute.**

The remuneration, tenure and conditions of service of employees of the Institute shall be as those applicable to staff of the Research Institutes (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Removal from the Office of the Director General.**

The Director General and other members of the Board may be removed from office by the President on the recommendation of the Minister —

- (a) for inability to perform the functions of his office due to bodily or mental incapacity;
- (b) on the ground of gross misconduct; or
- (c) where he makes a compromise with his creditors or is declared bankrupt;
- (d) for corruption; and
- (e) where he is convicted of a criminal offence (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Discipline of Senior Staff.**

- (1) Where it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing that a person employed as a member of the Senior Staff of the Institute, other than the Director General, shall be removed from office on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Board through its appropriate Committee shall —
  - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person concerned;
  - (b) afford the person an opportunity of making representation on the matter to the Board or appearing before the investigation Committee of the Board.
- (2) Where the Board, after considering the report of the investigation Committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Board may remove the person concerned by an instrument in writing signed by the Chairman of the Board.

- (3) The Director General may, where in case of misconduct, by a member of staff which in the opinion of the Director General is prejudicial to the interest of the Institute, suspend that member, and the suspension shall be reported to the Board.
- (4) For a good cause, an employee may be suspended from office or his appointment may be terminated by the Board and for the purpose of this sub section, "good cause" means -
  - (a) physical or mental incapacity, which the Board, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office;
  - (b) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Board considers to be such as to render the person unfit to continue to hold his office; or
  - (c) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute a failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
- (5) A person suspended pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) of this section shall be placed on half salary and the Board shall before the expiration of a period of six months after the suspension come to a decision as to where to —
  - (a) continue that person's suspension;
  - (b) reinstate that person to his office, in which case the Board shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of the suspension;
  - (c) terminate that person's appointment, in which case the person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments which might have been withheld during the period of suspension or as the Board may determine; or
  - (d) take such lesser disciplinary action against that person (including the restoration of the proportion of his emoluments which might have been withheld) as the Board may determine.
- (6) In any case where the Board, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall, before the expiration of a period of six months from that decision, come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning that person.
- (7) It shall be the duty of the person who signed the instrument of removal by virtue of subsection (2) of this section to serve or cause to be served on the person concerned, a copy of the instrument.

- (8) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Board from making such regulations for the discipline of other categories of employees and workers of the Institute as it may deem fit (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren – Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Discipline of Junior Staff.**

- (1) Where a junior member of staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Director General may suspend him for not more than three months and shall further refer the matter to the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee —
- (a) to consider the case; and
- (b) to make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Director General.
- (2) In all cases under this section, the junior member of staff shall be informed in writing of the charges against him and be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself.
- (3) The Director General may, considering recommendation made pursuant to sub section (1) (b) of this section, downgrade, retire or dismiss the junior officer or terminate his appointment.
- (4) A person aggrieved or not satisfied by a decision of the Director General under sub-section (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days of the receipt of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal to the Board to reconsider his case and the Board's decision on that matter shall be final (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren – Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Service in the Institute to be Pensionable.**

- (1) Service in the Institute shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pension Reform Act, and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the Institute shall in respect of their service in the Institute, be entitled to pensions and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the public service of the federation.
- (2) Nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension in respect of that office (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren – Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**PART IV — ACADEMIC BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE**

**Clause 19: Establishment of the Academic Board of the Institute.**

- (1) There is established for the Institute, an Academic Board which shall consist of —
- (a) the Director General of the Institute as Chairman;

- (b) the Director of Training and Research Department;
  - (c) the Director of Skills Acquisition and Development Department;
  - (d) the Head of Library Service Division; and
  - (e) the Legal Adviser of the Institute who shall be the Secretary of the Academic Board.
- ¶2) The Director General shall preside at all meetings of the Academic Board and in his absence the most senior academic Director shall preside at the meeting, but in their absence the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to preside.
- (3) The Academic Board shall meet at least once in a semester.
- (4) Subject to sub-sections (2) and (3) of this section, the Academic Board shall regulate its own proceedings (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 20: Functions of the Academic Board.**

The Academic Board shall formulate, regulate and continually evaluate the academic programmes of the Institute, including —

- (a) approval of courses of study and examinations held in connection with those courses;
- (b) the award of diplomas, certificates and such other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examinations held;
- (c) such other functions as the Governing Board may from time to time assign to it (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 21: Academic Departments of the Institute.**

(1) The Academic Departments of the Institute shall be —

- (a) Department of Training and Research comprising Geosciences, Mining and Mineral Processing Divisions;
  - (b) Department of Skills Acquisition and Development comprising Mineral Beneficiation Mill, Lapidary, Museum and Mineral Analyses Laboratory; and
  - (c) other Departments and Divisions of other specialty as may be prescribed by the Board, from time to time to meet the academic demands of the Institute.
- (2) Each Department shall have a Departmental Committee and all Academic staff in a Department shall be members of that Committee.

- (3) Each Departmental Committee may carry out its duties in accordance with such standing orders that may be made by the Academic Board for that purpose as it deems fit.
- (4) Each departmental Committee shall be reconstituted as a Committee of Examiners for the sole purpose of conducting examinations under this section and thereafter make its recommendations to the Academic Board (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 22: Candidates for Examination.**

A candidate for any examination shall satisfy the following conditions that he —

- (a) is a registered student of the Institute;
- (b) possesses and holds of a certificate that qualified him for admission to the Institute; and
- (c) has satisfied the minimum requirements as set out by the Academic Board (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 23: Award of Diplomas and Certificates.**

The Institute shall award diplomas and certificates to students of the Institute who are of good character and learning and who have passed the examinations prescribed by the Academic Board for the award of same (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

**Clause 24: Fund of the Institute.**

- (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Institute.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to sub-section (1) of this section-
  - (a) such monies as may, from time to time, be lent or granted to the Institute by the Government of the Federation or of a State or any of their Agencies;
  - (b) all monies raised for the purposes of the Institute by way of gifts, grants-in-aid testamentary disposition;
  - (c) all subscriptions or fees, and charges for services rendered by the Institute;
  - (d) all interests received in respect of monies invested by the Institute;
  - (e) all other assets, from time to time, accruing to the Institute; and

- (f) budgetary allocations of the Federal Government.
- (3) The funds shall be managed in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Federal Government (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 25: Expenditure of the Institute.**

- (1) The Institute may from time to time, apply its funds —
- (a) to the cost of administration of the Institute and of any research under the Institute's administration;
  - (b) for reimbursing a member of any Committee set up by the Institute for expenses expressly authorised by the Institute;
  - (c) for the provision of scholarships and other awards for the training of staff of the Institute;
  - (d) for payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration, allowances, pensions, superannuation payable to the employees of the Institute;
  - (e) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Institute; and
  - (f) for and in connection with any of the functions of the Institute under this Bill.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, no other remuneration shall be paid to any member of any Committee appointed by the Institute pursuant to this Bill (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 26: Power to Accept Gifts.**

- (1) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money or other property, on such terms and conditions, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift.
- (2) The Institute shall not accept a gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the objectives or functions of the Institute (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 27: Power to Borrow.**

- (1) The Institute may, with the consent of the Minister or in accordance with the general authority given by the Federal Government, borrow by way of loan or overdraft, from any source any monies required by the Institute for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Bill.

- (2) The sum or the aggregate of the sums involved or required at any time shall not exceed the limit set by the Minister, no such consent or authority shall be required.
- (3) Notwithstanding, subsection (1) of this section, where the sum to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Institute shall not borrow the sum without the prior approval of the Minister (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 28: Annual Estimates, Accounts and Audit.**

- (1) The Board shall cause to be prepared, not later than 30th September in each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute during the next succeeding year, and submit to the Minister.
- (2) The Institute shall keep proper accounts and proper records in relation to transactions approved or certified by the Board, the accounts shall be audited as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed by the Board from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor General for the Federation and the fees of the auditors and the expenses of the auditors generally shall be paid from the Fund of the Institute (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 29: Annual Report.**

The Board shall, not later than 31st July in each year, submit to the Minister, a report in such form as the Minister may, from time to time, direct on the activities of the Institute during the preceding year, and shall include in the report the audited accounts of the Institute (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — DISCOVERIES, INVENTIONS AND INNOVATIONS BY THE INSTITUTE

**Clause 30: Discoveries, Inventions and Innovations by the Institute.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the results in all researched discoveries, inventions and in all innovations in respect of processes, apparatus and machines made by —
  - (a) employees of the Institute; and
  - (b) persons assisting the Institute with any investigation or research shall vest in the Institute.
- (2) The Board may make the discoveries, inventions, innovations and the rights referred to in subsection (1) of this section which are vested in the Institute available to the public for use, subject to such conditions and payments of such fees or royalties as the Board may determine.

- (3) Where the rights in any discovery, invention or innovation are vested in the Institute by virtue of subsection (1) of this section, the Board may award to the person responsible for the discoveries, inventions or improvements such bonus as it deems fit and make provisions for financial participation by him in the profits derived from such discoveries, inventions or improvements to such extent as the Board may determine.
- (4) The provisions of this section shall not apply in respect of a discovery or an invention or innovations under subsection (1) of this section, where in the opinion of the Board such discovery, invention or improvement was not made by the persons —
- (a) in the course of his employment as an employee of the Institute;
  - (b) during the performance of functions in respect of which he has been placed at the disposal of the Institute;
  - (c) in the course of any investigation or research in which he assisted the Institute; or
  - (d) in the course of any research in respect of which he receives a bursary or grant-in-aid from the Institute (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

#### PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

##### **Clause 31: Office and Premises.**

- (1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Institute may, subject to the Hon. Minister's approval —
- (a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, building or property;
  - (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.
- (2) The Institute may, subject to the approval of the Hon. Minister, sell or lease any land, office or premises held by it, which it may no longer require for the performance of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

##### **Clause 32: Procedure in Respect of Suit against the Institute, etc.**

- (1) A person shall not commence a legal proceeding against the Institute, a member of the Board or any employee of the Institute for any act done in pursuance or execution of any law or of any public duties or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of such law or duties shall lie or be instituted in any court unless it is commenced within twelve months next after the act, neglect or default complained of or, in the case of a continuance of damage or injury, within three (3) months next after the ceasing thereof.



- (2) A person shall not commence against the Institute before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending plaintiff or his agent, and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state —
- (a) the cause of action;
  - (b) the particulars of the claim;
  - (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
  - (d) the relief which he claims (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 33: Savings**

- (1) Any person holding appointment in the Institute immediately before the commencement of this Bill shall be deemed to hold the appointment in the Institute under this Bill.
- (2) Any right, duty or obligation of the Institute existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill shall be deemed to be the right, duty or obligation of the Institute under this Bill.
- (3) A person who was a student of the Institute immediately before the commencement of this Bill shall be deemed to be a student of the Institute under this Bill (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 34: Interpretation.**

In this Bill —

"Academic Board" means the Academic Board established by Section 19 of this Bill (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "Academic Board" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"Board" means the Governing Board of the Institute (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board of the Institute (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

"Director General" means the Director General of the Institute appointed under Section 11 of this Bill (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences established by Section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member" means a member of the Board and includes the Chairman (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Mining (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" Means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

"Management Staff" means the Management Staff of the Institute appointed under Section 10 of this Bill (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "Management Staff" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

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

**Clause 35: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Jos Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

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

## SCHEDULE

## SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

1. Subject to the provisions of this Bill and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board shall have power to regulate its proceedings and may make standing orders with respect to the holding of its meetings and those of any of its committees, the notices to be given, the proceedings, the keeping of minutes of those proceedings and the custody and production for inspection of the minutes.
2. The quorum of the Board shall be five and the quorum of a committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.
3.
  - (a) Subject to the provisions of any applicable standing orders, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and where the Chairman is required so to do by notice given to him by not less than six other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within twenty one days from the date on which the notice is given;
  - (b) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside but where he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their member to preside at that meeting;
  - (c) Where the Board wishes to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as a member for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum;
  - (d) The Director General shall summon another Board Meeting where the Chairman is indisposed and the scheduled meeting of the Board did not hold, four weeks after the due date of the meeting.

*Committees*

4. The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out on its behalf, such of its functions as it may deem fit.
5. A Committee appointed under this schedule shall comprise such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board) as may be determined by the Board and a person other than a member of the Board shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
6. A decision of a Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

*Miscellaneous*

7.
  - (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the Director General and the Institute's Legal Adviser.
  - (2) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute, shall be received in evidence and (shall except the contrary is proved it is/presumed to be so executed.

8. A member of the Board and a person holding Office on a Committee of the Board, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or the Committee —
- (a) shall disclose his interest to the Board or Committee and the disclosure shall made before the meetings; and
  - (b) shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren – Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the provisions of the Schedule stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

*(This Memorandum does not form part of this Bill but is intended to explain its purport)*

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Jos, to serve as a Institute to provide courses of instruction, training and research in exploration and exploitation of minerals for national development and related matters (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Jos to Provide Courses of Instruction, Training and Research in Exploration and Exploitation of Minerals for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 770) (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos 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 on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Jos to Provide Courses of Instruction, Training and Research in Exploration and Exploitation of Minerals for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 770) and approved Clauses 1 - 35, the Schedule, 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.*

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provisions for erring Revenue Generating Agencies and enhance the Revenue Profile and Remittances into the Federation Account to Facilitate National Development; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein (HB. 542):***  
*Motion made and Question proposed.* "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provisions for erring Revenue Generating Agencies and enhance the Revenue Profile and Remittances into the Federation Account to Facilitate National Development; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein (HB. 542) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafir/Malumfashi 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 AMEND THE REVENUE MOBILISATION, ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION ACT, CAP. R7, LFN, 2004 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR SANCTIONS TO PUNISH ERRING REVENUE GENERATING AGENCIES, TO ENHANCE THE REVENUE PROFILE AND REMITTANCE INTO THE FEDERATION ACCOUNT, TO FACILITATE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 542)

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 1: Amendment of the Revenue Mobilisation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, LFN, 2004.**

The Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, LFN, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malunfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 2: Amendment of Section 6 of the Principal Act.**

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by inserting a new paragraph (d) after the existing paragraph (d):

- “(d) (i) direct oversight functions over any Revenue Generating Agency to ascertain discharge of functions in accordance with appropriate laws, accomplishment of target and remittance of revenue into the Federation Account or any other designated Authority” (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malunfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 3: Insertion of a new Clause 6A.**

The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Clause 6A Sanctions after the existing Section 6:

**“Sanction.**

**6A. (1)**

The Commission shall recommend to the president, the removal from office of the Chief Executive Officer of any Ministry, Department or Agency that fails to:

- (a) remit the revenue generated by the Department or Agency;  
or  
(b) transmit any data requested by the Commission.

- (2) The Commission shall transmit the recommendation made to the President for the removal of any Chief Executive Officer to the National Assembly" (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 4: Amendment of Section 15 of the Principal Act.**

Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the interpretation of "member", the following:

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 5: Short Title.**

This Bill is cited as the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Note:**

This Bill seeks to Amend the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for sanctions to punish erring revenue generating agencies, to enhance the revenue profile and remittance into the federation account to facilitate national development (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, LFN, 2004 to Make Provision for Sanctions to Punish Erring Revenue Generating Agencies, to Enhance the Revenue Profile and Remittance into the Federation Account, to Facilitate National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 542) (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi 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 on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provisions for erring Revenue Generating Agencies and enhance the Revenue Profile and Remittances into the Federation Account to Facilitate National Development; and for Related Matters and approved Clauses 1 - 5, the Schedule, 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.*

**18. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 22 March, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monuguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.58 p.m.*

**Yakubu Dogara**  
*Speaker*