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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
## FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 30 May, 2019

**1.** The House met at 11.54 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

**2.** **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 28 May, 2019.

*The **Votes and Proceedings** was adopted by unanimous consent.*

**3.** **Messages**
Mr Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

**(*i*)**

**PRESIDENT,**
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

25*th May*, 2019

***Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara***
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*
*National Assembly Complex,*
*Three Arms Zone,*
*Abuja.*

***Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,***

***PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DECLINE ASSENT TO THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED BIOCHEMISTS AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST OF NIGERIA BILL*, 2019**

*Pursuant to Section* 58 (4) *of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*, 1999 (*as*

*amended*), *I hereby convey to the House of Representatives, my decision, on* 25*th May*, 2019 *to decline Presidential Assent to the* ***Institute of Chartered Biochemists and Molecular Biologist of Nigeria Bill*****, 2019.**

2. *I am declining assent to the Bill because*:

(*a*) *There is already an existing Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria established pursuant to Cap. I* 12, *Laws of the Federation of Nigeria which has a similar mandate and function to the proposed Chartered Institute of Chemists and Molecular Biologists*.

(*b*) *Section* 11 (*a*) & (*g*), *Sections* 12 & 13 (1), (2) & (3) *conflict with the mandate and functions of the National Universities Commission as provided in Section 4 of the National Universities Commission Act and Section* 10 *of the Education* (*National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institution*) *Act*.

3. *Please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration*.

*Yours Sincerely*,

(*Signed*)

***Muhammadu Buhari***

**(*ii*)**

**PRESIDENT,**
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

25*th May*, 2019

***Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara***
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*
*National Assembly Complex,*
*Three Arms Zone,*
*Abuja.*

***Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,***

***PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DECLINE ASSENT TO THE NIGERIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY, OKERENKOKO* (*ESTABLISHMENT*) *BILL*, 2018**

*Pursuant to Section* 58 (4) *of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*, 1999 (*as amended*), *I hereby convey to the House of Representatives, my decision, on* 25*th May*, 2019 *to decline Presidential Assent to the Nigerian Maritime University, Okerenkoko* (*Establishment*) *Bill*, 2018, *recently passed by the National Assembly*.

2. *I am declining assent to the Bill because the funding provisions in Section* 1 (5) *of the Bill are grossly excessive and would disrupt the operations of a number of government agencies and institutions. The funding provisions which include the following*:

(*a*) 1% *of the total annual income of the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company* (*NPDC*) *Limited*;

(*b*) 1% *of the total annual revenue of the Nigerian Content Monitoring Board* (*NCMB*);

(*c*) *The Tertiary Education Trust Fund*;

(*d*) 5% *of the total NIMASA Revenue; and*

(*e*) *Petroleum Technology Development Fund* (*PTDF*).

*These therefore would negatively affect the operations of the agencies whose funding would be arbitrarily deducted*.

3. *Please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration*.

*Yours Sincerely*,

(*Signed*)

***Muhammadu Buhari***

**4. Announcement**

***Defection*:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Ahmed Abu (*Mokwa/Lavun/Edati Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Social Democratic Party (SDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

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

**(*i*)** ***Need for the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Rescind the Executive Order Seeking to Remove, Revoke and Banish all Firearms Certificates and Licences throughout the Country*:**

Hon. Nnenna Elendu Ukeje *(Bende 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 for the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Rescind the Executive Order Seeking to Remove, Revoke and Banish all Firearms Certificates and Licences throughout the Country:**

The House:

*Notes* with concern the rising spate of insecurity in our country;

*Worried* that insecurity which was hitherto confined to the North East and North Central States have spread rapidly to the North Western States and all other parts of the country;

*Also worried* that there is an increased number of deaths resulting from terrorism, kidnapping, banditry and other violent crimes;

*Also notes* that in response to local and international outcries and concern for Nigeria security situation, the President signed an executive order seeking to remove, revoke and banish all gun certificates and licenses throughout the federation;

*Concerned* that this omnibus order targets legal owners of firearms while there doesn't seem to be either institutional actionable policy or plan to mop up small arms and light weapons that are at the center of these crimes;

*Convinced* that the high number of illegal guns is responsible amongst other factors for the increase in crime;

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) urge the President to, in the interest of the Nigerian people who are left vulnerable to the activities of mindless criminals, terrorists, bandits and kidnappers to please reverse his decision, as it strips the people of the Rights to life and self defense; and

(*ii*) also urge the President to sign into law, the Bill on the Establishment of a National Commission against the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons ,which is not only a domestic law but also a treaty obligation so as to help the nation curb the inflow of illegal weapons that have been used in the theatres of war (*Hon. Nnenna Elundu Ukeje — Bende Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

***Agreed to***.

The House:

*Noted* with concern the rising spate of insecurity in our country;

*Worried* that insecurity which was hitherto confined to the North East and North Central States have spread rapidly to the North Western States and all other parts of the country;

*Also worried* that there is an increased number of deaths resulting from terrorism, kidnapping, banditry and other violent crimes;

*Also noted* that in response to local and international outcries and concern for Nigeria security situation, the President signed an executive order seeking to remove, revoke and banish all gun certificates and licenses throughout the federation;

*Concerned* that this omnibus order targets legal owners of firearms while there doesn't seem to be either institutional actionable policy or plan to mop up small arms and light weapons that are at the center of these crimes;

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**(*ii*)** ***Ecological Threat to Nkwo-Edo Market, the Industrial and Commercial hub of Nnewi, Anambra State:***

Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu ( *Nnewi North-South/Ekwusigo 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.***

**Ecological Threat to Nkwo-Edo Market, the Industrial and Commercial hub of Nnewi, Anambra State:**

The House:

*Notes* that Nnewi, the industrial and commercial hub of Anambra State and Nigeria, is under serious ecological threat occasioned by heavy gully erosion which has cut off the major entrance to the market through the hundred foot road (100ft Road) Nnewi;

*Also notes* that, in an earlier motion, the House resolved to pro-actively engage Engineers from both Erosion Control Department of the Ministry of Environment, and Ecological Fund Office to study, design and obtain an estimate for the containment of the impending threat to lives and properties;

*Recalled* that several means have been explored including Channel Television Documentary to ensure that appropriate action was taken to avoid this emergency situation which is worsening with each rainfall if action is not taken now;

*Aware* of an impending loss of revenue, should the devastation be allowed to persist as residents and businesses could be forced to relocate, because houses and properties are already caving into the gully;

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government through the Ecological Fund Office to immediately mobilize its engineers to site in order to save further loss of lives and properties;

(*ii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to as a matter of urgency, provide the needed support to those whose houses and businesses have been disrupted; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (*Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu — Nnewi North-South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

(**HR. 37/05/2019**).

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

***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. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**(*iii*)** ***Conduct of Examinations into Universities and Other Institutions by Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board* (*JAM*B):**
Hon. Sunday Adeyemi Adepoju *(Ibarapa East/Ido 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.***

**Conduct of Examinations into Universities and Other Institutions by Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB):**

The House:

*Notes* that the organisation bound by law with the responsibility of conducting examinations into higher institutions and Universities in Nigeria is the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB);

*Cognizant* of the fact that JAMB in the quest to conform to present educational global trends introduced Computer Based Test (CBT) three years ago;

*Also notes* that though this is largely efficient, glitches that are not to the use of computers occur;

*Worried* that a large number of Nigerians seeking to write these examinations may have been disenfranchised by these glitches that denied them access to the examination halls through no fault of theirs;

*Aware* that having gained access, some of the computers which are out of date, denied them the opportunity to participate in the tests and therefore an opportunity at a future;

*Resolves to*:

Prevail upon JAMB to conduct fresh examinations for the disenfranchised students as the denial was through no fault of theirs and therefore must not bear the brunt of JAMB's ill-preparedness for the process (*Hon. Sunday Adeyemi Adepoju — Ibarapa East/Ido Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

***Agreed to***.

The House:

*Noted* that the organisation bound by law with the responsibility of conducting examinations into higher institutions and Universities in Nigeria is the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB);

*Cognizant* of the fact that JAMB in the quest to conform to present educational global trends introduced Computer Based Test (CBT) three years ago;

*Also noted* that though this is largely efficient, glitches that are not to the use of computers occur;

*Worried* that a large number of Nigerians seeking to write these examinations may have been disenfranchised by these glitches that denied them access to the examination halls through no fault of theirs;

*Aware* that having gained access, some of the computers which are out of date, denied them the opportunity to participate in the tests and therefore an opportunity at a future;

*Resolved to*:

Prevail upon JAMB to conduct fresh examinations for the disenfranchised students as the denial was through no fault of theirs and therefore must not bear the brunt of JAMB's ill-preparedness for the process (**HR. 38/05/2019**).

**6. Presentation of Reports**

**(*i*)** ***Ad-hoc Committee to interface with the National Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and other stakeholders to critically evaluate the MYTO system*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed, "*That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Interface with the National Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and Other Stakeholders to Critically Evaluate the MYTO System and Re-assess all its Inputs and Assumptions in order to come up with a realistic and acceptable Tariff Regime in Nigeria. (HR. 58/2017)*"* (*Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani — Bindawa/Mani Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Report laid.*

**(*ii*)** ***Committee on Public Procurement*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed, "*That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Investigation into Allegations of Gross Statutory Breaches including Violation of the Procurement Act, 2007 by the Management and Governing Council of the University of Lagos (HR. 31/05/2019)*"* (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Report laid.*

**(*iii*) *Committee on Public Procurement*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed, "*That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Investigation into Allegations of Gross Statutory Breaches including Violation of the Procurement Act, 2007 by the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Federal Ministry of Finance and the First Bank of Nigeria Limited over Grant to Oyo State Government to procure Agricultural Equipment (HR. 32/5//2019)*"* (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Report laid.*

**(*iv*) *Committee on Army*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed, "*That the House do receive Report of the Committee on Army on the Need to Investigate the Murder of Dr. Ferry Gderegde and other Unarmed Civilians by Men of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (FSARS) and the Nigerian Army in Rivers State. (HR. 13/04/2019)*"* (*Hon. Olayonu Olarinoye Tope — Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Report laid.*

**(*v*) *Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed, "*That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the Promissory Note Programme and a Bond Issuance to Settle Inherited Local Debts and Contractual Obligations to Petroleum Marketers*"* (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Report laid.*

**7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Iseyin, Oyo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Study and to make Provisions for its Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1640) — *Second Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Iseyin, Oyo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Study and to make Provisions for its Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1640) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sunday Adepoju —Ibarapa East/Ido Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the* ***Committee of the Whole.***

**8. Re-Committal**
**The Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2019:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*:

The House:

*Notes* that the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2019,was passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the President for assent but were returned with some observations which need to be addressed;

*Aware* that the observations are germane for the smooth operations of the Bill if eventually assented to;

*Resolves to*:

Rescind its decisions on the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2019 as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration and passage. (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**9. Discharge of Committee from Referral on a Bill, Pursuant to Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (1) (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

*Motion made and Question proposed*:

The House:

*Notes* that the undermentioned Bill was read a Second time in 2018 and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services for further legislative action:

| ***Title of Bill*** | ***Date*** | ***Committee*** |
|---|---|---|
| Federal College of Education Ikire (Establishment) Bill, 2019(HB. 1334) | 31/5/2018 | Tertiary Education and Services |

*Aware* that the Committee is yet to present Report on the Bill, contrary to the provisions of Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (1) (*g*) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, to wit:

> "*Any matter referred to any Committee shall be treated within* 30 *days otherwise the Committee shall stand discharged after* 60 *days and the matter committed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration*";

*Resolves to*:

Discharge the Committee of the above mentioned Bill and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Motion made and Question proposed,*** *"*That the House do suspend Order Seven, Rule 2 (2) to enable Mr Speaker preside in the Committee of the Whole" (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**10. Consideration of Reports**

**(*i*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa, Taraba State to Provide Full-Time Courses leading to the Award of Diploma, Higher National Diploma in Agriculture and Allied Fields and be responsible for the due Administration of the College; ad for Related Matters*** **(HB. 1446) (*Committee of the Whole*):**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa, Taraba State to Provide Full-Time Courses leading to the Award of Diploma, Higher National Diploma in Agriculture and Allied Fields and be responsible for the due Administration of the College ; and for Related Matters (HB. 1446)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BAISSA, TARABA STATE TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES LEADING TO THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA, HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED FIELDS, AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DUE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

**Clause 1: Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa, Kurmi LGA, Taraba State.**

(1) There is established the Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa, Kurmi LGA, Taraba State (herein after referred to as "the college").

(2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and common seal and shall have the power to acquire and dispose of interest in movable and immovable property.

(3) The College may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2: Governing Council of the College.**

(1) There is established for the college a governing council (in the Bill referred to as "the Council").

(2) The Council shall have the responsibility to consider and approve:

(*a*) the Programme of studies to be undertaken in the college;

(*b*) the annual estimates of the college; and

(*c*) the investment plan of the college.

(3) The Provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceeding of the council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3:** **Membership of the Council in the College.**
The council of the college shall consist of:

(*a*) a chairman and other members to be appointed by the President;

(*b*) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources;

(*c*) a representative of the University of which the College is affiliated to for the purpose of moderation;

(*d*) two representatives of the academic board of the College; and

(*e*) the Provost of the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4:** **Functions of the College.**
The functions of the college shall be:

(*a*) to provide full-time courses in teaching instruction and training:

(*i*) in Agriculture and allied matters,and

(*ii*) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of development of Nigeria;

(*b*) to conduct courses in Agriculture for qualified teachers;

(*c*) to arrange conferences, seminars and workshops relative to the functions of the college;

(*d*) to offer to the general population particularly in the area Agriculture as a form of public service, the results of training and research and to foster the practical applications of these results;

(*e*) to establish appropriate relationships with other national institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies in the Agriculture sector;

(*f*) to identify the problems and needs of the Agriculture sector in Nigeria and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national development; and

(*g*) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council may serve to promote the objective of the college (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5:** **Power of the Council.**
The council of the college shall have power to:

(*a*) hold examinations and grant Diplomas, Professional Certificates and other distinctions to persons, who have pursued of study approved and accredited by the relevant regulatory body;

(*b*) hold examinations in Agriculture for qualified teachers;

(*c*) recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;

(*d*) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the college for the purpose of study such fees as the council may with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

(*e*) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and bookselling;

(*f*) award fellowship, medals, prizes and other titles;

(*g*) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units with the college or extra moral departments as the councils may from time to time determine;

(*h*) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational recreational and residential facilities as the college may require;

(*i*) create lectureships and other academic post and offices and to make appointment thereof;

(*j*) receive and make gifts;

(*k*) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedients for carrying into effects the objections of the college;

(*l*) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff and students of the college;

(*m*) encourage and make provision for research in the college;

(*n*) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing power as may advance the objects of the college (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Visitation.**

(1) The Minister responsible for Agriculture and Natural Resources shall be the visitor of the college.

(2) The visitor shall, not less than once in every five year, conduct a visitation to the college or appoint a visitation panels consists of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation:

(*a*) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the college; or

(*b*) for such other purpose as the visitor may deem fit (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: The Academic Board and its functions.**

(1) There shall be established for the college a Board to be known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members;

(*a*) the Provost of the college as the chairman;

(*b*) all heads of departments;

(*c*) the college bursar;

(*d*) the college Librarian; and

(*e*) not more than three members of the Academic staff other than the heads of departments to be appointed by the council.

(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

(*a*) the direction and management of academic matters of the college including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction;

(*b*) discharging any other functions which the council may from time to time delegate to it (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8: Power of Minister.**

The Minister may give to the council directions of the general character or relating generally to matter with regard to the exercise by the council of it functions and it shall be the duty of the council to comply with such directions (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: The Provost of the College.**

(1) There shall be a Provost for the college (herein after referred to as "the Provost") who shall be appointed by the president on the recommendation of the Minister.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the provost, the council shall:

(*a*) advertise the vacancy in reputable widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying:

(*i*) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post:

(*ii*) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration of the Minister.

(3) The President shall appoint as provost one of the candidates recommended by the Minister.

(4) Subject to the general control of the council the provost shall be the chief executive of the college and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management and operations of the college.

(5) The Provost shall hold office for a period of five years only and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 10: Deputy Provost.**

(1) There shall be for the college two deputy provosts namely: Deputy Provost (Academic) and the Deputy Provost (Administration).

(2) The council shall appoint the deputy provosts from among the chief lecturers in the college in any of the following ways, that is:

(*a*) from a list of five candidates in order of preference, submitted by the provost;

(*b*) on the recommendation of a selection Board constituted for their purpose; or

(*c*) on the nomination of the provost.

(3) The selection Board referred to in subsection 2 (*b*) of this section shall:

(*a*) consist of:

(*i*) the Chairman of the council;

(*ii*) the Provost of the college;

(*iii*) two members of the Academic board; and

(*iv*) two members of the council not being members of the Academic Board.

(4) (*a*) The Deputy Provost (Academic) shall:

(*i*) assist the provost in the performance of his function in Academic matters of the college;

(*ii*) act as the provost when the post of the provost is vacant or if the provost is for any reason, absent or unable to perform his function.

(*b*) The Deputy Provost (Administration) shall:

(*i*) assist the provost in administrative matters of the college; and

(*ii*) perform such other functions as the provost or the council may from time to time assign to him.

(5) Each of the deputy provosts shall hold office for a period of two years and no more (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: The Registrar and other staff of the College.**

(1) There shall be a registrar for the college to be appointed by the council.

(2) The registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the council;

(3) The registrar shall be the secretary to:

(*a*) the Council;

(*b*) the Academic Board; and

(*c*) any Committee of the council.

(4) The Registrar may perform any duty as may be assigned to him by the councilor and the Provost.

(5) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five years and no more (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Other principal officers of the College.**

(1) There shall be for the college in addition to the registrar:

(*a*) the Bursar; and

(*b*) the College Librarian who shall be appointed by the Council

(2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the college and be responsible to the Provost for the day -to- day administration and control of the financial affairs of the college.

(3) The college Librarian shall be responsible to the provost for the administration of the college library and the coordination of the library services in the teaching units of the college.

(4) The Bursar and the college librarian shall each hold office for a period of five years and no more (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Resignation of appointment of principal officer.**

A principal officer of the college may resign his appointment:

(*a*) in case of the provost by notice to the visitor; and

(*b*) in any other case by advise to the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 14: Other employees of the College.**

(1) The council may appoint other persons to be employees of the college as the council may deem to assist the Provost and the Principal Officers in the performance of their functions.

(2) The remuneration, tenure of office and condition of service of the employee of the college shall be determined by the council- consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Pensions.**

Service in the college shall be approved service for the purpose of the pension's reform and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the college shall be entitled to pension's, gratitude and other retirement benefit as may be prescribed in their respective letters of appointment (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Selection board for other principal officers.**

(1) There shall be a selection Board for the college which shall consist of:

(*a*) the Chairman of the council;

(*b*) the Provost;

(*c*) four members of the council not being members of the Academics Board; and

(*d*) two members of the Academic Board.

(2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be determined from time to time by the council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Fund of the College.**

(1) The college shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objection of this Bill.

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

(*a*) such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources;

(*b*) all monies raised by the council by way of gifts, grants III aid or test monetary disposition; and

(*c*) all subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the council and all other sums that may accrue to the council from any source.

(3) The council shall submit to the Minister not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Power to accept gifts.**

(1) The College may accept gifts of loan, money or of other property upon such terms and conditions, if any as may be specified by the person making the gifts.

(2) The College shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached to the gifts are inconsistent with the functions of the college (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 19: Account and audit.**

The college shall keep proper accounts of its receipt, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cease the account to be audited (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 20: Annual reports.**

The council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year, prepare and submit to the minister a report of its activities during the immediate proceeding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditor's report of the accounts (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 21: Interpretation.**

In this Bill:

"Chairman" means the chairman of the council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means the Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa established under section (l) of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the college established under section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Function" includes power and duties (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility of Agriculture and Natural Resources (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member" means a member of the council including the chairman (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Provost" means the provost of the college established under section 10 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Clause 22:** **Short Title.**
This Bill may be sited as the Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**SCHEDULE**

[Section 2(3)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

*Terms of service*

1. There may be paid to the members of the councilor any committee, other than ex- officio members, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the President.

2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in section 3, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the reminder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and such successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.

3. The council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

*Proceedings*

4. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days as the chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once every four months.

(2) The chairman may at any time and shall, at the request in writing of not less than six members, convene a meeting of the council.

(3) Where the council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the council may co-opt persons who are not members of the council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the council.

(4) The Quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members of the Council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the President.

(5) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.

*Miscellaneous*

5. (1) The fixing of the seal of the college shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman, Provost and of some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made executed on behalf of the college by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the council.

(3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**
This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa as Institute to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of National Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas, etc. (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa, Taraba State to Provide Full-time Courses Leading to the Award of Diploma, Higher National Diploma in Agriculture and Allied Fields, and Be Responsible for the Due Administration of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1446) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa, Taraba State to Provide Full-Time Courses leading to the Award of Diploma, Higher National Diploma in Agriculture and Allied Fields and be responsible for the due Administration of the College ; and for Related Matters (HB. 1446) and approved Clauses 1 - 23, 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 Repeal the National Board for Technical Education Act and Enact the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education Bill as a Body Corporate to advise the Federal Government on all aspects of Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education which fall outside the scope of Universities; and for Related Matters*** **(HB. 1634) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Board for Technical Education Act and Enact the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education Bill as a Body Corporate to advise the Federal Government on all aspects of Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education which fall outside the scope of Universities; and for Related Matters (HB. 1634)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT AND ENACTMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION AS A BODY CORPORATE TO ADVISE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON ALL ASPECTS OF TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION, WHICH FALL OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER MATTERS ANCILLARY THERETO (HB. 1634)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION

**Clause 1: Establishment of the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education.**

(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education (in this Bill, referred to as "the Commission") which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(2) The supplementary provisions contained in the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Commission and other matters mentioned therein (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2:** **Membership of the Commission.**

(1) The Commission shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be appointed by the President and the following other members, that is:

(*a*) one person to represent the Ministry of Education;

(*b*) one person to represent the Ministry of Labour and Productivity;

(*c*) one person to represent the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources;

(*d*) one person to represent the Minister of Power, Work and Housing

(*e*) one person to represent the Minister of Youth and Sport

(*f*) one person to represent the Ministry of Industry;

(*g*) two persons to represent the polytechnics;

(*h*) one person to represent technical colleges;

(*i*) one persons to represent the Colleges of Agriculture;

(*j*) one person to represent the States of the Federation;

(*k*) one person to represent the Industrial Training Fund;

(*l*) one person to represent employers organisations;

(*m*) one person to represent the Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning(FMBNP);

(*n*) one person to represent NACCIMA;

(*o*) one person to represent MAN;

(*p*) two persons to represent professional bodies;

(*q*) one person to represent the National Commission for Women;

(*r*) the executive secretary of the Commission, who shall be an ex-officio member of the Commission but shall not have the right to vote at meetings of the Commission.

(2) The Chairman and the Members of the Commission, not mentioned under paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) (*d*) (*e*) and (*f*) of subsection (1) of this section, shall be appointed by the President (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3: Tenure of office.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, a person appointed to be a member of the Commission, not being a public shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(2) Any member, not being a public officer, may resign his appointment by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister.

(3) Members of the Commission, not being public officers, shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as the President may determine (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Removal from office of member of the Commission.**

(1) The Minister may at any time remove any member of the Commission from office if he is of the opinion that it is not in the interest of the Commission for the member to continue in office and shall notify the member in writing to that effect.

(2) Where the Commission is satisfied that the continued presence on the Commission of any member is not in the national interest or the interest of the Commission, the Commission may recommend to the Minister that the member concerned be removed from his office (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5: Functions of the Commission.**

The functions of the Commission shall be:

(*a*) to advise the Federal Government on, and to co-ordinate all aspects of, technical, vocational and entrepreneurial education falling outside the universities and to make recommendations on the national policy necessary for the full development of technical, vocational and entrepreneurial education for the training of technicians, craftsmen and other middle-level and skilled manpower;

(*b*) to determine, after consultation with relevant agencies and , the skilled manpower needs of the country in the industrial, commercial and other relevant fields for the purpose of planning training facilities and in particular to prepare periodic master plans for the balance and co-ordinated development of TVET Institutions and such plans shall include:

(*i*) the general programmes to be pursued by TVET Institutions in order to maximise the use of available facilities and avoid unnecessary duplication while ensuring that they are adequate to the manpower needs of the country; and

(*ii*) recommendations for the establishment and location of new polytechnics and colleges of technology as and when considered necessary;

(*c*) to inquire into and advise the Government on the financial needs, both recurrent and capital, of TVET Institutions to enable them meet the objective of producing the trained manpower needs of the country;

(*d*) to receive block grants from the Federal Government and allocate them to TVET Institutions in accordance with such formula as may be laid down by the President;

(*e*) to act as the agency for channelling all external aid to polytechnics and colleges of technology in Nigeria;

(*f*) to advise on, and take steps to harmonise entry requirements and duration of courses at TVET Institutions;

(*g*) to undertake periodic reviews of the terms and conditions of service of personnel in TVET Institutions and to make recommendations thereon to the Federal Government;

(*h*) to recommend to the Visitor of a polytechnic that a visitation be made to the polytechnic as and when it considers necessary;

(*i*) to formulate and coordinate, regulate as well as standardised skills development policies through institutionalisation of the National Skills Qualification (NSQ):

(*i*) lay down standards of skills training programmes in Specialise Institutions, Innovation Enterprise institutions and Vocational Enterprise Institutions and to continually review such standards as necessitated by technological and national needs;

(*ii*) to review methods of assessment of students and trainees and to develop a scheme of national certification for technicians, craftsmen and other skilled personnel in collaboration with Ministries and organisations having technical training programmes;

(*j*) to collate, analyse and publish information relating to technical, vocational and entrepreneurial education;

(*m*) to carry out such other activities as are conducive to the discharge of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Provisions supplementary to section 6.**

In its role of advising on all aspects of technical education, the Commission shall make recommendation as to how best:

(*a*) to stimulate and encourage pre-vocational and general technical education in secondary schools not only as a basis for creating early technological awareness, but also to provide suitable orientation for further education and training in technology and to provide direct practical skills for earning a living;

(*b*) to inculcate in the public the attitude of respect for, and appreciation of, the role of TVET technology in society;

(*c*) to advise on and take measures to improve the immediate and long term prospects of technicians and technical teachers with respect to status and remuneration;

(*d*) to expand the facilities for the training of technical teachers and ensure that these teachers are exposed, both during and after training, to industrial experience;

(*e*) to involve experts both in government and industry in the design of courses relevant to the practical needs of the country in all fields; and

(*f*) to provide encouragement for women to enter a wider range of fields of technical, vocational and entrepreneurial education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: Executive Secretary to the Commission.**

(1) There shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister, an executive secretary who shall have appropriate qualifications.

(2) The executive secretary shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission and shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Commission and the day-to-day running of the affairs of the Commission.

(3) The executive secretary shall hold office in the first instance for a period of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for such further terms as the President may determine.

(4) Subject to this section, the executive secretary shall hold office on such terms as to emolument and otherwise as may be specified in his letter of appointment, and as may, from time to time, be approved by the President (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8: Staff of the Commission.**

(1) The Commission may appoint other employees of the Commission to assist the Executive Secretary in the exercise of his functions.

(2) The remuneration and tenure of office of the other employees of the Commission shall be determined by the Commission after consultation with the NISWC.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, employees of the Commission may be appointed by the Commission of the transfer or secondment from any of the civil services of the Federation (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: Application of Pensions Reform Act.**

(1) The Federal Civil Service Commission may by order published in the Federal Gazette declare the office of any person employed by the Commission to be a pensionable office for the purposed of the Pensions Reform Act.

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the Pensions Act shall in its application by virtue of the foregoing subsection to any office have effect as if the office were in the public service of the Federation within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

(3) For the purpose of the application of the Pensions Reform Act in accordance with subsection (2) of this section:

(*a*) paragraph (1) of section 7 of that Act (which confers on the Minister power to waive the requirement to give notice of desire to retire at the age of forty-five) shall have effect as if for the references to the Minister there were substituted references to the Commission; and

(*b*) the power under section 9 (1) of the Act to require an officer to retire at any time after attaining the age of forty-five, subject to his being given six months' notice in writing, shall be exercisable by the Commission and not by any other authority.

(4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions shall prevent the appointment by the Commission of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in that office (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FINANCE

**Clause 10: Establishment of the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education Fund.**

(1) There shall be established by the Commission, a fund to be known as the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education Fund.

(2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section-

(*a*) such sums as may be made available to the Commission for the purpose of making grants to TVET Institutions in pursuance of paragraph (*d*) of section 5 of this Bill; and

(*b*) such sums as may, from time to time, be credited to the fund by way of payment of the principal and interest on and other charges in respect of any loan made out of the fund, and also any interest from investments made from the fund.

(3) The fund shall be managed in accordance with rules made by the Minister for Finance; and, without prejudice to the generality of the power to make rules under this subsection, the rules shall in particular contain provisions —

(*a*) specifying the manner in which the assets of the funds are to be held, and regulating the making of payments into and out of the fund;

(*b*) requiring the keeping of proper accounts and records for the purposes of the fund in such form as may be specified in the rules;

(*c*) requiring copies of the accounts to be audited periodically by the Auditor-General for the Federation; and

(*d*) requiring copies of accounts and of the auditor's report on them to be furnished to the President through the Minister (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: Maintenance of separate fund by the Commission.**

(1) The Commission shall establish and maintain a separate fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Commission except such expenditure as may be incurred pursuant to section 10 of this Bill.

(2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section such payments as may be made to it by the Federal Government for the running expenses of the Commission and all other assets from time to time accruing to the Commission otherwise than in pursuance of section 10 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Expenditure of the Commission.**

The Commission may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established in pursuance of section 11 (1) of this Bill:

(*a*) to the cost of administration of the Commission;

(*b*) to the payment of the salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances and pensions, superannuation allowances and gratuities payable to members or employees of the Commission, so however that no payment of any kind under this paragraph shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emoluments from the Government of the Federation or the Government of a State for;

(*c*) the maintenance of any property vested in the Commission; and

(*d*) in connection with any of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Annual estimates and accounts.**

(1) The Commission shall submit to the Minister not later than 31 December in each financial year an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments from the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education Fund) during the next succeeding financial year.

(2) The Commission shall keep proper accounts in respect of each financial year (and proper records in relation thereto) and shall cause the accounts to be audited by the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

**Clause 14: Annual reports.**
The Commission shall prepare and submit to the President through the Minister, not later than 31 December in each financial year, a report in such form as he may direct on the activities of the Commission during the immediately preceding financial year, and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Board for that year and the Auditor-General's report thereon (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Power to obtain information.**

(1) For the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred on the Commission under this Bill, the executive secretary or any other officer of the Commission authorised in that behalf:

(*a*) shall have a right of access to all the records of any institution to which this section applies;

(*b*) may by notice in writing served on any person in charge of any such institution require that person to furnish information on such matters as may be specified in that notice.

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

(3) In this section, the reference to an institution to which this section applies is a reference to any TVET Institutions (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Power of Minister to give directions to the Commission.**
Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the Commission directions of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the Commission of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Commission to comply with such directions (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Power to enforce minimum standards.**

(1) (*a*) Any person or group of persons who establishes or operates an unapproved technical, vocational or entrepreneurial institution, including persons acting as Principal Officers in such an institution, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable severally on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years and not more than ten years without an option of fine.

(*b*) The appropriate authority shall afford the proprietor of the institution an opportunity to make representations for consideration by the appropriate authority not later than sixty days after receipt of notice by the proprietor from such authority of its intention to close down the institution:

(*c*) Where an institution of higher education is closed down under this subsection, the appropriate authority shall appoint a qualified person, to be known as a receiver, to take charge of the assets and liability of any such institution for the purposes of winding down the operations of such institution in accordance with existing laws.

(2) (*a*) The Commission shall have the power to close down any academic unit or program in any approved technical, vocational or entrepreneurial institution of higher education that does not meet the prescribed minimum standards stipulated for it by the Commission, or contravenes existing regulations of the Commission

(*b*) The Commission may suspend or withdraw any license issued by it, if the licensee fails to comply with any of the conditions and/or guidelines stipulated under such license.

(*c*) With regard to institutions of higher education that are privately owned, the Commission shall have the power, where a breakdown of internal governance processes threatens the maintenance of minimum standards, to:

(*i*) suspend the existing administrative structure of the affected institutions; and

(*ii*) constitute a Caretaker Committee to temporarily oversee the affairs of that institution:

Provided that the Commission shall, on the successful resolution of the crisis, re-establish the governance structure of the affected institution, in line with existing regulations.

(3) It shall be an offence, punishable on conviction by a fine of not less than one million naira for each person so admitted, for an institution of higher education to admit, for purposes of further education, a person that is in possession of a degree, diploma, certificate or other academic award issued by an unapproved institution of higher education.

(4) It shall be an offence, punishable on conviction by a fine of not less than one million naira for each person so employed, for an employer of labor, whether in the public or private sector, to recognize and, thereby, base a decision to employ, on a degree, diploma, certificate or other academic award issued by an unapproved institution of higher education.

(5) Subject to section 174 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), any legal officer in the appropriate authority may conduct criminal proceedings in respect of offences, or regulations made, under this Bill.

(6) The Commission may, from time to time, make regulations, with the approval of the Minister, where mandated to do so by this Bill or where the effective administration of this Bill so requires (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Interpretation.**
In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Commission" means the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"chairman" means the chairman of the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"executive secretary" means the person appointed as the executive secretary to the Commission in pursuance of section 7 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"member" means a member of the Commission and includes the chairman (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 charged with responsibility for Education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Clause 19: Short Title.**
This Bill may be cited as the National Commission for Technical and Vocational Education Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**SCHEDULE**

[Section 1 (2)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION, ETC.

*Proceedings*

1. Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for decisions of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of its members and for the chairman to have a second or casting vote), the Commission may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Commission or any committee.

2. Every meeting of the Commission shall be presided over by the chairman or, if the chairman is unable to attend a particular meeting, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.

3. The quorum at a meeting of the Commission shall consist of the chairman (or, in an appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule) and six other members.

4. Where upon any special occasion the Commission desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Board may co-opt that person to be a member for as many meetings as may be necessary, and that person while so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member except that he shall not be entitled to vote.

*Committees*

5. (1) Subject to its standing orders, the Commission may appoint such number of standing and ad hoc committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Commission is concerned.

(2) Every committee appointed under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall be presided over by a member of the Commission and shall be made up of such number of persons, not necessarily members of the Commission, as the Commission may determine in each case.

(3) The quorum of any committee set up by the Commission shall be as may be determined by the Commission.

6. Where standing orders made pursuant to paragraph I of this Schedule provide for a committee of the Commission to consist of or co-opt persons who are not members of the Commission, the committee may advise the Commission on any matter referred to it by the Commission.

7. The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman or of the executive secretary of the Commission.

8. Any contract or instrument which, if made by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the executive secretary or by any other person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Commission.

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

10. The validity of any proceedings of the Commission or a committee thereof shall not be affected:

(*a*) by any vacancy in the membership of the Commission or committee; or

(*b*) by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Commission or committee.

11. Any member of the Commission or a committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Commission or committee shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Commission or committee and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

*Savings and Transitional Provisions*

*Repeal of National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education Act, No.* 9, 1977

(1) The National Board for Technical Education No.9, 1977 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria shall be deemed to have been repealed under this Bill.

(2) Anything done or purported to have been done under the National Board for Technical Education Act. No.9, 1977 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria remains valid, except otherwise provided under this Act.

(3) Subsidiary legislation made or deemed to have been made under the repealed National Board for Technical Education Act. No.9, 1977 Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if it was in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall continue in force with necessary modification and may be amended or revoked as if it had been made under this Act.

(4) The rights, Assets, obligations and liabilities of the National Board for Technical Education Act. No.9, 1977 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1988 shall, at the commencement of this Act, rest in and devolve on the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Board for Technical Education Act and Enactment of the National Commission for Technical Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education as a Body Corporate to Advise the Federal Government on All Aspects of Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education, Which Fall Outside the Scope of the Universities and Other Matters Ancillary Thereto (HB. 1634) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Board for Technical Education Act and Enact the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education Bill as a Body Corporate to advise the Federal Government on all aspects of Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education which fall outside the scope of Universities; and for Related Matters (HB. 1634) and approved Clauses 1 - 19, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

**(*iii*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electric Power Sector Reform Act, No.* 6, 2005 *to Prohibit Theft of Electricity, Theft and Destruction of Electricity Supply, Infrastructure and Prescribe Appropriate Penalties for Violation; and for Related Matters*** **(HB.1635) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Electric Power Sector Reform Act, No. 6, 2005 to Prohibit Theft of Electricity, Theft and Destruction of Electricity Supply, Infrastructure and Prescribe Appropriate Penalties for Violation; and for Related Matters (HB.1635)"(*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTRICITY POWER SECTOR REFORM ACT, NO. 6, 2005 TO PROHIBIT THEFT OF ELECTRICITY, THEFT AND DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRESCRIBE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1635)

**Clause 1:** **Amendment of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act No.6, 2005.**
The Electricity Power Sector Reform Act, No. 6, 2005 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act" is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2:** **Amendment of section 94.**
The principal Act is amended in section 94 by inserting immediately after the existing section new sections "94A - 94L":

**"94A.** (1) Any person who willfully and unlawfully:

(*a*) taps, makes or causes to be made any connection with overhead, underground or underwater lines or cables, or service wires, or service facilities of a licensee;

(*b*) tampers with a meter, installs or uses a tampered meter, current reversing transformer, shorting or shunting wire, loop connection, receives electricity supply by by-passing a meter, or uses any other device or method which interferes with accurate or proper registration, calibration or metering of electric current or otherwise results in diversion in a manner whereby electricity is stolen or wasted; or

(*c*) damages or destroys an electric meter, apparatus, equipment, wire or conduit or causes or allows any of them to be damaged or destroyed as to interfere with the proper or accurate metering of electricity, so as to abstract or consume electricity or knowingly use or receive the direct benefit of electric service through any of the acts mentioned in this section or uses electricity for the purpose other than for which the usage of electricity was authorized,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction of imprisonment for a term of at least six months and not more than two years or a fine of ₦100,000 or both:

Provided that where there is substantial loss of revenue, the licensee shall apply to the court for compensation.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Act and any other regulation made by the Commission, the licensee, may, upon detection of such theft of electricity, immediately disconnect the supply of electricity and lodge a complaint in writing relating to the commission of such offence to the police station having jurisdiction in the locality the offence was committed.

(3) Any police officer or staff of the licensee authorised on his behalf may:

(*a*) enter, inspect, and search any place or premises in which he has reason to believe that electricity has been, is being, or is likely to be illegally and unlawfully used:

Provided that such inspection or search shall be limited only to the meter and related surroundings and devices.

(*b*) search, seize and remove all such devices, instruments, wires and any other facilitator or article which has been, is being, or is likely to be used for unlawful use of election and useful:

(*c*) examine or seize any document which, in his opinion, is useful for, or relevant to, any proceeding in respect of the offence and allow the person, from whose custody such books of account or documents are seized, to make copies thereof or take extracts there from in his presence.

(4) The occupant of the place of search or any person on his behalf shall remain present during the search and a list of all things seized in the course of such search shall be prepared and delivered to such occupant or person and the officer shall jointly sign the list.

(5) A distribution licensee may deny service to a customer with a history of unauthorised use in the location, for at least three in the past two years until such a time where the matter is resolved, if service has been disconnected in compliance with the provisions of the Commission's Disconnection Regulation, notwithstanding any other administrative rule or statute, if it is determined that denying service at the location would prevent the reoccurrence of any unauthorised use.

(6) A customer who wants service reconnected to the location shall be required to:

(*a*) provide evidence of property ownership and pay the actual cost to repair the licensee's equipment and facilities in the location and all fees and deposits as approved by the Commission, including all charges due to the utility for previous unauthorised use that occurred during his or ownership; or

(*b*) provide a signed lease agreement that indicates the identity of the tenant responsible for the previous unauthorised use.

(7) If the customer could not provide the documentation and does not pay the charges for previous unauthorised use, the licensee could still reestablish service if the owner or customer agrees to pay, and pays additional fee for reestablishing service as approved by the Commission.

**94B. Theft and damage of electricity, distribution system (equipment and materials).**

(1) Any person who willfully and unlawfully :

(*a*) cuts or separates, slits, severs, smelts, removes or takes away or transfers any electric line or material or meter from any tower, pole, or from any other installation or place of installation or any other place or site where it may be rightfully or lawfully stored, deposited, kept, stocked, situated or located including during transportation whether or not the act is done for profit or gain; or

(*b*) stores, possesses or otherwise keeps in his premises, custody or control, any stolen electric line, material or meter equipment whether or not the act is committed for profit or gain, or loads, carries away or moves from one place to another with or without the use of a motor vehicle or other means of conveyance, any stolen electric line, material or meter from a tower, pole, any other installation or place of installation, or any place or site where it may be rightfully or lawfully stored, deposited, kept, stocked, situated or located whether or not the act is done for profit or gain, is said to have committed an offence of theft of electric lines and materials is liable upon conviction to a fine of at least ₦5,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least three years or both.

(2) Any person who willfully and unlawfully —

(*a*) destroys, damages or removes any electricity distribution lines or anything connected therewith, or

(*b*) otherwise prevents or obstructs the distribution of electricity through the distribution line,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of ₦5,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least five years or both.

(3) If a person having been convicted of an offence punishable under subsection (1), commits similar offence he is liable for the subsequent offence to a term of imprisonment which shall be at least seven years.

**94C. Theft and damage to electricity transmission system (equipment and materials).**

(1) Any person who willfully and unlawfully:

(*a*) destroys, damages or removes any electricity transmission lines or anything connected therewith; or

(*b*) otherwise prevents or obstructs the transmission of electricity through the transmission line, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of at least five years.

(2) Where there is a loss, the Court may order for compensation in addition to the conviction.

(3) Any person convicted and who fails to pay the compensation, shall be sentenced to an additional two years imprisonment.

**94D. Ascertainment of cost of damage under this Bill.**
For the purposes of this Bill, the certificate issued by the relevant licensee (and approved by the "Commission") stating the cost of the damaged item or lost revenue, is conclusive evidence in respect thereof.

**94E. Aiding and Abetting.**
Any person who :

(*a*) aids, counsels, abets or procures any person to commit an offence; or

(*b*) conspires with any person to commit an offence under this subsection, commits an offence as a principal offender.

**94F. Punishment for receiving stolen property.**
Any person who receives any electric line, material or infrastructure in parts or in whole, knowing or having reasons to believe the same to be stolen property, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least ₦5,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least five years or both.

**94G. Penalties not to affect other liabilities.**
The penalties Imposed under this Bill does not prevent the utility from instituting a civil action for compensation of losses suffered.

**94H. Penalty where offences are committed by staff of Licensee.**
This Bill is, so far as it is applicable, deemed to apply also when the acts or offences made punishable are committed by officers or staff of the licensee.

**94I. Offences of incorporated entities.**
(1) Where an offence under this Bill has been committed by an incorporated entity (company, partnership, firm, corporation or association), or government-owned or controlled organisations, the person who, at the time the offence was committed, was responsible for the act or offence is deemed to be guilty of having committed the offence and shall be punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing contained in this subsection renders any person liable to any punishment if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he had exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), where an offence under this Bill has been committed by an incorporated entity and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any

director, manager, secretary or other officer of the entity, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

**94J. Obstruction of inspection and supply of electricity.**

(1) Any person who:

(*a*) obstructs, confronts, fights, assaults or causes bodily injury to power company personnel, who legally enters into, either a private place of abode, business premises, or any building or structure, to inspect, examine, or work on public power facility or equipment, or to relay company information, commits an offence, and is, on prosecution and conviction, liable to a fine of not exceeding ₦500,000 or imprisonment for a term of two years or both,

(*b*) knowingly or has reason to know, builds, constructs or places physical barriers on the right of way of public power transmission, supply lines, or erects, or causes to obstruct, in any manner whatsoever, the supply of power to consumers, commits an offence, and, on prosecution and conviction, is liable to a fine of ₦1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of two years.

(2) Where the offence committed under of this Bill, results in loss of human life, the offender is, on conviction, liable to manslaughter.

**94K Compounding of offence and payment of compensation by offenders.**

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, where an offender offers to pay full cost of losses suffered by the utility, the utility may accept the compensation and shall not proceed with the prosecution of the offender and the value of compensation shall be determined and agreed by the parties.

(2) On payment of the compensation in accordance with subsection (1), any person in custody in connection with that offence shall be set free and no proceedings shall be instituted or continued against such consumer or person in Court.

(3) The acceptance of the compensation in accordance with subsection (1) by the utility or an officer authorised in that behalf is deemed to amount to compounding the offences.

**94L. Prima Facie Evidence of illegal use of electricity and theft of Electricity, lines and materials and infrastructure.**

(1) Any of the following circumstances shall constitute prima facie evidence of illegal use of electricity:

(*a*) the presence of a drilled hole on the glass cover of the electric meter, or at the back or any other part of said meter;

(*b*) the presence inside the electric meter of any elements that results in the inaccurate registration of the meter's internal parts to prevent its accurate registration of consumption of electricity;

(*c*) the existence of any wiring connection which affects the normal operation or registration of the electric meter;

(*d*) the presence of a tampered, broken, or fake seal on the meter, or mutilated, altered, or tampered meter recording chart or graph, or computerised chart, graph or log;

(*e*) the presence in any part of the building or its premises which is subject to the control of the consumer or on the electric meter, of a current reversing transformer, jumper, shorting or shunting wire, or loop connection or any other similar device;

(*f*) the mutilation, alteration, reconnection, disconnection, bypassing or tampering of instruments, transformers, and accessories;

(*g*) the destruction of, or attempt to destroy, any integral accessory of the metering device box which encases an electric meter, or its metering accessories; and

(*h*) the acceptance of valuable consideration in any form whatsoever by any officer or employee of the licensed owner or the making of such an offer of valuable consideration to any such officer or employee for not reporting the presence of any of the circumstances enumerated in subparagraphs (*g*):

Provided however, that the discovery of any of the circumstances, in order to constitute prima facie evidence, shall be attested by a law enforcement agent or a duly authorised staff, inspector or agent of the Licensee" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3:** **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Electric Power Sector Reform Act No. 6, 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Long Title:**
A Bill for An Act to Amend the Electricity Power Sector Reform Act, No. 6, 2005 to Prohibit Theft of Electricity, Theft and Destruction of Electricity Supply Infrastructure and Prescribe Appropriate Penalties for Violations; and for Related Matters (HB. 1635) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Electric Power Sector Reform Act, No. 6, 2005 to Prohibit Theft of Electricity, Theft and Destruction of Electricity Supply, Infrastructure and Prescribe Appropriate Penalties for Violation; and for Related Matters (HB.1635) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

**(*iv*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Commission for Colleges of Education Act, No. 3 of 1998 and Establish National Commission for Teacher Education; and for Related Matters*** **(HB. 1641) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Commission for Colleges of Education Act, No. 3 of 1998 and Establish National Commission for Teacher Education; and for Related Matters (HB. 1641)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF COLLEGES FOR EDUCATION ACT (NO. 3) OF 1989 AND TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR TEACHER EDUCATION AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

**Clause 1:** **Repeal of the Act No. 3 of 1989.**
The National Commission for Colleges of Education Act (No.3) of 1989 and subsequent amendments therein are hereby repealed (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2:** **Establishment of National Commission for Teacher Education.**
There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Commission for Teacher Education (NCTE) (hereafter in this referred to as "the Commission") which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3:** **Governing Board of the Commission.**
(1) There shall be established for the Commission Governing Board, which shall consist of a Chairman and the following, other members:

(*a*) three members to represent the Committee of Provosts in such a way that one shall each be appointed to represent Federal, State and Private Colleges of Education;

(*b*) one representative of National Organisations, representing women's interests and who is knowledgeable in teacher education;

(*c*) one representative each of the following Ministries and bodies —

(*i*) the Federal Ministry of Education; and

(*ii*) the Federal Ministry of Finance;

(*d*) four members appointed on individual merit on a nationwide basis having special knowledge and experience in teacher education;

(*e*) one representative of the Nigerian Union of Teachers;

(*f*) two representatives of the Universities; one representing Committee of the Vice-Chancellors and the other representing the Committee of Deans of Education;

(*g*) one representative each for NUC, TETFUND, NBTE, UBEC, NERDC and TRCN;

(*h*) one representative of the Nigerian Academy of Education;

(*i*) the Executive Secretary of National Commission for Teacher Education.

(2) The Chairman and other members of the Board other than the members under paragraphs (*e*), (*i*) and (*j*) of subsection (1) of this section shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

(3) The supplementary provisions contained in the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters mentioned therein (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Tenure in Office.**

(*a*) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Chairman and other members who are not public officers, shall be appointed by the President, to serve for a period of five years only.

(*b*) Any member, not being a public officer, may resign his appointment by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister.

(*c*) Public officers shall be members of the Board at the pleasure of the Minister of the Ministry or Parastatals they represent.

(*d*) Member of the Board, not being a public officer, shall be paid such remuneration and allowance as the Federal Government may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5:** **Removal from Office of a member of the Board.**

(*a*) The Minister may, at any time, remove any member of the Board from office if the Minister is of the opinion that it is not in the best interest of the Commission for the member to continue in office and shall inform the member in writing to that effect through the Chairman;

(*b*) Where the Board is satisfied that the continued presence on the Board of a member is not in the national interest or the interest of the Commission, the Board may recommend to the Minister that member concerned be removed from his office (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6:** **Functions of the Commission.**

The Functions of the Commission shall be to:

(*a*) advise the Federal Government, through the Minister, and co-ordinate all aspects of teacher education;

(*b*) make recommendations on the national policy necessary, for the full development of teacher education and the training of teachers; i.e. up to the highest level of teacher education;

(*c*) lay down minimum standards for all programmes of teacher education, accredit their programmes every 5 years and award certificates and other academic awards, after obtaining thereof prior approval of the Minister;

(*d*) set out guidelines and criteria for accreditation of all Teacher Education Programmes in Nigeria;

(*e*) determine, after consultation with the ministry and other bodies it considers appropriate, the qualified teachers needs of the country for the purpose of planning training facilities and in particular, prepare periodic master plans for the balanced and co-ordinated physical development built environment for teacher production in Nigeria;

(*f*) inquire into and advise the Federal Government on the financial needs, both recurrent and capital, of teacher education to enable them meet the objectives of producing the trained qualified teachers of the country;

(*g*) receive bloc grants from the Federal Government and allocate them to teacher education institutions in accordance with such formula as may be laid down, from time to time, by the Federal Executive Council;

(*h*) act as the agency for channeling all external aids to colleges of education for all Teacher Education in Nigeria;

(*i*) advise on, and take steps to harmonise entry requirements and duration for all Teacher Education programmes;

(*j*) lay down standards to be attained and continually review and monitor such standards;

(*k*) review methods of assessment of teacher trainees and develop a scheme for national certification for the various products of colleges of education institutes in collaboration with the Minister of Education;

(*l*) undertake periodic reviews of the terms and conditions of service of personnel in colleges/institutes of education and make recommendations thereon through the Minister to the Federal Government;

(*m*) collate, analyse and publish any information relating to teacher education in Nigeria;

(*n*) consider any matter pertaining to teacher education as may be referred to it, from time to time, by the Minister;

(*o*) take care of all Teacher Education, i.e. NCE, Diploma, B.Ed. Education, PGDE, M,Ed and PhD; and it should be emphasized that the Commission shall accredit and supervise the award of all types of Certificates and Degrees in education, irrespective of the institution concerned;

(*p*) to undertake surveys and studies relating to various aspects of Teacher Education and publish the results thereof;

(*q*) to lay down guidelines in respect of minimum qualifications for a person to be employed as a teacher at various levels of teacher education;

(*r*) to lay down guidelines and approve request to operate any Teacher Education Institution in Nigeria and periodically certify the standard and disqualify or close down any such institution;

(*s*) carry out such other activities that are conducive to the discharge of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: Executive Secretary to the Commission.**

(*a*) There shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, on the recommendation of the Minster, an Executive Secretary to the Commission who shall have appropriate qualification and experience in teacher education.

(*b*) The Executive Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission and shall be responsible for the execution of policies of the Commission and the day to day running of the affairs of the Commission.

(*c*) The Executive Secretary shall hold office for a single period of five years which is non renewable or such term as the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces may, from time to time, determine.

(*d*) Subject to this section, the Executive Secretary shall hold office on such terms as to emolument and otherwise as may be specified in the letter of appointment, as approved by the Federal Executive Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8: Staff of the Commission.**

(*a*) The Commission may appoint other employees of the Commission to assist the Executive Secretary in the exercise of his functions under this Bill;

(*b*) The Commission may provide for its Conditions and Scheme of Service, pension regulations, employments and welfare;

(*c*) The remuneration and tenure of office of other employees of the Commission shall be determined by the Commission after consultation with the Board;

(*d*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, employees of the Commission may be appointed by the Commission by way of transfer or secondment from any of the public services in the Federation (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: Application of Pensions Act, 2004.**

(*a*) It is hereby declared that services in the Commission shall be pensionable under the Pensions Act, 2004, and any subsequent legislation and accordingly, employees of the Commission shall, in respect of their services in the Commission, be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder.

(*b*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

(*c*) For the purposes of the application of the Pensions Act, 2004, any power exercisable thereunder by the Minister or authority of the Federal Government (not being the power to make regulations under section 23 thereof) is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Commission and not by any other person or authority.

(*d*) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Pensions Act shall, in its application, by virtue of the subsection (3) of this section, to any office, have effect as if the office were in the Civil Service of the Federation within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.

(*e*) Staff of the Commission shall be staff of the Federal Government Public Service of Nigeria (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 10: National Commission for Teacher Education Fund.**

(*a*) There shall be established by the Commission a fund to be known as the National Commission for Teacher Education Fund, hereafter-in this section referred to as "the fund".

(*b*) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established in pursuance of subsection (*i*) of this section:

(*i*) such sum as may be made available to the Commission for allocation to Colleges of Education in pursuance of paragraph (*g*) of section 6 of this Bill; and

(*ii*) such other sum as may, from time to time, be credited to the fund by way of payment of the principal and interest on and other charges in respect of any loan made out of the fund and also any interest from investments made from the fund.

(*c*) The fund shall be managed in accordance with guidelines given by the Minister of Finance; and without prejudice to the generality of the power to give guidelines under this subsection, the guidelines shall in particular contain provisions:

(*i*) specifying the manner in which the assets of the fund are to be held, and regulating the making of payments into and out of the fund;

(*ii*) requiring the keeping of proper accounts and records for purposes of the fund in such form as may be specified in the guidelines;

(*iii*) requiring copies of accounts and of the auditor's report on them to be furnished to the Federal Executive Council through the Minister (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: Maintenance of Separate Fund by the Commission.**

(*a*) The Commission shall establish and maintain a separate fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure as may be incurred pursuance to section 11 of this Bill.

(*b*) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section such payments as may be made to the Commission by the Federal Ministry of Education for the running expense of the Commission and all other payments or moneys from time to time accruing to the Commission otherwise than pursuant to section 11 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Expenditure of the Commission.**

The Commission may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established in pursuance of section 12 (*a*) of the Act:

(*i*) to the cost of administration of the Commission;

(*ii*) to the payment of the salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances and pensions, superannuation, allowances and gratuities payment of any kind under this paragraph shall not be made to any other person who is in receipt of emoluments from the Government of the Federation or of a State;

(*iii*) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Commission; and

(*iv*) for and in connection with any of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Annual Estimates and Accounts.**

(*a*) The Board shall submit to the Minister not later than 30th September in each year an estimate of its expenditure and income during the next succeeding year;

(*b*) The Board shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year (and proper records in relation thereto) and shall cause the accounts to be audited by an auditor appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 14: Annual Reports.**

The Board shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive Council through the Minister, not later than 30th July in each year, a report in such form as he may direct on the activities of the Commission during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Commission for that year and the Auditor-General's report thereon (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Power to Obtain Information.**

(*a*) For the purposes of carrying out the functions conferred on the Commission under this Bill, the Executive Secretary or any other officer authorized in that behalf:

(*i*) shall have a right of access to all the records of any institution to which this Bill applies; and

(*ii*) may, by notice in writing serve on any person in charge of any such institution require that person to furnish information on such matters as may be specified in that notice;

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

(*c*) In this section, the reference to an institution which this Bill applies is a reference to teacher education or institution for the production of teachers (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Power of Minister to give Directives to the Commission.**

Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the Commission directives of a general character or relating generally to matter of policy with regards to the exercise by the Commission of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Commission to comply with such directives (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Interpretation.**
In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Commission; established by section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Executive Secretary" means the person appointed as the Executive Secretary to the Commission in pursuance of section 7 (*i*) of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member" means a member of the Commission and includes the Chairman (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Clause 18: Short Title.**
The Act may be cited as the National Commission for Teacher Education Act, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**SCHEDULE**

Section 2 (*iii*)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

1. Subject to this Bill and section 26 of the Interpretation Act, 1964 (which provides for decisions of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of its members and the Chairman to have a second casting vote) the Board may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Board or any Committee thereof;

2. Every meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman or if the Chairman is unable to attend a particular meeting, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting;

3. The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall consist of the Chairman (or, in an appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 of this schedule) and eight other members;

4. Where upon any special occasion, the Board desires to obtain the advices of any person on any particular matter, the Board may co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of member, except that he shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum;

5. (*i*) Subject to its standing orders, the Board may appoint such number of standing and *ad-hoc* committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Board is concerned,

(*ii*) Every committee appointed under the provisions of sub-paragraph (*i*) of this paragraph shall be presided over by a member of the Board and shall be made up of such number of persons, not necessarily members of the Board as the Board may determine in each case;

6. The decision of a Committee shall be of no effect until confirmed by the Board;

7. The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or of the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

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

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

10. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or a Committee thereof shall not be adversely affected:

(*i*) by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or Committee;

(*ii*) by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or Committee; or

(*iii*) by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

11. Any member of the Board or a Committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the board or Committee shall forthwith disclose his interest to the \board or Committee and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement, and shall be excused to leave the scene of such deliberations (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Note:**
(*This note does not form part of the above Act but is intended to explain its purport*)
The Act establishes a National Commission for Teacher Education to, amongst other things, advise the Federal Government on all aspects of teacher education in Nigeria and make recommendations on the national policy for the full development of teacher education in Nigeria (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Commission of Colleges for Education Act (No. 3) of 1989 and to Establish the National Commission for Teacher Education and Other Related Matters (HB.1641) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Commission for Colleges of Education Act, No. 3 of 1998 and Establish National Commission for Teacher Education; and for Related Matters (HB. 1641) and approved Clauses 1 - 18, 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.***

**(*v*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Rivers State; and for Related Maters*** **(HB. 1632) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Rivers State; and for Related Maters (HB. 1632)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF OIL AND GAS TECHNOLOGY, BONNY, RIVERS STATE (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF OIL AND GAS TECHNOLOGY, BONNY, RIVERS STATE

**Clause 1:** (1) There is hereby established the Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Rivers State (in this Bill referred to as "the university").

(2) he University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The University shall be a training institution for the development of teacher on Oil and Gas Technology in the country.

(4) The University shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry of Education through the National Universities Commission (NUC) who shall be responsible for approving and regulating all academic programmes run in the University, to ensure quality compliance and provide funds for academic and research programmes, infrastructures and remunerations of employees.

(5) The objects of the University shall be —

(*a*) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction.

(*b*) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate research, diploma and higher degrees with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in Engineering, technology, Oil and Gas, applied science, agriculture, commerce, arts, social science, humanities, management and allied professional disciplines.

(*c*) to produce socially mature technical men and women with capabilities not to only understand technological need of Nigeria as a nation, but also to exploit existing technical infrastructure and improve on it to develop new ones.

(*d*) to act as agents and catalysts for effective technical system, through post graduate training , research and innovation, for effective economic utilization and conservation of the country's human resources.

(*e*) development of technical, engineering scientific and productive skills in young persons for manpower needs of the growing industrial sector;

(*f*) to collaborate with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of technology with a view to promoting governance, leadership and management skills among Nigerians;

(*g*) to identify technological needs of the society with a view to finding solutions to them within the context of overall national development;

(*h*) to provide and promote sound basic technical training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity;

(*i*) to provide higher systematic advancement of the science, oil and gas technology;

(*j*) to provide for instruction in such branches of technology as it may deem necessary to make provision for research advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;

(*k*) to provide teachers with operational competence for teaching in pre-tertiary institutions, basic, senior secondary schools and non-formal Education institutions;

(*l*) to undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a University of Education of the highest standard;

(*m*) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;

(*n*) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2: Constitution and Principal Officers of the University.**

(1) The University shall consist of:-

(*a*) a Chancellor;

(*b*) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;

(*c*) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;

(*d*) a body to be called Congregation;

(*e*) a body to be called Convocation;

(*f*) the campuses and colleges of the University;

(*g*) the colleges, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;

(*h*) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection;

(*i*) all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and

(*j*) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf.

(2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the principal officers of the University.

(3) Subject to section 5 of this Bill provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3: Powers of Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology Bonny, and its exercise.**

(1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 1 of this Bill, Federal; University of Technology shall have power:

(*a*) to offer courses of instruction, training and research in Technology and allied areas for the production of quality technologist in Nigeria;

(*b*) to establish such colleges, campuses, institutes, schools, departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of National Universities Commission;

(*c*) to institute professorships, readerships or associate professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

(*d*) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;

(*e*) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University;

(*f*) to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down;

(*g*) to grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

(*h*) to demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purposes of instruction, such fees as the University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives of the Minister;

(*i*) subject to section 20 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever it is situate;

(*j*) to accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attached thereto;

(*k*) to enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;

(*l*) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, workshops, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;

(*m*) to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and book selling;

(*n*) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment it, not being immediately required for current expenditure in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time, to vary any such investments to deposit any moneys for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;

(*o*) to borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the security of any or all of the property, movable or immovable, of the University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find it necessary or expedient to borrow of to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;

(*p*) to make gifts for any charitable purpose;

(*q*) to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by statute to do; and

(*r*) to do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the statutes and without prejudice to section 7(2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in many other manner which may be authorized by the statute.

(3) The power of the University to establish further campuses and colleges within the University shall be exercisable by statute and not otherwise (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Functions of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.**

(1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present, shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring degrees.

(2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of Congregation or Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the chairman at all meetings of the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5: Composition, Tenure and Powers of the Council of the University.**

(1) The Council of the University shall consist of:

(*a*) the Pro-Chancellor who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Honourable Minister of Education;

(*b*) the Vice-Chancellor;

(*c*) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);

(*d*) one person from the Ministry responsible for Education;

(*e*) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation to be appointed from:

(*i*) the Council for the regulation of Engineers in Nigeria (COREN);

(*ii*) Tertiary Education Trust Fund; and

(*iii*) two other persons, one of whom shall be a representative of the University host community.

(*f*) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;

(*g*) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members;

(*h*) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members.

(*i*) two persons representing the community appointed by the President.

(2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the University.

(3) The Council so constituted shall have a tenure of four years from the date of its inauguration provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the Visitor and a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University.

(4) The powers of the Council shall be exercised, as in this Bill and to that extent establishment circulars that are inconsistent with this Bill shall not apply to the University.

(5) The Council shall be free in the discharge of its functions and exercise of its responsibilities for the good management, growth and development of the University.

(6) The Council in the discharge of its functions shall ensure that disbursement of funds of the University complies with the approved budgetary ratio for —

(*a*) personnel cost;

(*b*) overhead cost;

(*c*) research and development;

(*d*) library developments; and

(*e*) the balance in expenditure between academic vis-à-vis non-academic activities (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University.

(2) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the Finance, and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.

(3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

(4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.

(5) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.

(6) Rules made under sub-section (5) of this section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that Committee conflict with any direction given by the Council, whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the Council shall prevail.

(7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.

(8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least three times in every year.

(9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council.

(10) Any request made under sub-section (9) of this section shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: Functions of the Senate of the University.**

(1) Subject to section 6 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of this section and the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organize and control the teaching by the University, the admission of student where no other enactment provides to the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the University.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section and subject as therein mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the Senate to make provision for:

(*a*) the establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;

(*b*) the organization and control of courses of study at the University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

(c) the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;

(*d*) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus;

(*e*) the establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and similar institutions at the University;

(*f*) the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and the regulation of their conduct;

(*g*) the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and

(*h*) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

(3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school, department, institute or other teaching and research units of the University, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.

(4) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorized or required by this Bill or by statute.

(5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study at the University is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other University of high repute or a person engaged in practicing the profession in a reputable organization or institution.

(6) Subject to right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this sub-section, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred upon him if after due enquiry he is found to have been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8: Functions of the Vice Chancellor.**

(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and subject to section 4 of this Bill except the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.

(2) Subject to sections 6, 7 and 14 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise of directing the activities of the University and shall be the

Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the University and *ex-officio* Chairman of the Senate.

(3) The Vice Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the University Tenders' Board, which is saddled with the responsibility of approving the conduct of public procurement of goods, works and services within the approved threshold from time to time.

(4) It shall be the responsibility of the Vice Chancellor to establish and appoint members of the Tenders' Board in line with the extant Public Procurement Rules and Regulations (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — GENERAL FUND, TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, ETC. TO THE UNIVERSITY AND CONDITION OF SERVICE OF EMPLOYEES

**Clause 9: General fund of the University.**

(1) There shall be a general fund of the University which shall consist of the following:

(*a*) grants-in-aid;

(*b*) fees;

(*c*) income derived from investments;

(*d*) gifts, legacies, endowments and donations not accepted for a particular purpose;

(*e*) income derived from the exercise of any functions conferred or imposed on the University by this Bill;

(*f*) any other amounts, charges or dues recoverable by the University;

(*g*) revenue, from time to time, accruing to the University by way of subvention;

(*h*) interests on investments;

(*i*) donations and legacies accruing to the University from any source for the general or special purposes of the University; and

(*j*) regular TETFUND interventions.

(2) The general fund shall be applied for the purposes of the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 10: Transfer of Property.**

(1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council of the University shall, by virtue of this sub-section and without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.

(2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by this section and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

**Clause 11:** (1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make statutes for any of the following purposes, that is to say:-

(*a*) making provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority of the University;

(*b*) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the University or any of its authorities;

(*c*) regulating the admission of students (where no other enactment provides to the contrary), and their discipline and welfare;

(*d*) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any statute, regulation or other instrument made thereunder; or

(*e*) making provision for any other matter for which provision by statute is authorized or required by this Bill.

(2) Subject to section 25 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 28 (1) of that Bill.

(3) The statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this section by the University.

(4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent statute (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Mode of exercising power to make statutes.**

(1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section and not otherwise.

(2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been approved:

(*a*) at a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting; and

(*b*) at a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting.

(3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by either one of those bodies or the other.

(4) A statute which:

(*a*) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or

(*b*) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any statute.

(5) For the purpose of section 2(2) of the Interpretation Act, a statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the President.

(6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time:

(*a*) as to the meaning of any provision of a statute; or

(*b*) as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he shall think fit.

(7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under sub-section (6) of this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the University and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that sub-section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria.

(8) Nothing in sub-section (7) of this section shall affect any power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13:** **Proof of Statute.**
A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Secretary to the Council to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

**Clause 14:** (1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

(2) The Visitor shall cause a visitation to the University when necessary, at least every five years, or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or persons as the Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

(3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University to make available to the Visitor and to any other person conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purposes of a visitation.

(4) The Visitor shall make the report of such visitations and white paper thereon available to the Council which shall implement same (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Removal of certain Members of Council.**

(1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the President, and the President, after making such enquiries (if any) as he may consider appropriate approves the recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in question from office.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Removal and discipline of academic, administrative and professional staff.**

(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on the ground of misconduct or of professional inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall:

(*a*) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;

(*b*) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter by the Council; and

(*c*) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

(3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means:

(*a*) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or

(*b*) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or

(*c*) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or

(d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute 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; or

(e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the University.

(4) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as:

(*a*) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);

(*b*) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

(*c*) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case such a person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

(*d*) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine.

(5) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision cone to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

(6) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

(7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall:

(*a*) apply to any directive given by the Visitor in consequence of any visitation; or

(*b*) prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Removal of examiners.**

(1) If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, except in such cases as may be prescribed by the Vice-Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of section 7 (5) of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor on signing an instrument of removal pursuance to this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it is related (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Participation and Discipline of Students.**

(1) The Students shall be:

(*a*) represented in the University's Students Welfare Board and other committees that deal with the affairs of students;

(*b*) participate in various aspects of curriculum development;

(*c*) participate in the process of assessing academic staff in respect of teaching; and

(*d*) be encouraged to be more self-assured as part of the national development process.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct:

(*a*) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the directions, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facilities of the University, as may be so specified, or

(*b*) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified, or

(*c*) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or

(*d*) that the student be expelled from the University.

(3) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (*c*) or (*d*) of this section in respect of any student, that student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.

(4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance to subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending:

(*a*) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate.

(*b*) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of students' activities at the University otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.

(*c*) A direction under subsection (2) (*a*) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (2) (*b*) of this section (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

**Clause 19: Exclusion of discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.**

(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, account of race, place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the University, the holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment or employment at the University, or a member of anybody established by virtue of this Bill; and no person shall be subject to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons mentioned in that subsection where such person wilfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such person or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 20: Restriction on disposal of land by University.**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the University by this Bill) except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the Governor:

Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 21: Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Bill.**

Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall be as determined by that body (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 22: Appointment of committee, etc.**

(1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorize a committee established by it:

(*a*) to exercise, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine;

(*b*) to co-opt members, and

(2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

(3) Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in pursuance of this section, shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.

(4) Nothing in the provisions of subsection (1), (2) and (3) of this section shall be construed as:

(*a*) enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 1 of this Bill; or

(*b*) enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations of the award degrees or other qualifications.

(5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the officer in question); and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 23: Retiring age of academic staff.**

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pension Act, the compulsory retiring age of the following categories of staff shall be as follows:

(*a*) Academic staff of the University in the non-Professorial cadre shall be 65 years;

(*b*) Academic staff of the University in the Professorial Cadre shall be 70 years;

(*c*) Non-academic staff of the University shall be 65 years.

(2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for 35 years shall not apply to an academic staff of the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 24: Special Provisions relating to Pension of Professors.**

Academic staff of the University who retires as a Professor in the University shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that the Professor has served continuously in the University up to the retirement age (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 25: Miscellaneous Administrative Provisions.**

(1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-Chancellor, Secretary to the Council or any other person authorized by statute.

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

(3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorized to do so by the Council.

(4) The validity of any proceedings of anybody established in pursuance of this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the preceding.

(5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose his interest to the body and shall vote on any question relating to that matter.

(6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made in pursuance to this Bill.

(7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make statutes or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Bill) or any regulation by a subsequent statute or as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances.

(8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of section 8 or section 18 of this Bill or the Second Schedule to this Bill.

(9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 26: Restriction of suits and execution.**

(1) Pre-Action Notice:

(*a*) No legal proceeding shall be instituted and/or commenced against the University or any of its agents in the course of their official duties unless a 3 months' Pre-Action Notice of such intention is served on the University by an aggrieved party.

(*b*) The Notice shall state the reason and the cause of action intended to be taken against the University, the particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims.

(*c*) For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that no suit shall be commenced against an officer or servant of the University, in any case where the University is vicariously liable for any alleged act, neglect or default of the officer or servant in the performance or intended performances of his duties, unless three months at least has elapsed after written notice of intention to commence the same shall have been served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent.

(*d*) In any suit against this University, no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the University,

but any sums of money which may be judgment of the court be awarded against the University shall, subject to any direction given by the court where notice of appeal has been given by the University in respect of the said judgment, be paid by the University from its general fund.

(2) Service of Notices
Service upon the University of any notice, order or other document may be effected by delivering the same or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Registrar and Secretary of the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 27: Interpretation.**

(1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Campus" means any campus which may be established by the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means the College established pursuant to section 2 (1) (b) of this Bill for the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the University established by section 5 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Functions" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree, has been conferred by the University and any other person as may be designated as a graduate by the Council, acting in accordance with the recommendation of the Senate (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Hon. Minister of Education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Notice" means notice in writing (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Officer" does not include the Visitor (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Professor "means a person designated as a Professor of the University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Provisional Council" means the provisional council appointed for the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to section 2 (1) (*e*) of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Statute" means a statute made by each University under section 10 of this Bill and in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of this Bill, and (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"the statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Undergraduate" means a person registered as a student undergoing a course of study for a first degree of the University or such other course in the University as may be approved by the Senate as qualifying a student undergoing it for the status of an under-graduate (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"University" means the Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny established by section I of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

(2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Bill it is laid down that the proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority or another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals of that or recommendations received by it in pursuance of that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 28:** **Short Title:**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Rivers Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

[Section 2(2)]

### PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

*The Chancellor*

1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the President.

*The Pro-Chancellor*

2. (1) The Pro-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman of Council shall be appointed or removed from office by Mr President upon recommendation by the Minister of Education.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his appointment.

*The Vice-Chancellor*

3. (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall:-

(*a*) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying:

(*i*) the qualities of the persons who may apply for the post; and

(*ii*) the terms of conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for consideration:

(*b*) constitute a Search Team consisting of:-

(*i*) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as chairman;

(*ii*) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor;

(*iii*) two members of Congregation who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor, to identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post on their own volition because they felt that it is not proper to do so.

(3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of:-

(*a*) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman:

(*b*) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;

(*c*) two members of the Senate who are Professors, but who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons in the shortlist drawn up under subsection (2) of this paragraph through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and recommend to the Council three candidates for further consideration.

(4) The Council shall select and appoint as the Vice-Chancellor one candidate from among the three candidates recommended to it under subsection (3) of this section and thereafter inform the Visitor.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(6) The Vice Chancellor may be removed from office by the Council on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind, at the initiative of the Council, Senate or the Congregation after due process.

(7) When the proposal for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Senate consisting of:

(*i*) three members of the Council, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the committee; and

(*ii*) two members of the Senate.

Provided that where the ground for removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.

(8) The committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Vice-Chancellor and shall report its findings to the Council.

(9) The Council may where the allegations are proved remove the Vice-Chancellor or apply any other disciplinary action it may deem fit and notify the Visitor accordingly provided that a Vice-Chancellor who is removed shall have right of appeal to the Visitor.

(10) There shall be no sole administrator in the University.

(11) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall appoint an acting Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of the Senate.

(12) An acting Vice Chancellor in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months.

*Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

4. (1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellors as Council may from time to time deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for each post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant.

(3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from each list forwarded to it under subsection (2) of this paragraph and forward his name to the Council for confirmation.

(4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:

(*a*) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;

(*b*) act in the place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and

(*c*) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

(5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor:

(*a*) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and

(*b*) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no more.

(*c*) may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor and Senate.

(*d*) "Good cause" for the purpose of this section means gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office arising from infirmity of the body or mind.

*Office of the Registrar*

5. (1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with paragraph 6(2) of this Schedule.

(2) The person holding the office of the Registrar shall by virtue of that office be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

*Other Principal Officers of the University*

6. (1) There shall be for the University the following principal officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is:

(*a*) the Bursar; and

(*b*) the University Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under paragraph 7 of this Schedule.

(2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.

(3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-ordination of the library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or research units.

(4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

*Selection Board for other Principal Officers*

7. (1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of:-

(*a*) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;

(*b*) the Vice-Chancellor;

(*c*) four members of the Council not being members of the Senate; and

(*d*) two members of the Senate.

(2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this paragraph shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine.

(3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of their appointments and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar, Bursar or Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter such principal officer shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University.

*Resignation and Re-appointment*

8. (1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule may resign his office:

(*a*) in the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the Visitor;

(*b*) in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall, in the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the Visitor.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, a person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

*Transfer of Property to University*

1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 9 (1) of this Bill:

(*a*) the reference in that subsection to property held by the Provisional Council shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the Provisional Council;

(*b*) all debts and liabilities of the Provisional Council outstanding shall become debts or liabilities of the University.

2. (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the Provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University had been a party thereto in place of the Provisional Council.

(2) Documents not falling within subsection (1) of this paragraph, including enactment which refer, whether specially or generally, to the Provisional Council, shall be construed in accordance with that sub-section so far as applicable.

(3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the Provisional Council may be continued by or against the University.

*Registration of transfers*

3. (1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situate provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply, with necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.

(2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

*Transfer of Functions, etc.*

4. (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

(2) The persons who were members of the Provisional Council shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council as set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.

(3) The first meeting of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

(4) The persons who were members of the Academic Board immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.

(5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Bill is made, the schools, school boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on that day become schools, school boards and students of the University as constituted by this Bill.

(6) Persons who were Deans of schools and Heads of Academic Departments shall continue to be Deans or HODs of the corresponding School/Department, until new appointments are made in pursuance of the statutes.

(7) Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as established or was otherwise employed by the Provisional Council shall become the holder of an appointment at the University with the status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as member of that staff or as such an employee (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Section 9 (3)]

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF OIL AND GAS TECHNOLOGY, BONNY, RIVERS STATE (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL STATUTE NO. 1

ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

*Articles*:

1. The Council.
2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee
3. The Senate
4. The Congregation
5. Convocation
6. Division of Colleges
7. College/School Boards
8. Dean of the College
9. Selection of certain Principal Officers
10. Creation of academic posts
11. Appointment of academic staff
12. Appointment of administrative and professional staff
13. Interpretation.
14. Short Title

*The Council*

1. (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in section 5 of this Bill.

(2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of section 5 (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), or (*d*) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council, resign his office.

(3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of section 5 (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), or (*d*) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years beginning with effect from I August in the year which he was appointed.

(4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of section 5 (*a*), (*b*), (*g*), or (*h*) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his predecessor.

(5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further period of four years.

(6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to section 5 (*d*) or (*e*) of this Bill.

(7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and subject to section 4 of this Bill and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

(8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

*The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

2. (1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of—

(*a*) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he is present;

(*b*) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

(*c*) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by Congregation;

(*d*) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, or in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him; and

(*e*) the Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Technology Development Fund, or in his absence, such member of the Fund as he may designate to represent him.

(2) The quorum of the Committee shall be five.

(3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

*Annual budget and estimates, etc.*

(4) (*i*) The estimates of income and expenditure for a financial year shall be presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the Council and may be approved by the Council before the beginning of that financial year;

Provided that the Vice-Chancellor may during any financial year present and the Council may approve supplementary estimates of income or expenditure.

(*ii*) The annual and supplementary estimates shall be prepared in such form and shall contain such information as the Council may direct.

(*iii*) All property, money or funds donated for any specific purposes shall be applied and administered in accordance with the purposes for which they are donated and shall be accounted for separately.

*Payment into bank*

(5) All sums of money received on account of the University shall be paid into such bank as may be approved by the Council for the credit of the University's general, current or deposit account:

Provided that the Council may invest, as it deems fit, any money not required for immediate use other than donations of money referred to in subsection (1) of this section.

*Audit*

3. (1) The Council shall cause the accounts of the University to be audited by auditors appointed by the Council as soon as may be after the end of each financial year or for any such other period as the Council may require.

(2) The appointment and other matters relative to the auditors, their continuance in office and their functions, as the case may be, shall, subject to the provisions of this section, be prescribed by statute.

(3) All property, money or funds donated for any specific purposes shall be applied and administered in accordance with the purposes for which they are donated and shall be accounted for separately.

*Payment into bank*

(6) All sums of money received on account of the University shall be paid into such bank as may be approved by the Council for the credit of the University's general, current or deposit account:

Provided that the Council may invest, as it deems fit, any money not required for immediate use other than donations of money referred to in subsection (1) of this section.

*The Senate*

4. (1) The Senate shall consist of:

(*i*) the Vice-Chancellor

(*ii*) Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

(*iii*) the Deans of respective Colleges;

(*iv*) the Professors in the University;

(*v*) Heads of Academic Departments and Units;

(*vi*) the University Librarian;

(*vii*) one elected representative of each College;

(*viii*) two members of Academic Staff elected by the Congregation;

(*ix*) one elected representative of each department;

(*x*) two members representing a variety of interests of the professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor;

(*xi*) Registrar — Secretary.

(2) The procedure for election of members of Senate to the Council shall be prescribed by Regulations.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present, and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting shall be the chairman at the meeting.

(4) The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest whole number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph (3) of this Article, the Senate may regulate its own procedure.

(5) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his office.

(6) Subject to paragraph (8) of this article, there shall be elections for the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner on such day in the month of Mayor June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor may from time to time determine.

(7) An elected member shall hold office for the period of two years beginning with 1 August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at any election held in pursuance to paragraph (6) of this article in the year in which his period of office expires, so however that no person shall be such a candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office as an elected member for a continuous period of six years or would have so held office if he had not resigned it.

(8) No election shall be held in pursuance of this article in any year if the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance to paragraph (11) of this article does not exceed by more than one the figure which is thrice the number of those elected members holding office on the date of the certificate who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of paragraph (7) of this article.

(9) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no person shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member by reason only of reduction in the after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue in or take office as all elected member.

(10) If so requested in writing by any fifteen members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor or in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

(11) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respect any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-chancellor on 30 April of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of the Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

*Congregation*

5. (1) Congregation shall consist of:

(*i*) Vice-Chancellor

(*ii*) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

(*iii*) the full-time members of the academic staff

(*iv*) the Registrar;

(*v*) the Librarian;

(*vi*) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree, other than honorary degree, of any University recognized for the purposes of this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) Subject to section 4 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice Chancellors present at the meeting as Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the meeting.

(3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one third or the whole number nearest to one third of the total number of members of Congregation of fifty, whichever is less.

(4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:

(*a*) the total number of members of Congregation for the purpose of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or

(*b*) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation during a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or, as the case may be, of the names of those persons.

(5) The procedure for election of members of Congregation to the Council and the Senate shall be prescribed by Regulations.

(6) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.

(7) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolutions or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions, in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

*Convocation*

6. (1) Convocation shall consist of:

(*i*) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to this Bill;

(*ii*) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill;

(*iii*) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph (2) of this article.

(2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of convocation if:

(*a*) he is either a graduate of a University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and

(*b*) he applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pay the prescribed fees.

(3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and subject to paragraph (4) of this article may provide for the payment, from time to time, of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

(4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of the Convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (*a*) or (*b*) of this article are entered and retained on the register.

(5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register or a copy of the register at the principal times of the University at all reasonable times.

(6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is not, a member of Convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.

(7) The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third or the whole number nearest to one third or the whole number of members of Convocation whichever is less.

(8) Subject to section 4 of the Act, the Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

(9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

*Division of Colleges*

7. Each College shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.

*College Boards*

8. (1) There shall be established in respect of each College, a Board of Studies which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:

(*a*) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the college;

(*b*) deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and

(*c*) advise the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate.

(2) Each College Board of Studies shall consist of:

(*a*) the Vice-Chancellor:

(*b*) the Dean;

(*c*) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;

(*d*) the College Examination Officer;

(*e*) such of the teachers assigned to the college and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

(*f*) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

(3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one quarter, whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the board; and subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

*Deans of the Colleges*

9. (1) The Board of each College shall, at a meeting in the last term of any academic year which the term of office of the Dean expires, nominate one of its members, being one of the Professors assigned to that teaching unit, for appointment by the Senate as Dean of the College.

(2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this Article shall act as Dean of the College and chairman of all meetings of the College Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the College.

(3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.

(4) The Dean of a College shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the College.

(5) It shall be the function of the Dean to present to Convocation for the conferment of degrees to persons who have qualified for the degrees of the University at examination held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that College.

(6) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several Colleges and that Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the University by the Senate.

(7) The Dean of a College may be removed from office for good cause by the College Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that at the next College Board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.

(8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 15 (3) of the Act.

*Departmental Board of Studies*

10. (1) There shall be a Departmental Board of Studies whose membership shall be made of all academic staff of the Department.

(2) It shall be headed by a Professor who shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor and in the absence of a Professor, a senior academic staff shall be appointed in acting capacity.

(3) For a Professor the term is for 3 years while 1 year is for acting capacity.

(4) The Board shall superintend over all teachings and examinations in the Department.

(5) The Board shall handle all disciplinary matters in the Department and make recommendations to the College where necessary.

(6) Allocation of courses in the department shall be done by the Departmental Board on recommendation of the Head of Department.

*Selection of Directors of Physical Planning and Development, Works and Services and Health*

11. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Directors of Physical Planning and Development, Works and Services and Health, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of:

(*a*) the Pro-Chancellor;

(*b*) the Vice-Chancellor;

(*c*) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of the Senate;

(*d*) two members appointed by the Senate.

(2) The Selection Board after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office; and after considering the recommendation of the board the Council may make an appointment to that office.

*Tenure of Directors*

12 . A Director shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment subject to the extant Regulations.

*Creation of Academic Posts*

13. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

*Appointment of Academic Staff*

14. (1) Subject to the Act and statutes, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the Council through the Departments and Colleges.

(2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set up.

(3) For appointment to Professorships, Associate Professorship or Readerships or equivalent posts, a Board of Selection, with power to appoint, shall consist of:

(*a*) the Vice-Chancellor — Chairman

(*b*) Deputy Vice-Chancellor — Member

(*c*) the Dean of the College — Member

(*d*) Head of Department — Member

(*e*) such other person(s), not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping the Board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.

(*f*) Registrar — Secretary

(4) For other academic posts, a Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:

(*a*) the Vice-Chancellor or his representative — Chairman:

(*b*) the Dean of the College — Member

(*c*) head of the Department concerned — Member

(*d*) an internal member of Council (not below the Rank of Senior Lecturer from the sister college in the Candidate's subject-area) — Member

(*e*) Registrar or his representative — Secretary

(5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such posts other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the Selection Board.

(6) Boards of Selection may interview candidates directly or consider the reports of specialist interviewing panels and shall in addition, in the case of Professorships, Associate Professorship, Readerships or equivalent Posts, consider the reports of External Assessors relevant to the area in which the appointment is being considered. Quorum shall be three (3) including the Chairman.

*Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff*

15. (1) The administrative and professional staff of the University other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with delegation of powers made by the Council on its behalf.

(2) A Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:

(*i*) Vice Chancellor;

(*ii*) Deputy Vice Chancellor;

(*iii*) Registrar;

(*iv*) Bursar;

(*v*) University Librarian;

(*vi*) the Head of Department concerned;

(*vii*) establishment and Human Resources Officer who shall serve as Secretary Quorum shall be three (3) including the Chairman.

*Interpretation*

16. In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny Act and any word or expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this Statute.

*Short Title*

17. This Statute may be cited as the Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Act Statute No. 1 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**
This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Rivers State (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill (HB. 1632) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Rivers State; and for Related Maters (HB. 1632) and approved Clauses 1 - 17, 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.***

**(*vi*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Colleges of Education Act,* 1986 *and Enact the Federal Colleges of Education Bill; and for Related Matters* (HB. 1638) (*Committee of the Whole*):**

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

**(*vii*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Education (Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, Cap. E3, LFN,* 2004; *and for Related Matters* (HB. 1627) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Education (Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, Cap. E3, LFN, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1627)" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATION (NATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARDS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTIONS) ACT, CAP. E3, LFN, 2004; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1627)

**Clause 1:** **Amendment of the Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, Cap. E3, LFN, 2004.**
The Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, Cap. E3, LFN, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the principal Act) is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2:** **2. Amendment of section 1.**
Section 1 of the principal Act is amended in:

(*a*) the heading by substituting for the existing heading a new heading:

"Minimum standards for early childhood care and development centers, pre-primary and primary institutions"

(*b*) subsection (1) by substituting the existing subsection with a new subsection (1) as follows:

"(1) The responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of minimum standards in early childhood care and development centers, pre-primary and primary institutions, and other similar institutions in the Federation is vested in the Minister" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3:** **Amendment of section 2.**
Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by:

(*a*) substituting subsection (*f*) with a new subsection (*f*):

"to develop social skills through team building activities;"

(*b*) inserting new subsections (*i*) to (*l*) after subsection (*h*):

"(*i*) to lay the foundation for academic, cognitive, social and emotional development;

(*j*) to promote readiness for reading, literacy and numeracy;

(*k*) to develop creativity in children; and

(*l*) to develop a love for learning" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4** **Amendment of section 3.**
Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by substituting subsection (1) (*g*) with a new subsection (1) (*g*):

"(1) (*g*) to provide basic knowledge and skills for further advancement in academic and technical education, including preparation for local trades and crafts" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5:** **Amendment of section 4.**
Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection (4) and (5):

"(4) The responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of minimum standards in the Federation in respect of teacher education carried out as part of higher education but not extending up to degree level is hereby vested in the National Commission for Colleges of Education, after obtaining prior approval therefor from the Minister.

(5) In prescribing the minimum standards mentioned in subsection (4), the National Commission for Colleges of Education and, as the case may be, the Minister, shall have regard to the matters mentioned in sections 7 and 11 of this Bill" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6:** **Amendment of Section 7.**
Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection (a) before the existing (*a*) and a new subsection (*f*) as follows:

"(*a*) to produce highly effective classroom teachers who are equipped with the knowledge and skills to employ the best techniques to achieve optimum student learning" immediately below the phrase, "Purpose of teacher education".

(*f*) to institute practices that ensure the continuing education of teachers" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7:** **Amendment of Section 8.**
Section 8 (3) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the phrase, "in section 9 of this Bill" with the phrase, "in section 9 and 11 of this Bill" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8:** **Amendment of Section 9.**
Section 9 principal Act is amended by substituting:

(*a*) the words "the provision of" in subsections (*a*) and (*c*) with the words, "to produce"

(*b*) the words "the provision of" in subsections (*b*) and (*e*) with the words, "to provide"

(*c*) the words, "the introduction of" in subsection (*d*) with the words, "to introduce" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9:** **Amendment of sections 10 and 11.**
The principal Act is amended by changing the heading of sections 10-11 from "Higher Education" to "University and Higher Education" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 10:** **Amendment of Section 10.**
Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by:

(*a*) substituting subsection (1) with a new subsection (1):

"(1) The power to lay down and enforce minimum standards for all universities and other degree awarding institutions in the federation and the accreditation of their degrees and other academic awards is hereby vested in the National Universities Commission in consultation with the universities for that purpose."

(*b*) insert a new subsection (4) and (5) after the existing subsection (3):

"(4) The powers vested in the National Universities Commission by subsection (1) of this section shall supersede such similar powers conferred on any other body by any other Law or Act", and such similar powers shall be void to the extent of their inconsistency with those of NUC.

(5) Accreditation of all degree programmes in Nigerian Universities and other degree awarding institutions shall be exclusively based on the NUC's minimum academic standards" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: Amendment of Section 13.**
Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by:

(*a*) substituting for subsection (*a*) a new subsection (*a*):

"(*a*) to provide adequate education for all physically and mentally challenged children and adults in order to enable them to maximize their full potential and to play their roles in the development of the nation;"

(*b*) inserting a new subsection (*c*) after the existing subsection (*b*):

"to provide the optimal education possible in the least restrictive environments for all children and adults with disabilities" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Amendment of section 19.**
Section 19 principal Act is amended in:

(*a*) the heading by substituting the heading of the section with a new heading as follows:

**"19. Conditions for the establishment of government-owned institutions.**

(*b*) subsection (1) by substituting the phrase, "Any institution", with the phrase, "Any government-owned institution" and deleting the phrase "irrespective of the ownership"

(*c*) subsection (2) (*a*) by substituting the word, "university" with the word, "higher" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Amendment of section 20.**
Section 20 principal Act is amended by substituting the word, "learning" everywhere it occurs with the word, "education" and deleting the phrase "and who satisfy the criteria set out in the Schedule to this Bill for establishment of institutions" from subsection (*b*) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 14: Amendment of section 21.**
Section 21 of the principal Act is amended by:

(*a*) substituting the word, "learning" with the word "education" in subsection (1).

(*b*) substituting the phrase "tertiary institution" with the phrase "institution of higher education" everywhere it occurs in subsection (2).

(*c*) substituting subsection (3) with a new subsection (3) (*a*) and (*b*):

"(3) No person or group of persons (whether corporate or incorporate):

(*a*) shall be granted approval to establish an institution of higher education unless the criteria set out in the Schedule of this Bill have been satisfied; and

(*b*) shall establish or run an institution of higher education in any part of Nigeria, either independently or in conjunction with any institution of higher education within or without Nigeria, without the written approval of the appropriate authority."

(*d*) Inserting a new subsection (4):

"(4) The approval to establish an institution of higher education shall be granted in the form of license, which license shall be granted for such period, and subject to such further terms and conditions, as the appropriate authority may prescribe, in consultation with the Minister" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Amendment of section 22.**
Section 22 of the principal Act is amended by substituting the existing section 22 with a new section 22 as follows —

**"22. Powers to enforce minimum standards in institutions of higher education.**

(1) (*a*) Any person or group of persons who establishes or operates an unapproved institution of higher education, including persons acting as Principal Officers in such an institution, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable severally on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years and not more than ten years without an option of fine.

(*b*) Any institution of higher education established otherwise than in compliance with sections 19, 20 and 21 of this Bill shall be deemed to be illegal and shall be liable to closure by the appropriate authority.

(*c*) Where an offence under subsection (*a*) of this section is committed by a body corporate, firm or partnership, it shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than five million Naira, and:

(*i*) the chairman of the Board and directors of the body corporate;

(*ii*) every partner and principal officer of the firm or partnership; and

(*iii*) every person purporting to act in any such capacity shall be severally liable to be proceeded against and shall be liable on conviction to a term of not less than five years and not more than ten years imprisonment without an option of fine.

(*d*) The powers conferred under this subsection shall not be exercised by the appropriate authority in respect of any institution belonging to any government in the Federation without the prior approval of the President, or the relevant Governor or Local Government Chairman.

(2) (*a*) Unless otherwise provided by this Bill, the establishment and operation of all institutions of higher education in Nigeria, irrespective of their ownership, shall be subject to, and comply with the licensing and regulatory requirements, of the appropriate authorities, namely the:

(*i*) National Universities Commission, in the case of Universities and all other degree-awarding institutions or bodies;

(*ii*) National Board for Technical Education, in the case of Polytechnics, Colleges of Agriculture, and all other forms of technical education below degree level;

(*iii*) National Commission for Colleges of Education, in the case of Colleges of Education and all other forms of teacher training below degree level.

(*b*) The appropriate authority shall have the power to close down any academic unit or program in any approved institution of higher education within its jurisdiction that does not meet the prescribed minimum standards stipulated for it by that authority, or contravenes existing regulations of same authority.

(*c*) With regard to institutions of higher education that are privately owned, the appropriate authority shall have the power, where a breakdown of internal governance processes threatens the maintenance of minimum standards, to :

(*i*) suspend the existing administrative structure of the affected institutions; and

(*ii*) constitute a Caretaker Committee to temporarily oversee the affairs of that institution:

Provided that the appropriate authority shall, on the successful resolution of the crisis, re-establish the governance structure of the affected institution, in line with the authority's existing regulations.

(*d*) The appropriate authority shall have the power to withdraw or suspend a licence of institutions of higher education that are privately owned under the following conditions:

(*i*) where a licence holder contravenes the licence conditions;

(*ii*) fails to comply with the regulations of the appropriate authority or;

(*iii*) fails to comply with the directives of the appropriate authority.

(*e*) Any person or corporate body responsible for carrying out such directive that fails, refuses or neglects to carry out directives issued by the appropriate authority pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, or invites, induces or abets any other person to obstruct or interfere with such a directive shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a term of not less than one year and not more than three years imprisonment without an option of fine.

(3) As from the commencement of this Bill:

(*a*) it shall be unlawful for any University in Nigeria, whether acting individually or in conjunction with other Institution within or outside Nigeria, to establish and/or run degree programs in satellite campuses or study centers outside its primary location.

(*b*) all degree programs being run on satellite campuses and study centers shall cease to operate and all the affected students shall be at liberty to re-apply to any existing approved University running such programs with full accreditation by the National Universities Commission.

(*c*) any person or group of persons, including persons acting as Principal Officers in approved institutions of higher education, who, in contravention of this subsection, approve, establish and/or operate satellite campuses, study

centers, or other similar venues by whatever name called, or any other form of unapproved degree-awarding Institution, for running degree programs outside of the primary location of a University shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three years and not more than five years without an option of fine.

(*d*) Where the person, body corporate, firm or partnership convicted for operating an unapproved institution of higher education and/or for committing an offence under subsection (3) of this section is also the owner of the premises or landed property in question, such premises or landed property shall, in addition to other punishments stipulated by this Bill, be forfeited to the Federal Government:

(*i*) the chairman of the Board and directors of the body corporate;

(*ii*) every partner and principal officer of the firm or partnership; and

(*iii*) every person purporting to act in any such capacity shall be severally liable to be proceeded against and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years and not more than five years imprisonment without an option of fine.

(4) (*a*) Any person who, knowing it is to be used for the operation of an unapproved institution of higher education and/or for purposes prohibited under subsection (3) of this section, sells, lets or otherwise makes available for use his landed property or premises shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years and not more than five years without option of fine.

(*b*) Where an offence under this subsection is committed by a body corporate, firm or partnership, it shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than three million Naira, and:

(*i*) the chairman of the Board and directors of the body corporate;

(*ii*) every partner and principal officer of the firm or partnership; and

(*iii*) every person purporting to act in any such capacity Shall be severally liable to be proceeded against and shall be liable on conviction to a term of not less than two years and not more than five years imprisonment without an option of fine.

(*c*) Where the person, body corporate, firm or partnership convicted for operating an unapproved institution of higher education and/or for committing an offence under subsection (3) of this section is also the owner of the premises or landed property in question, such premises or landed property shall,

in addition to other punishments stipulated by this Bill, be forfeited to the Federal Government.

(5) It shall be an offence, punishable on conviction by a fine of not less than one million naira for each person so admitted, for an institution of higher education to admit, for purposes of further education, a person that is in possession of a degree, diploma, certificate or other academic award issued by an unapproved institution of higher education.

(6) It shall be an offence, punishable on conviction by a fine of not less than one million naira for each person so employed, for an employer of labor, whether in the public or private sector, to recognize and, thereby, base a decision to employ, on a degree, diploma, certificate or other academic award issued by an unapproved institution of higher education.

(7) Subject to section 174 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), any legal officer in the appropriate authority may conduct criminal proceedings in respect of offences, or regulations made, under this Bill.

(8) The appropriate authority may, from time to time, make regulations, with the approval of the Minister, where mandated to do so by this Bill or where the effective administration of this Bill so requires" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Amendment of section 24.**
Section 24 of the principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (1)(g) the word "farms," after the word, "drawing-rooms," and before the word, "typewriting rooms" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Amendment of section 25.**
Section 25 of the principal Act is amended by:

(*a*) inserting the interpretation of the word, "Academic Unit":

"Academic Unit" means a College, Faculty or Department duly approved by the appropriate authority to run academic disciplines or programs"

(*b*) inserting the interpretation of the word, "Campus",

"Campus" means any primary location of an institution approved by the appropriate authority."

(*c*) inserting new-subsections (*c*) to (*e*) under "The appropriate authority" after the existing subsection (*b*):

"(*c*) the National Universities Commission, in the case of Universities and all other degree-awarding institutions or bodies;

(*d*) the National Board for Technical Education, in the case of Polytechnics, Colleges of Agriculture, and all other forms of technical education below degree level;

(*e*) the National Commission for Colleges of Education, in the case of Colleges of Education and all other forms of technical education below degree level."

(*d*) substituting the interpretation of the word "technical education" with a new interpretation:

"technical education" means education given in institutions other than institutions of higher education, providing both the scientific knowledge and practical skills for a specific trade, employment or profession as craftsman, technician, technologist, engineer, scientist or similar levels in business, in the fields of engineering, applied science, agriculture or business" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Amendment of the Schedule.**
The Schedule to the principal Act is amended in:

(*a*) section 2 (2) (*c*) by inserting the word, "on", before the phrase, "staff ratio based on the courses contemplated."

(*b*) section 4 (*c*) by substituting the phrase "the university to the tune of ₦200 million, ₦100 million for polytechnic or monotechnic and ₦50 million for a college of education over a period of five years." with a new phrase "to the university, polytechnic or monotechnic as determine by extant financial guidelines issued by the appropriate authorities."

(*c*) section 4 by inserting new subsections (*d*) and (*e*) immediately after the existing subsection (*c*):

"(*d*) the applicant has established an endowment fund for at least ₦250 million in a reputable bank for the University which fund shall be increased to ₦500 million within the first 5 years and to at least ₦ billion in the next 10 years of the establishment of the University.

(*e*) where the proposed University is registered or incorporated in Nigeria as a charitable company limited by guarantee; the proprietor(s), operator(s), trustees or directors are disentitled from drawing profits from the University"

(*d*) section 5 (1) by deleting the existing subsection (1) (*b*) and inserting a new subsection (1) (*b*) and 5 (1) (*c*) as follows:

"(1) (*b*) the minimum land area for a University, Polytechnic, Monotechnic and College of Education shall be determined by the extant guidelines issued by the appropriate authorities.

(*c*) The land forming part of the assets under paragraph (*b*) at the time of the approval contains fully developed infrastructure which in the opinion of the appropriate authority will be sufficient for the take-off of the Institution."

(*e*) in section 7 by substituting the existing section 7 with a new section 7:

**"7.** To prevent the problems of inadequate municipal facilities, the proposed institution shall have a clear policy on student and staff accommodation, catering, welfare and other municipal services."

(*f*) section 8 by deleting the word, "mission" and substituting it with the word, "vision" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 19:** **Amendment of Short Title.**
The principal Act is amended by substituting the existing short title with a new Short Title:

"Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Amendment Act" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 20:** **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, Cap. E3, LFN, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1627) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Education (Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, Cap. E3, LFN, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1627) and approved Clauses 1 - 20, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

**(*viii*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat Challenges, Training of Specialists in Ear, Nose and Throat; and for Related Matters*** **(HB. 1522) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and

Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat Challenges, Training of Specialists in Ear, Nose and Throat; and for Related Matters (HB.1522)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL EAR CARE CENTRE, KADUNA FOR THE PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT (ENT) DISEASES, CO-ORDINATION OF RESEARCH IN EAR, NOSE AND THROAT CHALLENGES, TRAINING OF SPECIALIST IN EAR, NOSE AND THROAT, AND OTHER SUPPORTING FIELDS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Establishment, etc. of the National Ear Care Centre*

**Clause 1: Establishment of the National Ear Care Centre.**

(1) There is established a Centre to be known as the National Ear care Centre (in this Bill referred to as "the Centre")

(2) The Centre:

(*a*) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;

(*b*) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and

(*c*) may acquire, hold and dispose of property movable or immovable.

(3) The Headquarters of the Centre shall be in Kaduna and may have six zonal Centres established in each of the six geo-political zones of Nigeria.

(4) The Centre shall be a hospital, specializing in Otolaryngologist at all levels (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2: Functions and Powers of the Centre.**

(1) The Functions of the Centre shall be to provide hospital and specialist services in connection with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases or defect of the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), supply of appliances and other supplementary Otolaryngology services.

(2) The Centre shall have power to:

(*a*) provide diagnostic, curative, preventive and rehabilitative Otolaryngology service;

(*b*) provide ambulatory outreach and domiciliary ENT treatment, employing the services of Otolaryngologist and other medical Practitioners;

(*c*) provide and facilitate the training of Otolaryngologist and topologist;

(*d*) provide and facilitate the training of ENT personnel and dispensing Nurses, and technicians;

(*e*) provide and facilitate the training of ENT related courses at certificate and diploma levels;

(*f*) provide and facilitate other trainings including residency, post basic training, etc;

(*g*) provide and facilitate research in all aspect of Otolaryngology, including ENT, clinical and experimental;

(*h*) facilitate the training of specialist in ENT and other supporting fields; and

(*i*) develop new diagnostic and therapeutic ENT instruments and appliances better situated for the practice of Otolaryngology in Nigeria,

(3) For the purposes of the discharge of its functions under this Bill, the Centre may —

(*a*) arrange periodic conferences, seminars, study groups and like activities in Otolaryngology;

(*b*) advise the government of the Federation or of a state on all matters relating to defects and diseases of ENT and the prevention of deafness;

(*c*) offer such assistance to ENT hospitals or units in various part of the Federation, as the Board may deem necessary; and

(*d*) do anything in connection with or incidental to the functions conferred on it in this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3: Constituent parts of the Centre**

The Centre shall be constituted as follows —

(*a*) a management board;

(*b*) an education committee;

(*c*) the clinical and other departments of the Centre;

(*d*) all members of the administrative, clinical and technical staff; and

(*e*) all students of the Centre (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Establishment of the Management Board.**

(1) There is established for the centre, a body to be known as the National Ear Care Centre management Board (in this Bill refers to as "the Board"), which shall have general responsibility for the government of the Centre.

(2) The Board shall consist of:

(*a*) the Chairman;

(*b*) the Medical Director;

(*c*) four persons to represent a broad variety of interest in Nigeria;

(*d*) two persons appointed by the consultant staff of the hospital from among their number;

(*e*) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, or his representatives;

(*f*) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, or his representatives;

(3) The President shall on the recommendation of the Minister of Health appoint, apart from the *ex-officio* members, the Chairman and other members of the Board.

(4) The Chairman shall be a person of proven integrity, possess cognate experience and outstanding ability in administration and professional or technical education.

(5) The members specified in subsection (2) (*b*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) of section 4, are hereinafter referred to as "*ex-officio* members".

(6) The supplementary provision as set out in the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the education committee and the other matters mentioned therein (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5: Tenure of the office of members of the Board.**

(1) The Chairman and any other member of the Board (not being an *ex-officio* member), shall hold office for a period of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of four years and no more:

Provided that members of the Board under paragraph (d) of subsection(2) of section 4 of this Bill, shall hold office for two years and shall not be eligible for re-appointment.

(2) A member of the Board, other than an *ex-officio* member, shall be paid out such remunerations and allowances in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be stipulated in their letters of appointment.

(3) In the event of the death or incapacity of the Chairman of the Board, or if for any reason other than lapse of time, the office of the chairman becomes vacant, the President shall, on recommendation of the Minister, appoint another person as Chairman for the residue of the term of the Chairman of the Board.

(4) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant if —

(*a*) he resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the Minister;

(*b*) the period of his appointment has expired; or

(*c*) by resolution of the Board:

(*i*) that he has become unfit to continue as a member of the Board by reason that the member has become incapable by reason of mental or bodily infirmity of discharging his duties; or

(*ii*) that he has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without leave of the Board; or

(*iii*) he has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty, fraud or moral turpitude.

(5) Where the office of a member becomes vacant, another person representing the same interest, shall be appointed for the reminder of the term for which the vacating member was appointed.

(6) Any member of the Board other than an *ex-officio* member may, by notice to the Board, resign his appointment (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Duties of the Board.**

(1) The Board shall be the governing body of the Centre and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the Centre, including its public relations.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it shall be the duty of the Board to construct, equipment and operate -

(*a*) the hospital, including the zonal Centres, which is to provide comprehensive services, teaching and clinical research in Otolaryngology;

(*b*) such training schools and similar Institutions as the Board considers necessary for providing the Centre at all times with adequate and sufficient qualified staff, including Otolaryngology, ENT

technicians, nurses and members of other allied professions and calling, relevant to the practice of Otolaryngologist.

(*c*) such clinics, units, out-patient departments, laboratories, research or experimental stations and other like institutions, as the Board may consider necessary for the efficient functioning of the Centre.

(3) The duty of running the Centre conferred by the foregoing subsection shall include, the duty of providing proper courses of instruction for students; but the Board shall not have power to award degrees, but the Board shall not be prevented from arranging for students to attend courses at or take higher qualifications awarded by other institutions not controlled by the Board.

(4) The Board shall ensure that the standards of treatment and care for patients provided at all establishments controlled by the Board are maintained and the standards of training at those establishment, do not fall below those usually provided by similar establishment of Internationally high repute.

(5) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power to do anything, which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7:** **Powers of the Board in relation to management, etc of the Centre Staff.**
The Board shall be responsible for laying down general policies and guidelines relating to the management of the affairs of the Centre, including the management of the hospital and the provision of facilities relating to the training of all categories of ENT personnel and it shall be the duty of the Medical Director to execute such policies and to keep within such guidelines (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8:** **The Medical Director.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Medical Director shall be appointed or removed from his office by the President.

(2) The Medical Director shall hold office for four year period in the first instance and shall be eligible for reappointment for terms not exceeding three years on each occasion.

(3) Subject to this section, the Medical Director shall hold office on such terms as to emoluments or otherwise as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(4) The Medical Director shall, in relation to the Board, take precedence over all other members of the Centre, except the Chairman of the Board and any person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Board.

(5) The Medical Director shall be the Chief executive officer of the Centre and in addition to any other function conferred on him by this Bill, have the general function of directing the day-to-day activities of the Centre (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: Appointment, etc., of other staff.**

(1) The senior members of the clinical, administrative and technical staff of the Centre shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of a Committee, to be known as the Appointments and Promotions Committee, set up under the provisions of paragraph 4 (3) of the Schedule to this Bill.

(2) The Board shall from among the officers appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section select, on the recommendation of the Medical Director, a person to act both as the Secretary to the Board and to the education Committee.

(3) The power to appoint all other categories of staff to hold or act in offices in the Centre (including power to make appointments on promotion and transfer and to confirm, dismiss or exercise other disciplinary control over persons holding or acting in such offices), shall be exercised by the Medical Director acting on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee, constituted under paragraph 4 (*b*) of the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 10: Composition of the Education Committee.**

The Education Committee shall consist of —

(*a*) the Medical Director, who shall be the Chairman;

(*b*) the heads of the departments of the Centre, responsible for training; and

(*c*) the persons for the time being holding such offices in the Centre, as the Medical Director may specify (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: Functions of the Education Committee.**

The Education Committee shall have responsibility for the running of the academic affairs of the Centre including —

(*a*) the organisation and control of courses of study at the Centre and of the examinations held in connection with those courses;

(*b*) determining the requisite qualifications for admission into any of the courses offered by the Centre;

(*c*) determining the duration of the training period; and

(*d*) effecting the affiliation of the Centre with Universities and Institutions, for the award of degrees, diplomas or fellowship to students, on the successful completion of the relevant courses (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Candidacy for admission.**
Where a candidate offers himself for admission as a postgraduate medical student under this Bill, he shall satisfy the Board that he is a registered Medical Practitioner or that he is on the temporary or provisional register of Medical Practitioners of the Nigeria Medical Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Power of the Minister to give directions.**
The Minister may give to the Board directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual person or case), with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with the directions, but no direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the duties of the Board under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

*Financial provision*

**Clause 14: Fund of the Centre.**
The Board shall establish and maintain a fund into which it shall pay —

(*a*) such sums as may be provided, from time to time, by the Government of the Federation or of a State for the Centre; and

(*b*) all sums accruing to the Centre by way of fees, gifts, testamentary disposition, contributions from philanthropic persons or organisations or other entities (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Power to borrow.**
Except with the approval of the Minister, the Centre shall not have power to borrow money (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Annual estimates and expenditure.**
The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister, not later than 31 September in each financial year, an estimate of the income and expenditure of the Centre during the next succeeding financial year (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Accounts and Audit.**
The Centre shall keep proper Accounts and audit in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited as soon as may be, after the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate by a firm of auditors appointed, as respects that year, by the Board from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Fees for services.**
The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, prescribe the scale of fees chargeable for hospital services provided by the Centre (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 19: Power to accept gifts.**

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

(2) The Board shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Board under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 20: Discipline of students.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Medical Director that any student of the Centre has been guilty of misconduct, the Medical Director may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by regulations, direct that —

(*a*) the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Centre or make use of such facilities of the Centre as may be so specified; or

(*b*) the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or

(*c*) the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or

(*d*) the student be expelled from the Centre.

(2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (*c*) or (*d*) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal from the direction to the Board; and where such an appeal is brought, the Board shall, after causing inquiry to be made in the matter as the Board considers appropriate, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Board thinks fit.

(3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of the foregoing subsection, shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.

(4) The Medical Director may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Centre as he may nominate.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Centre otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.

(6) The power of the Medical Director to give direction under subsection (1) (*a*) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (*b*) of this section.

(7) Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of any enactment relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists, nurses or members of any other profession or calling (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 21: Removal and discipline of clinical, administrative and technical staff.**

(1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or technical staff of the Centre, other than the Medical Director, should be removed from his office or employment, the Board shall require the Medical Director to —

(*a*) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;

(*b*) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Board; and

(*c*) if the person in question so requests within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements —

(*i*) for a Committee to investigate the matter and to report on it to the Board; and

(*ii*) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Board, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Board may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of the Board.

(2) The Medical Director may, in a case of misconduct by a member of staff, which in the opinion of the Medical Director is prejudicial to the interest of the Centre, suspend any such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.

(3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Board; and for the purposes of this section:

"Good cause" means —

(*a*) a conviction for any offence which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or

(*b*) any physical or mental incapacity which the Board, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or

(*c*) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or

(*d*) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute 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.

(4) Any person suspended shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension, consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to —

(*a*) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so, on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him); or

(*b*) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Board shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension; or

(*c*) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case such person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

(*d*) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been withheld), as the Board may determine, and 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 three months from such decision, come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

(5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

(6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Board from making regulations for the discipline of students and all other categories of employees of the Centre, as the Board may prescribe.

(7) Regulations made under subsection (6) of this section, need not be published in the Federal Gazette, but the Board shall bring them to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 22: Discipline of junior staff.**

(1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Medical Director may suspend him for not more than three months and forthwith shall direct the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotion Committee appointed under the provisions of paragraph 3 (*b*) of the Schedule to this Bill —

(*a*) to consider the case; and

(*b*) to make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Medical Director.

(2) In all cases under this section the officer shall be informed of the charge against him and shall be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself.

(3) The Medical Director may, after considering the recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (*b*) of this section, dismiss, terminate, retire or down-grade the officer concerned.

(4) Any person aggrieved by the Medical Director's decision under subsection (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Board to reconsider his case, and the Board's decision thereon shall be final (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

*Miscellaneous*

**Clause 23: Exclusion of discrimination on account of religion, race, etc.**

No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping). sex, place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition to becoming or continuing to be a student at the Centre, the holder of any appointment or employment at the Centre or a member of anybody established by virtue of this Bill; and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the Centre, by reference to any of those matters:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the Centre from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the aforementioned persons, where such person wilfully refuses or fails, on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the Centre reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 24: Annual report.**

The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, through the Minister, not later than 30 June in each year, a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the activities of the Board during the immediately preceding year and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Centre for that year and of the auditors' report thereon (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 25: Interpretation.**
In this Bill:

"the Board" means the governing Board of the Centre, established under section 4 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"the Centre" means the National Ear Care Centre, established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"functions" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"the Minister" means the Minister responsible for health matter (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board, for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Clause 25: Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the National Ear Care Centre (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**SCHEDULE**

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, ETC.

(Section 4 (6))

*Proceedings of the Board*

1. Subject to the provisions of this Bill and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for decisions of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of the members of the body and for the person presiding to have a second or casting vote), the Board may make Standing Orders regulating the proceedings of the Board or any Committee thereof.

2. The quorum of the Board shall be three which shall include the Chairman and two other members; and the quorum of any Committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of any Standing Orders of the Board, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman; and if the Chairman is required so to do by notice given to him by not less than four other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen days of the date of the receipt by him of the notice.

(2) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman of the Board shall preside and if the Chairman is absent, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.

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

(4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Board shall be summoned by the Minister, who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at that meeting.

*Committees of the Board and Education Committee*

4. (1) The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out on behalf of the Board such of its functions as the Board may determine, but a decision of a Committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

(2) The Education Committee may appoint one or more Committees to carry out on behalf of the Education Committee such of its functions as the Education Committee may determine, but a decision of a Committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Education Committee.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Schedule, the Board shall appoint the following Committees —

(*a*) Appointments and Promotions Committee, which shall —

(*i*) consist of not less than five members, including the Medical Director, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee;

(*ii*) be charged with the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment and promotion of the clinical, administrative and technical staff of the Centre and have a quorum of three members;

(*b*) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee, which shall have the powers set out in Section 22 of this Bill.

*Employees of the Centre*

5. Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power —

(*a*) to pay the employees of the Centre such remuneration and allowances as the Board may with the approval of the Minister determine;

(*b*) to pay any person appointed to a Committee of the Board such remuneration (whether by way of fees or otherwise), in respect of the performance of his functions under this Bill and such travelling and subsistence allowances while on the business of the Board, as the Board may determine;

(*c*) to establish for the employees of the Centre such superannuation scheme (whether contributory or not), as the Board may determine; and

(*d*) to give loans to its employees for purposes approved by the Board.

*Miscellaneous*

6. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or of some other member, authorised generally or specially by the Board for that purpose.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Centre by any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Board or a Committee of the Board.

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

7. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or a Committee thereof, shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or Committee, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or of any other person on the Committee.

8. Any member, and any 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, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Board and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

*Education Committee*

9. The provisions of this Schedule shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the education Committee; but in relation to the quorum thereof, it shall be as may be determined by the education committee (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**
This Bill seeks to establish the National Ear care Centre, Kaduna for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Disease in Nigeria (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (Ent) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat Challenges, Training of Specialist in Ear, Nose and Throat, and Other Supporting Fields; and for Related Matters (HB. 1522) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat Challenges, Training of Specialists in Ear, Nose and Throat; and for Related Matters (HB.1522) and approved Clauses 1 - 26, 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.***

**(*ix*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria for determining the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria; and for Related Matters*** **(HB.1022) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria for determining the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1022)" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONERS OF NIGERIA FOR DETERMINING THE STANDARD OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO BE ATTAINED BY PERSONS SEEKING TO BECOME REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONERS OF NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1022)

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria for determining the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1022) and approved Clauses 1 - 21, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

**(*x*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education (Technical), Aghoro, Bayelsa State; and for Related Matters*** **(HB. 1649) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education (Technical), Aghoro, Bayelsa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1649)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL),AGHORO, BAYELSA STATE; AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), AGHORO, BAYELSA STATE

**Clause 1: Establishment and objectives of the Federal College of Education.**

(1) There is established the Federal College of Education (Technical), Aghoro, Bayelsa State which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as is conferred on it by this Bill.

(2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to acquire and dispose of interests in movable and immovable property and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The College shall be a training institution for the development of teacher Education in the country.

(4) The College shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry of Education through the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) who shall be responsible for approving and regulating all academic programmes run in the College, to ensure quality compliance and provide funds for academic and research programmes, infrastructures and remunerations of employees.

(5) The objects of the College shall be to:

(*a*) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction;

(*b*) develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate degrees, diploma and higher degrees with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in education, technology, applied science, agriculture, commerce, arts, social science, humanities, management and allied professional disciplines;

(*c*) bring quality change in Education by focusing on teacher Education through teaching and learning innovations;

(*d*) collaborate with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of Education with a view to promoting governance, leadership and management skills among Educational managers;

(*e*) to provide and promote sound basic Education training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity;

(*f*) to provide higher Education and foster a systematic advancement of the science and act of teacher Education;

(*g*) provide teachers with operational competence for teaching in pre-tertiary institutions, basic, senior secondary schools and non-formal Education institutions;

(*h*) undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a College of Education of the highest standard (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

The functions of the College shall be to:

(*a*) to provide full-time and part-time courses in teaching, instruction and training to produce middle and high level teachers:

(*i*) in technology, sciences/applied sciences, commerce, arts, social sciences, humanities and management, and

(*ii*) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria in the areas of industrial and agricultural production and distribution and for research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine;

(*b*) conduct courses in education for qualified teachers;

(*c*) arrange conferences, seminars, inaugural lectures and workshops relative to the fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) of this section; and

(*d*) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3: Governing Council of College.**

(1) The governance of the College and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the Governing Council of the College (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider and approve the:

(*a*) plan of activities of the College;

(*b*) programme of studies, courses and research to be undertaken by the College;

(*c*) annual estimates of the College; and

(*d*) investment plans of the College.

(3) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Council as specified therein (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Membership of the Governing Council.**

The Council shall consist of a Chairman, to be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and the following other members:

(*a*) the Hon. Minister of Education or his Representative;

(*b*) four persons of note in the areas of Sciences and of Technology, at least one of whom shall be a woman, to be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces;

(*c*) an elected representative of the Alumni Association of the College;

(*d*) two elected representatives of the Academic Board and the Congregation of the College (one each);

(*e*) the Provost of the College;

(*f*) the Registrar shall be a Secretary;

(*g*) two members who are handicapped (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5: Tenure of Council Members.**

(1) A member of the Council shall hold office for a term of four years and, subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of four years.

(2) The office of a member appointed under section 4(d) of this Bill shall become vacant if :

(*a*) the member resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the Minister; or

(*b*) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Power of the Governing Council.**

(1) For the carrying out of the functions of the College, the Council shall have power to :

(*a*) hold examinations and award diplomas, professional certificates, Degrees and other distinctions of the College, to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the Council and who have satisfied such other requirements of the Council as accredited by NCCE;

(*b*) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council may, with the prior approval of NCCE from time to time determine;

(*c*) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and bookselling;

(*d*) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

(*e*) hold examinations in education for qualified teachers;

(*f*) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff of the College;

(*g*) invest the funds of the College in securities specified by law or in such other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the NCCE;

(*h*) borrow money within Nigeria in such manner and upon such security as the NCCE may from time to time authorize;

(*i*) recruit staff of the right caliber and determine the career structure of such staff;

(*j*) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units within the College or extramural departments as the Council may from time to time decide;

(*k*) provide such courses of instruction either alone or in association with other institutions whether in Nigeria or not as the Council may determine approve;

(*l*) institute and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;

(*m*) mount exhibitions and displays designed to foster an appreciation of trends in the scope and requirements of education;

(*n*) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the College may require;

(*o*) create lecturerships and other academic posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

(*p*) encourage and make provision for research and research grant in the College; and

(*q*) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College.

(2) The President and Commander-in-chief shall be the visitor to College.

(3) The Minister shall arrange visitation every 4 years on behalf of the visitor.

(4) The power of the Council to establish further schools within the College shall be exercisable by order and not otherwise (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: Establishment of Academic Board.**

(1) There shall be established for the College a Board to be known as the Academic Board, which shall consist of the following members:

(*a*) the Provost of the College, who shall be the Chairman;

(*b*) all Heads of Academic Units;

(*c*) the College Librarian;

(*d*) not more than two members of the academic staff Congregation, other than Heads of Department to be appointed by the congregation; and

(*e*) Deputy Provosts, Deans, Academic Directors/Coordinators, all Chief lecturers with Ph.D/Professors.

(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

(*a*) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, teaching and research, prizes and other academic distinctions;

(*b*) making periodic reports on such academic matters to the Council; and

(*c*) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8: Establishment of Management Committee.**

(1) There shall be a Management Committee made up of all the Principal Officers of the College, all Deans and Directors in the College.

(2) The Provost shall be the Chairman of the Management Committee.

(3) The Management Committee shall meet at least once in a month to discuss and take decisions on matters of general interest to the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: Establishment of School/Departmental Board.**

(*a*) (*i*) There shall be a School Board for each school in the College of Education made up of all the Academic Staff in that School.

(*ii*) The School Board deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the School or any matter assigned to it by the Council, the Provost or the Academic Board.

(*iii*) The Dean shall be the Chairman of the School Board.

(*iv*) The Dean shall be elected from among the Academic Staff not below the rank of Chief Lecturer in that School for a tenure of three years and not immediately renewable.

(*b*) (*i*) There shall be a Departmental Board for each Department in the College of Education made up of all the Academic Staff in that department.

(*ii*) The Departmental Board shall deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the Department.

(*iii*) The Head of Department shall be Chairman of the Departmental Board.

(*iv*) The Head of Department shall be elected from among the Academic staff not below the rank of Senior Lecturer in that department for a tenure of three years and not immediately renewable.

(*c*) Where there is no qualified candidate for the position of Dean or Head of Department, the Provost shall appoint an Acting Dean not below the rank of Senior Lecturer or Acting Head of Department not below the rank of Lecturer I for a period of one year in the first instance and renewable once and no more.

(*d*) Nothing in this Bill shall prevent the management Committee and Boards from making supplementary rules to guide their proceedings provided such rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 10: Establishment of the Congregation.**

(*a*) There shall be for the College of Education, a Congregation made of both Academic and Senior Non-Teaching staff, who holds at least a first degree or its equivalent.

(*b*) The Provost shall be the Chairman of the Congregation; and

(*c*) The Congregation shall meet at least once in a year (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: Power of Minister over Council.**
Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the Council directives of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directives (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Office of Provost.**

(1) There shall be a Provost of the College (in his Bill referred to as "the Provost") who shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) Where vacancy occurs in the post of Provost, the Council shall:

(*a*) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying:

(*i*) the qualifications of the person who may apply for the post, and

(*ii*) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;

(*b*) constitute a Search Team consisting of:

(*i*) a member of Council, not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman;

(*ii*) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer/Professor;

(*iii*) two members of the academic community of the college not below the rank of Principal Lecturer/Associate Professor/ Reader and not members of Academic Board to be selected by the Academic Staff Congregation, to identify and draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever.

(3) A Joint Council and Academic Board Selection Committee consisting of:

(*a*) the Chairman of the Council;

(*b*) two members of the Council, not being members of the Academic Board; and

(*c*) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer/Professor, who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the shortlists drawn up under subsection (2) of this section through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend, through the Council, to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, three candidates for his consideration.

(4) The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

(5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Provost shall be the Chief Executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management operations of the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Tenure of office and procedure for the removal of Provost.**

(1) The Provost shall hold office for a period of 5 years only beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(2) Where on the commencement of this section a Provost appointed before the commencement of this section has held office:

(*a*) for less than five years, he shall be deemed to be serving his 5 years single tenure and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of four years;

(*b*) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as Provost for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;

(*c*) for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as Provost to complete his term and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.

(3) (*a*) The Provost may be removed from office by the Visitor on grounds of gross misconduct of inability to discharge the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind after due consultation with the Council and the Academic Board acting through the Minister of Education.

(*b*) When the proposal for the removal of the Provost is made, the Council shall constitute a joint committee of Council and Academic Board consisting of:

(*i*) three members of the Council one of whom shall be the chairman of the Committee, and

(*ii*) two members of Academic Board, provided that where the ground for the removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.

(*c*) The committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Provost and shall report it findings to the Council.

(*d*) The Council shall where the allegations are proved inform the Visitor who shall remove the Provost.

(*e*) There shall be no sole administrator in any Nigerian College of Education.

(*f*) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Provost, the Council shall appoint an acting Provost on the recommendation of the Academic Board.

(*g*) An acting Provost in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 14: Office of the Deputy Provost and Functions, tenure and procedure for removal.**

(1) There shall be for the College Deputy Provosts.

(2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the Chief Lecturers in the college in one of the following ways, that is:

(*a*) from a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by the Provost; or

(*b*) on the nomination of one candidate by the Academic Board through election.

(3) The Deputy Provost shall:

(*a*) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions;

(*b*) act in the place of the Provost when the post of the Provost is vacant or if the Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Provost; and

(*c*) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

(4) The Deputy Provost:

(*a*) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and

(*b*) may be re-appointed for the further period of two years and no more;

(*c*) a Deputy Provost may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendation of the Provost and Academic board;

(*d*) "Good cause" for the purpose of this section means gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office arising from infirmity of body or mind (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Other Principal Officers.**

There shall be for the college, the following principal officers, in addition to the Provost and Deputy Provost, that is:

(*a*) the Registrar;

(*b*) the Bursar; and

(*c*) the College Librarian;

who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 12 (3) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Functions of Registrar and tenure.**

(1) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council subject thereto as the Provost may from time to time direct.

(2) The Registrar shall, in addition to the other duties conferred on him by or under this Bill, be a Secretary to the Council, Secretary to Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his absence, the Council or any such committee may appoint some other persons to act as Secretary.

(3) The Registrar shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum.

(4) (*a*) A Registrar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(*b*) Where on the commencement of this section a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this section has held office for:

(*i*) less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years;

(*ii*) more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;

(*iii*) more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Functions of Bursar and tenure.**

(1) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of financial affairs of the college.

(2) (*a*) A Bursar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(*b*) Where on the commencement of this section a Bursar appointed before the commencement of this section has held office for:

(*i*) less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter an shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term five years.

(*ii*) more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.

(*iii*) more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, The Council may allow him to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Functions of College Librarian and tenure.**

(1) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College Library and co-ordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the College.

(2) (*a*) A College Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(*b*) Where on the commencement of this section, a College Librarian appointed before the commencement of this section has held office for:

(*i*) less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years;

(*ii*) more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as College Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;

(*iii*) more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as College Librarian to complete his second term and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 19: How a principal Officer can resign.**

A Principal Officer may resign his appointment —

(*a*) in the case of the Provost, by notice to the Visitor;

(*b*) in any other case, by notice to the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 20: Procedure for appointment of Registrar, College Librarian and Bursar.**

(*a*) There shall be for the College, a Selection Board which shall consists of:

(*i*) the Chairman of the Council;

(*ii*) the Provost;

(*iii*) four members of the Council not being members of Academic Board; and

(*iv*) two members of Academic Board.

(*b*) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under paragraph (*i*) of this section shall be as the Council may determine from time to time (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 21: Appointment of other staff of the College that are not Principal officers.**

(1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Provost and the Principal Officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this Bill.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with appropriate authorities.

(3) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Provost in the exercise of his functions under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 22: Remuneration of Provost and other employees.**
The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the Provost and other employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council, in consultation with the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation/Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission, National Salaries, National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 23: Pensions Reform Act Provisions.**

(1) It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reform Act and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College, except Principal Officers shall, in respect of their service in the College, be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, so however that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

(2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (other than the power to make regulations under section 23 thereof) shall be exercisable by the College and not by any other person or authority (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

**Clause 24: Establishment of College of Education Fund.**

(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.

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

(*a*) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the Government of the Federation;

(*b*) all monies raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts, grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition; and

(*c*) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.

(3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, not later than 3 months before the end of each financial year or at least at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the succeeding financial year (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 25: Power to accept gifts.**

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

(2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 26: Accounts and Audit.**

The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 27: Annual Reports of Operations, Finance & Audit.**

The Council shall soon after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the Minister, through NCCE a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that year and of the auditor's report on the accounts (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

**Clause 28: Offices and premises.**

(1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may:

(*a*) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land, and

(*b*) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

(2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its functions (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 29: Discipline of students.**

(1) The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances.

(2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this section.

(3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, where it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the College has been found culpable or

guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made thereunder, direct that the:

(*a*) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of such facilities of the College, as he may specify; or

(*b*) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or

(*c*) student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or

(*d*) student shall be expelled from the College.

(4) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (3) of this section to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.

(5) Where a direction is given under subsection 3 (*c*) or (*d*) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him appeal from the decision to the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the decision or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit.

(6) The fact that an appeal from a decision is brought in pursuance of the last foregoing subsection shall not affect the operation of the decision while the appeal is pending, except the Council direct otherwise.

(7) The Provost may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee, consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate.

(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing or restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.

(9) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (3) (*a*) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (*b*) of this section.

(10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 30: Interpretation.**

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means any of the Federal College of Education specified in the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the College established by or pursuant to section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Provost" means the Provost of a College appointed under section 9 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"function" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"member" means a member of the Council including the Chairman (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Clause 31:** **Short Title.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Education (Technical), Aghoro, Bayelsa State (Establishent, etc,) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

## SCHEDULE

Section 3 (3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC

*Terms of Service*

*Remuneration of Council Members*

1. There may be paid to the members of the Council or any Committee, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

*Vacancy of Council Seat*

2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in section 4 (*d*), it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor.

3. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

*Proceedings*

4. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once in every three months.

(2) The Chairman may at any time and shall, at the request in writing of not less than 6 members, convene a meeting of the Council.

(3) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall preside, but in his absence, members present shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.

(4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council.

(5) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members of the Council at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

(6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.

*Miscellaneous*

5. (1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Provost and some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made and executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

(3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**
This Bill establishes the Federal College of Education (Technical),Aghoro, Bayelsa State. The functions of the College, amongst other things are:

(*a*) to provide full-time and part-time courses in teaching, instruction and training to produce middle and high level teachers in technology, applied sciences, commerce, arts, social sciences, humanities, law and management;

(*b*) carry out research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may, from time to time, determine.

The Bill also provides for the appointment of a Provost to be the Chief Executive of the College, Principal Officers and other members of staff.

Other provisions relate to the discipline of students, finances, pensions of staff and supplementary matters.

The Schedule to this Bill prescribes the terms of service of members of the Council and proceedings thereof (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education (Technical), ghoro, Bayelsa State; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1649) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Federal College of Education, Aghoro, Bayelsa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1649) and approved Clauses 1 - 31, 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.***

**(*xi*) *A* Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University, Uga, Anambra State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1648) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University, Uga, Anambra State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1648)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, UGA, ANAMBRA STATE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, UGA, ANAMBRA STATE

**Clause 1: Establishment and Objects of the Federal University Uga, Anambra State.**

(1) There is established the Federal University Uga, Anambra State (in this Bill referred to as "the University").

(2) The University:

(*a*) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and

(*b*) may sue or be sued in its corporate name and to acquire, hold and dispose of its movables and immovable properties for the purpose of it functions under this law (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2: Objects of the University.**

The objects of the University shall be to:

(*a*) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the opportunity of acquiring higher and liberal education;

(*b*) provide courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit of learning in all its branches, and to make those facilities available on proper terms to such persons as are equipped to benefit from them;

(*c*) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in restricted fields of learning and human endeavour;

(*d*) relate its activities to the social, cultural and economic needs of the people of Nigeria; and

(*e*) undertake other activities appropriate for a university of the highest standard (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3: Constitution of the University and its Constituent Bodies, etc.**

(1) The University shall consist of:

(*a*) a Chancellor;

(*b*) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;

(*c*) a Vice Chancellor and a Senate;

(*d*) a Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);

(*e*) a body to be called Congregation;

(*f*) a body to be called Convocation;

(*g*) the campuses and colleges of the University;

(*h*) the faculties, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;

(*i*) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection

(*j*) all graduates and undergraduates; and

(*k*) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance with provisions made by Statute in that behalf.

(2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Principal Officers of the University mentioned therein.

(3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution of the following bodies, namely —

(*a*) the Council;

(*b*) the Senate;

(*c*) the Congregation; and

(*d*) the Convocation (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Powers of the University.**

(1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in Section 2 of this Bill, the University shall have power to:

(*a*) establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools, extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;

(*b*) institute professorships, readerships and associate professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

(*c*) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;

(*d*) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of the University;

(*e*) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down;

(*f*) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

(*g*) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purpose of instruction such fees as the University may from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of the appropriate authority;

(*h*) subject to section 22 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate;

(*i*) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching thereto;

(*j*) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;

(*k*) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;

(*l*) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and book selling;

(*m*) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by Statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by law of endorsement, whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time being un-invested with any bank on deposit or current account;

(*n*) borrow, whether on interest or not, and if need be, upon the security of any or all of the property movable or immovable of the University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;

(*o*) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

(*p*) do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by any other Statute to do; and

(*q*) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the Statutes made thereunder and without prejudice to Section 9 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which may be authorized by this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5: Functions of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.**

(1) The Chancellor shall in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present shall preside at all meetings of convocation held for conferring degrees.

(2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor, and except for the Vice Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Congregation or Convocation, and the Pro-Chancellor shall when he is present, be the Chairman at all meetings of the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Establishment and Composition of Council:**

(1) There shall be a Council for the University consisting of:

(*a*) the Pro-Chancellor;

(*b*) the Vice-Chancellor;

(*c*) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);

(*d*) one person from the Federal Ministry responsible for Education;

(*e*) four persons representing a variety of interest and broadly representative of the whole Federation;

(*f*) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;

(*g*) two persons appointed by the congregation from among its members; and

(*h*) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members.

(2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the Governing Body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University, including its public relations.

(2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.

(3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

(4) The Council shall ensure proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation, and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.

(5) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.

(6) Rules made under subsection (S) of this section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council, and where any rule so made by the Committee conflict with any directions given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail.

(7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by extant government circulars.

(8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill, and shall meet at least four times every year.

(9) If required in writing by any five members of the Council, the Chairman shall within twenty-eight days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council:

PROVIDED that if after 28 days of the receipt or delivering to him of such request, the chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar shall within 14 days thereof, cause a meeting of the Council to be convened for that purpose. The request shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

(l) Subject to section 5 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of this section and to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the University, admission to Postgraduate courses and other admission of students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the University.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (l) of this section, it shall in particular be the function of the Senate to make provision for the:

(*a*) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges, faculties, departments, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;

(*b*) organization and control of courses of study in the University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

(*c*) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the University;

(*d*) making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus;

(*e*) establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and similar institutions in the University;

(*f*) supervision of the welfare of students in the University and the regulation of their conduct;

(*g*) granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and

(*h*) determination of what description of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

(3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, faculty, department, school, institute or other teaching and research units of the University, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.

(4) (*a*) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the provisions of this section or for the purpose of providing for any matter for which provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Bill or by Statute;

(*b*) The Senate shall, by regulation, provide that at least one of the persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study in the University is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course relates in some other university of high repute.

(5) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred on him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of any dishonorable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: Functions of the Vice-Chancellor.**

(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and, subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill , the Vice-Chancellor shall have general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University, and shall to the exclusion of any other person or authority be the chief executive and academic officer of the University and ex-officio Chairman of the Senate (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

**Clause 10: Transfer of Property to the University.**

(1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.

(2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the transfer of property by this section and to matters arising there from and with respect to other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

**Clause 11: Power of the University to make Statutes.**

(1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make Statutes for any of the following purposes:

(*a*) making provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority of the University;

(*b*) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the University or any of its authorities;

(*c*) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the University, and their discipline and welfare;

(*d*) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any Statute, regulation or other instrument made there-under; and

(*e*) making provision for other matters for which provision by Statute is authorized or required by this Bill.

(2) Subject to section 25 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 27 (1) of that Bill.

(3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this section by the University.

(4) The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent Statute (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Mode of exercising the power to make Statutes.**

(1) The power of the University to make Statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has been approved at a meeting of the:

(*a*) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting; and

(*b*) Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting.

(3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by both bodies in no particular order.

(4) A Statute which:

(*a*) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or

(*b*) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is established; shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor.

(5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a Statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the Council and the Senate in accordance with subsection (3) of this section or in the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the President (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Proof of Statute.**

A Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of that University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 14: Power to decide the meaning of Statute.**

(1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he deems fit.

(2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of that University and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any other authority in Nigeria.

PROVIDED that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution.

(3) The foregoing provisions of this section shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is, for the purposes of this Bill, academic or a non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and accordingly the reference in subsection (2) of this section to any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or non-academic matter (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

**Clause 15: The Visitor.**

(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

(2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require, not being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

(3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University to:

(*a*) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purpose of the visitation; and

(*b*) give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of this Bill which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Removal of certain Members of the Council.**

(1) If it appears to the Council that a member (other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Federal Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council, after making such enquiries (if any) as may be considered necessary, approves the recommendation it may direct the removal of the member from office.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Removal and discipline of Academic, Administrative and Professional Staff.**

(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from office or on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office Council shall:

(*a*) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;

(*b*) afford such person an opportunity of making representation in person on the matter to the Council; and

(*c*) take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the appointment.

(2) If the affected staff or any three members of the Council so request within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the notice of the Council's decision, the Council shall make arrangements for —

(*a*) a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to review the matter and to report on it to the Council;

(*b*) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear before and be heard by an investigating committee with respect to the matter;

(*c*) and if the Council after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that theperson in question should be removed, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of gross misconduct by a member of staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall immediately be reported to the Council.

(4) Any member of staff may be suspended from duty or his appointment may be terminated by Council for a good cause and for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means —

(*a*) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office;

(*b*) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office;

(*c*) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office; or

(*d*) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute 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) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to whether to —

(*a*) continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);

(*b*) reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension;

(*c*) terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which case such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

(*d*) take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine.

(6) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the person, the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning such a person.

(7) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) above to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

(8) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of staff and workers of the University as may be appropriate (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Removal of Examiners.**

(1) If, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, it appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, the Senate may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter, direct the Vice-Chancellor to remove the examiner by an instrument in writing signed by the Registrar.

(2) Subject to the provisions of any regulation made pursuant to section 8 (4) of this Bill, the Vice- Chancellor may, on the recommendation of Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Registrar on signing an instrument of removal pursuant to this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 19: Discipline of Students.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student is guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the:

(*a*) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the University or make use of such facilities of the University as may be so specified;

(*b*) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;

(*c*) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or

(*d*) that the student be expelled from the University.

(2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) paragraphs (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal against the direction to the Senate.

(3) Where an appeal is brought pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Senate thinks fit.

(4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University for conduct which in the opinion of Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the University or to its corporate objective or image.

(7) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Clause 20: Exclusion or discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.**

(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place of birth, family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition for becoming or continuing to be a:

(*a*) student in the University;

(*b*) holder of any degree, appointment or employment in the University; or

(*c*) member of a body established by virtue of this Bill.

(2) No person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University by reference to any of the matters referred to in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Nothing in subsection (l) of this section shall be construed as preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons specified in subsection (l) of this section where such persons willfully refuse or fail on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 21: Transfer of land to the University.**

(l) For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) any purpose of the University shall be the same as that of the Federation.

(2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Government pursuant to this section, the Government may, by a certificate under the hand and seal of the Chief Federal Lands Officer or any other person authorized in that behalf transfer it to the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 22:** **Restriction on disposal of land by University.**
Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the University by this Act) except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the Visitor:

PROVIDED that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding twenty-one years of any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 23:** **Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Bill.**
Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or by Regulation, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 24:** **Appointment of Committees, etc.**

(l) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body and authorize a committee established by it to:

(*a*) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine; and

(*b*) co-opt members and direct whether or not co-opted members shall be entitled to vote in that committee.

(2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them and either dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

(3) Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or Regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held pursuant to this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.

(4) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Council, (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the officer in question) and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

(5) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be construed as enabling:

(*a*) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 of this Bill; or

(*b*) the Senate to empower any other body to make Regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 25: Miscellaneous Administrative provisions.**

(1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor and the affixing of the seal shall:

(*a*) in the case of certificates issued by the University, be authenticated by the Vice-Chancellor and theRegistrar; and

(*b*) in the case of any other document, be authenticated by any member of Council, the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar or any other person authorized by Statute.

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

(3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorized to do so by the Council without seal.

(4) The validity of the proceedings of anybody established pursuant to this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the study, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the preceding.

(5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.

(6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to Statutes or Regulations made pursuant to this Bill.

(7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make Statute or Regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any:

(*a*) Statute (including the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill; and

(*b*) regulation by a subsequent Statute or Regulation as the case may be:

PROVIDED that the Statutes and Regulations may have different provisions in relation to different circumstances.

(8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of sections 10, 21 and the Second Schedule to this Bill.

(9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 26: Interpretation.**

(1) In this Bill:

"appropriate authority" means any person, body or authority authorized by law to act in a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject· matter; (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"campus" means any campus which may be established by the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"college" means any college which may be established by the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an honorary degree) has been conferred by the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behaviour that may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or Regulation made, pursuant to this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of the University and or discipline and the proper administration of the business of the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"notice" means notice in writing (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"officer" does not include the Visitor (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"prescribed" means prescribed by Statute or Regulation made under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by Statute or by Regulations (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"the provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the University by the President with effect from September 2017 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Senate" means the Senate of the University established by the Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Statute" means a Statute made by the University under section 11 of this Bill and in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"the Statutes" means all such Statutes as are in force from time to time (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"teacher" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Government" means the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"undergraduate" means a person in statupupilari in the University, other than —

(*a*) a graduate; and

(*b*) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes of this definition (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"the University" the Federal University, Uga, Anambra State as incorporated and constituted by this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"the Act" means the Federal University, Uga, Anambra State Act (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

(2) Where in any provision of this Bill , it is laid down that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or recommendations received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 27: Short Title.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal University, Uga, Anambra State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 3 (2)

### PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

*The Chancellor*

1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the President.

*The Pro-Chancellor*

2. (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office by the President.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill , the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of his appointment.

*The Vice-Chancellor*

3. (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall:

(*a*) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying:

(*i*) the qualities of the persons who may apply for the post; and

(*ii*) the terms of conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for consideration:

(*b*) constitute a Search Team consisting of:-

(*i*) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as chairman;

(*ii*) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor;

(*iii*) two members of Congregation who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor, to identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post on their own volition because they felt that it is not proper to do so.

(3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of:-

(*a*) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;

(*b*) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;

(*c*) two members of the Senate who are Professors, but who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons in the shortlist drawn up under subsection (2) of this paragraph through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and recommend to the Council three candidates for further consideration.

(4) The Council shall select and appoint as the Vice-Chancellor one candidate from among the three candidates recommended to it under subsection (3) of this section and thereafter inform the Visitor.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(6) The Vice Chancellor may be removed from office by the Council on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind, at the initiative of the Council, Senate or the Congregation after due process.

(7) When the proposal for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Senate consisting of:

(*i*) three members of the Council, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the committee; and

(*ii*) two members of the Senate.

Provided that where the ground for removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.

(8) The committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Vice-Chancellor and shall report its findings to the Council.

(9) The Council may where the allegations are proved remove the Vice-Chancellor or apply any other disciplinary action it may deem fit and notify the Visitor accordingly provided that a Vice-Chancellor who is removed shall have right of appeal to the Visitor.

(10) There shall be no sole administrator in the University.

(11) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall appoint an acting Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of the Senate.

(12) An acting Vice Chancellor in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months.

*Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

4. (1) There shall be for the University, two Deputy Vice-Chancellors or such number of Deputy Vice Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.

(2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Deputy Vice Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Universities {Miscellaneous Provisions} Act 1993 as amended.

(3) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:

(*a*) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;

(*b*) act in place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and

(*c*) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

*Office of the Registrar*

5. (1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with paragraph 6 (2) below.

(2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall by virtue of that office be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

(3) The Registrar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph, Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter the Registrar shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University

*Other Officers of the University*

6 There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Works Department. He shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of University facilities.

7. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Health Centre. He shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

*Resignation and re-appointment*

8. (1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this schedule may resign his office in:

(*a*) the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the Visitor;

(*b*) the case of the Vice-Chancellor by notice to the Council which shall immediately notify the Minister; and

(2) A person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the provisions of the First Schedule stand part of this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 10 (2)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

*Transfer of Property to the University*

1. Without prejudice to the generality of Section 10 (1) of this Bill —

(*a*) the reference in the subsection to property held by the provisional Council and the University shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the provisional Council and the University; and

(*b*) all outstanding debts and liabilities of the provisional Council shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Bill.

2. (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University established by this Bill had been a party to it in place of the provisional Council.

(2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (I) above, including enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the provisional Council shall be construed in accordance with that subparagraph so far as applicable.

(3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the University established by this Bill.

*Registration of Transfers*

3. (1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees of any other matter) apply, with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property in question.

(2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

4. (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

(2) The persons who were members of the provisional Council shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill must have been duly constituted.

(3) The first meetings of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

(4) The persons who were members of the Senate immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule of this Bill must have been duly constituted.

(5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Bill is made, the faculties, faculty boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on that day become faculties, faculty boards and students of the University as established by this Bill.

(6) Persons who were deans or associate deans of faculties or members of faculty boards shall continue to be deans or associate deans or become members of the corresponding faculty boards, until new appointment are made in pursuance of the Statutes under this Bill.

5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as established or was otherwise employed by the provisional Council shall be employed at the University on such designation, status and functions which correspond as nearly as possible to those which pertained to him as a member of that staff or as such an employee.

6. Questions as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 11 (3)

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, UGA, ANAMBRA STATE STATUTE NO. 1

*Articles*:

1. The Council.
2. Finance and General Purpose Committee.
3. The Senate.
4. The Congregation.
5. Convocation.
6. Organization of Faculties and the Branches thereof.
7. Faculty Board.
8. The Dean of the Faculty.

9. Selection of Certain Principal and other key officers.
10. Creation of Academic Post.
11. Appointment of Academic Staff.
12. Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff.

*The Council*

1. (1) Any member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (*e*), (*f*), (*g*), or (*h*) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council resign his office.

(2) A member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (*e*), (*f*), (*g*), or (*h*) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of a period of four years starting from 1st August in the year in which he was appointed.

(3) Where a member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (*e*), (*f*), (*g*), or (*h*) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of his tenure, the body that appointed him may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of his unexpired term.

(4) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of Council otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for reappointment for only one further period of four years.

(5) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member pursuant to Section 6 (*d*) and (*e*) of this Bill.

(6) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, the members present at the meeting may appoint one of them to be the Chairman at that meeting, and subject to section 5 of this Bill and the provisions of this paragraph the Council may regulate its own procedure.

(7) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

(8) The Council constituted by this Bill shall have a four year tenure from the date of its inauguration, provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the visitor and a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University.

(9) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance with the laws and Statutes of the University, and to that extent, establishment circulars that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the University shall not apply to the' University.

*The Finance and General Purpose Committee*

2. (1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee of the Council shall consist of:

(*a*) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the committee at any meeting at which he is present;

(*b*) the Vice-Chancellor and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

(*c*) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and

(*d*) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him.

(2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.

(3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the committee may regulate its own procedure.

*The Senate*

3. (1) There shall be a Senate for the University consisting of:

(*a*) the Vice-Chancellor;

(*b*) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

(*c*) all Professors of the University;

(*d*) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic units of the University;

(*e*) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research Institutes of the University;

(*f*) the University Librarian; and

(*g*) academic members of the congregation who are not Professors as specified in the Laws of the University.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present and in his absence, one of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors appointed by him shall be the chairman at the meeting.

(3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter (or the nearest whole number less than one quarter), and subject to paragraph (2) above the Senate may regulate its own procedure.

(4) If so requested in writing by any ten members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence a person duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

*Congregation*

4. (1) Congregation shall consist of:

(*a*) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

(*b*) the full time members of the academic staff;

(*c*) the Registrar;

(*d*) the Bursar; and

(*e*) every member of the administrative and technical staff who holds a degree of any University recognized for the purpose of this Statute by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree.

(2) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of congregation when he is present, and in his absence one of the Deputy Vice Chancellors appointed by him shall be the chairman at the meeting.

(3) The quorum of congregation shall be one-third (or the nearest whole number to one-third) of the total number of members of congregation or fifty, whichever is less.

(4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying —

(*a*) the total number of members of Congregation for the purposes of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or

(*b*) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation during a particular period;

(*c*) shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the case may be of the names of those persons.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this schedule, congregation may regulate its own procedure.

(6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or Regulations.

*Convocation*

5. (1) Convocation shall consist of:

(*a*) the Officers of the University mentioned in Schedule 1 to this Bill;

(*b*) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill; and

(*c*) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph (2) below.

(2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of convocation if he —

(*a*) is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and

(*b*) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pays the prescribed fee.

(3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (3) below, may provide for the payment from time to time of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

(4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (*a*) or (*b*) of this paragraph are entered and retained on the register.

(5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register, or a copy of the register at the principal offices of the University at all reasonable times.

(6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named therein is not, a member of convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.

(7) The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third (or the whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of convocation whichever is less.

(8) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

(9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute.

6. Organisation of Faculties and Branches thereof.
Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.

*Faculty Board*

7. (1) There shall be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:

(*a*) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the faculty;

(*b*) deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and

(*c*) advice the Vice-Chancellor or Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or Senate.

(2) Each Faculty Board shall consists of:

(*a*) the Vice-Chancellor;

(*b*) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty;

(*c*) such number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

(*d*) such persons whether or not members of the University as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate.

*The Dean of the Faculty*

8. (1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the Faculty Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years. He will be eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he may not be elected again until two years have elapsed.

(2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint an Acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer for the faculty, who will act for a period of one year in the first instance, renewable for another one year only.

(3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty.

(4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty and it shall be the function of the Dean to present to the convocation for the conferment of Degrees, persons who have qualified for the Degrees of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that faculty.

(5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans which shall consist of all the Deans of the several faculties and that committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the Committee by the Senate.

(6) The Dean of a faculty may be removed from office for a good cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of the Dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor provided that at the next faculty board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.

(7) In this article, "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 17 (4) of this Bill.

*Selection of Certain Principal and other key Officers*

9. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar, the University Librarian, Director of Works or Director of Health Services, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of:

(*i*) the Pro-Chancellor;

(*ii*) the Vice-chancellor;

(*iii*) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of Senate; and

(*iv*) two members appointed by the Senate not being members of Council.

(2) The Selection Board, after making such inquires as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board the Council may make an appointment to that office.

(3) A person appointed to the office of Director of Works or Director of Health Services shall hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

*Creation of Academic Post*

10. Recommendation for the creation of posts other than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

*Appointment of Academic Staff*

11. Subject to this Bill and the Statutes derived from it, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as prescribed from time to time by Statutes.

*Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff*

12. (1) The administrative and technical staff of the University, other than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this schedule shall be appointed by the Councillor on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that behalf.

(2) In the case of administrative or technical staff that has close and important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate participation in the process of selection (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**
This Bill Seeks to establish the Federal University, Uga, Anambra 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 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University, Uga, Anambra State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1648) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Federal University, Uga, Anambra State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1648) and approved Clauses 1 - 27, the Schedules, 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.***

**(*xii*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State (Establishment, etc.) Bill*, 2019 (HB.1608) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB.1608)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION USUGBENU, IRRUA, EDO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1608)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION USUGBENU, IRRUA, EDO STATE

**Clause 1: Establishment of Federal College of Education Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State.**

(1) There is established the Federal College of Education Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as is conferred on it by this Bill.

(2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to acquire and dispose of interests in movable and immovable property and may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

The functions of the College shall be —

(*a*) to provide full-time and part-time courses in teaching, instruction and training to produce middle and high level teachers —

(*i*) in technology, sciences/applied sciences, commerce, arts, social sciences, humanities and management; and

(*ii*) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria in the areas of industrial and agricultural production and distribution and for research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine.

(*b*) to conduct courses in education for qualified teachers;

(*c*) to arrange conferences, seminars, inaugural lectures and workshops relative to the fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) of this section; and

(*d*) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3: Governing Council of College.**

(1) The governance of the College and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the Governing Council of the College (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider and approve —

(*a*) the plan of activities of the College;

(*b*) the programme of studies, courses and research to be undertaken by the College;

(*c*) the annual estimates of the College; and

(*d*) the investment plans of the College.

(3) The provisions of Schedule 1 to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Council as specified therein (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Membership of the Governing Council.**

(1) The Council of the College shall consist of a Chairman to be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, and the following other members:

(*a*) the Hon. Minister of Education or his Representative;

(*b*) two elected representatives of the Academic Board and the congregation (one each) of the College;

(*c*) an elected representative of the National Commission for Colleges of Education;

(*d*) a representative of the Alumni Association of the College;

(*e*) four persons of note in the areas of Arts, Sciences and Technical Education, who shall be former or serving teachers/educationists, to be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces;

(*f*) the Provost of the College;

(*g*) the Deputy Provost of the College; and

(*h*) the Registrar shall be a member and Secretary (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5: Tenure of Council Members.**

(1) A member of the Council shall hold office for a term of four years and, subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of four years.

(2) The office of a member appointed under sections 4 (1) (*d*) and 4 (2) (*d*) of this Bill shall become vacant if —

(*a*) the member resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the Minister; or

(*b*) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Power of the Governing Council.**

(1) For the carrying out of the functions of the College, the Council shall have power to —

(*a*) hold examinations and award diplomas, professional certificates, Degrees and other distinctions of the College, to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the Council and who have satisfied such other requirements as the Council as accredited by NCCE;

(*b*) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council may, with the prior approval of NCCE from time to time determine;

(*c*) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and bookselling;

(*d*) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

(*e*) hold examinations in education for qualified teachers;

(*f*) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff of the College;

(*g*) invest the funds of the College in securities specified by law or in such other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the NCCE;

(*h*) borrow money within Nigeria in such manner and upon such security as the NCCE may from time to time authorize;

(*i*) recruit staff of the right caliber and determine the career structure of such staff;

(*j*) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units within the College or extramural departments as the Council may from time to time decide;

(*k*) provide such courses of instruction either alone or in association with other institutions whether in Nigeria or not as the Council may determine approve;

(*l*) institute and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;

(*m*) mount exhibitions and displays designed to foster an appreciation of trends in the scope and requirements of education;

(*n*) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the College may require;

(*o*) create lecturerships and other academic posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

(*p*) encourage and make provision for research and research grant in the College; and

(*q*) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College;

(2) The President and Commander-in-chief shall be the visitor to the College.

(3) The Minister shall arrange visitation every 4 years on behalf of the Visitor.

(4) The power of the Council to establish further schools within the College shall be exercisable by order and not otherwise (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: The Academic Board and its Functions.**

(1) There shall be established for the College a Board to be known as the Academic Board, which shall consist of the following members —

(*a*) the Provost of the College, who shall be the Chairman;

(*b*) all Heads of Academic Units;

(*c*) the College Librarian;

(*d*) not more than two members of the academic staff Congregation, other than Heads of Departments to be appointed by the congregation; and

(*e*) Deputy Provosts, Deans, Academic Directors/Coordinators, all Chief lecturers with PhD/Professors.

(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

(*a*) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, teaching and research, prizes and other academic distinctions;

(*b*) making periodic reports on such academic matters to the Council; and

(*c*) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8: Establishment of Management Committee.**

(*a*) There shall be a Management Committee made up of all the Principal Officers of the College, all Deans and Directors in the College.

(*b*) The Provost shall be the Chairman of the Management Committee.

(*c*) The Management Committee shall meet at least once in a month to discuss and take decisions on matters of general interest to the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: Establishment of School/Departmental Board.**

(*a*) (*i*) There shall be a School Board for each school in the College of Education made up of all the Academic Staff in that School.

(*ii*) The School Board shall deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the School or any matter assigned to it by the Council, the Provost or the Academic Board.

(*iii*) The Dean shall be the Chairman of the School Board.

(*iv*) The Dean shall be elected from among the Academic Staff not below the rank of Chief Lecturer in that School for a tenure of three years and not immediately renewable.

(*b*) (*i*) There shall be a Departmental Board for each Department in the College of Education made up of all the Academic Staff in that Department.

(*ii*) The Departmental Board shall deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the Department.

(*iii*) The Head of Department shall be Chairman of the Departmental Board.

(*iv*) The Head of Department shall be elected from among the Academic Staff not below the rank of Senior Lecturer in that department for a tenure of three years and not immediately renewable.

(*c*) Where there is no qualified candidate for the position of Dean or Head of Department, the Provost shall appoint an Acting Dean not below the rank of Senior Lecturer or Acting Head of Department not below the rank of Lecturer I for a period of one year in the first instance and renewable once and no more.

(*d*) Nothing in this Bill shall prevent the Management Committee and Boards from making supplementary rules to guide their proceedings provided such rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 10: Establishment of the Congregation.**

(*a*) There shall be for the College of Education, a Congregation made up of both Academic and Senior non-teaching staff, who holds at least a first degree or its equivalent.

(*b*) The Provost shall be the Chairman of the Congregation.

(*c*) The Congregation shall meet at least once in a year (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: Power of Minister over Council.**

Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the Council directives of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directives (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Office of Provost.**

(1) There shall be a Provost of the College (in his Bill referred to as "the Provost) who shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) Where vacancy occurs in the post of Provost, the Council shall —

(*a*) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying —

(*i*) the qualifications of the person who may apply for the post; and

(*ii*) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration.

(*b*) constitute a Search Team consisting of —

(*i*) a member of Council, not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman;

(*ii*) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer/Professor;

(*iii*) two members of the academic community of the College not below the rank of Principal Lecturer/Associate Professor/ Reader and not members of Academic Board to be selected by the Academic Staff Congregation to identify and draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever.

(3) A Joint Council and Academic Board Selection Committee shall consist of —

(*a*) the Chairman of the Council;

(*b*) two members of the Council, not being members of the Academic Board; and

(*c*) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer/Professor, who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the shortlists drawn up under subsection (2) of this section through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend, through the Council, to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, three candidates for his consideration.

(4) The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

(5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Provost shall be the Chief Executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management operations of the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Tenure of and Procedure for the Removal of Provost.**

(1) The Provost shall hold office for a period of 5 years only beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(2) Where on the commencement of this Bill a Provost appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —

(*a*) for less than five years, he shall be deemed to be serving his 5 years single tenure and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of four years;

(*b*) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as Provost for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;

(*c*) for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as Provost to complete his second term and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.

(3) (*a*) The Provost may be removed from office by the Visitor on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind after due consultation with the Council and the Academic Board acting through the Minister of Education.

(*b*) When the proposal for the removal of the Provost is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Academic Board consisting of —

(*i*) three members of the Council one of whom shall be the chairman of the Committee; and

(*ii*) two members of Academic Board, provided that where the ground for the removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.

(*c*) The Committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Provost and shall report it findings to the Council.

(*d*) The Council shall where the allegations are proved inform the Visitor who shall remove the Provost.

(*e*) There shall be no sole administrator in any Nigerian College of Education.

(*f*) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Provost, the Council shall appoint an Acting Provost on the recommendation of the Academic Board.

(*g*) An Acting Provost in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 14: Office of the Deputy Provost and Functions, Tenure and Procedure of Removal.**

(1) There shall be for the College Deputy Provost.

(2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the Chief Lecturers in the college in one of the following ways that is —

(*a*) from a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by the Provost; or

(*b*) on the nomination of one candidate by the Academic Board through election.

(3) The Deputy Provost shall —

(*a*) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions;

(*b*) act in the place of the Provost when the post of the Provost is vacant or if the Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Provost; and

(*c*) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

(4) The Deputy Provost —

(*a*) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and

(*b*) may be re-appointed for a further period of two years and no more.

(5) A Deputy Provost may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendation of the Provost and Academic board.

(6) "Good cause" for the purpose of this section means gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office arising from infirmity of body or mind (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Other Principal Officers.**

There shall be for the College, the following principal officers, in addition to the Provost and Deputy Provost, that is —

(*a*) the Registrar;

(*b*) the Bursar; and

(*c*) the College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 12 (3) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Functions of Registrar and Tenure.**

(1) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council subject thereto as the Provost may from time to time direct.

(2) The Registrar shall, in addition to the other duties conferred on him by or under this Bill, be a Secretary to the Council, Secretary to Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his absence, the Council or any such committee may appoint some other persons to act as Secretary. The Registrar shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum.

(3) (*a*) A Registrar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(*b*) Where on the commencement of this Bill a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office:

(*i*) for less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years;

(*ii*) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;

(*iii*) for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Functions of Bursar and Tenure.**

(1) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of financial affairs of the college.

(2) (*a*) A Bursar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(*b*) Where on the commencement of this Bill a Bursar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —

(*i*) for less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years;

(*ii*) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, The Council may allow him to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;

(*iii*) for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, The Council may allow him to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Functions of College Librarian and Tenure.**

(1) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College Library and co-ordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the College.

(2) (*a*) A College Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only and upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(*b*) Where on the commencement of this Bill a College Librarian appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —

(*i*) for less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years;

(*ii*) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as College Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;

(*iii*) for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as College Librarian to complete his second term and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 19: How a Principal Officer can Resign**.
A Principal Officer may resign his appointment —

(*a*) in the case of the Provost, by notice to the Visitor;

(*b*) in any other case, by notice to the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 20: Appointment of Registrar, College Librarian and Bursar.**
(1) (*a*) There shall be for the College, a Selection Board which shall consists of —

(*i*) the Chairman of the Council;

(*ii*) the Provost;

(*iii*) four members of the Council not being members of Academic Board; and

(*iv*) two members of Academic Board.

(*b*) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subsection (i) of this section shall be as the Council may determine from time to time (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 21: Appointment of other Staff of the College that are not Principal officers.**

(1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Provost and the Principal Officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this Bill.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with appropriate authorities.

(3) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Provost in the exercise of his functions under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 22: Remuneration of Provost and other Employees.**

The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the Provost and other employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council, in consultation with the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation/Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission, National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 23: Pension Act Provisions.**

(1) It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reform Act and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College, except Principal Officers shall, in respect of their service in the College, be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, so however that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

(2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (other than the power to make regulations under section 23 thereof) shall be exercisable by the College and not by any other person or authority (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 24: Establishment of College of Education Fund.**

(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.

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

(*a*) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the Government of the Federation;

(*b*) all monies raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts, grants-in-aid or testamentary dispositions;

(*c*) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.

(3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, not later than 3 months before the end of each financial year or at least at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the succeeding financial year (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 25: Power to Accept Gifts.**

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

(2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 26: Accounts and Audit.**

The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 27: Annual Reports of Operations, Finance & Audit.**

The Council shall soon after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the Minister, through NCCE a report of its activities during the immediate preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that year and of the auditor's report on the accounts (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

**Clause 28: Offices and Premises.**

(1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may —

(*a*) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and

(*b*) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

(2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its functions (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 29: Discipline of Students.**

(1) The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances.

(2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this section.

(3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, where it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the College has been found guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made thereunder, direct —

(*a*) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of such facilities of the College, as he may specify; or

(*b*) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or

(*c*) that the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or

(*d*) that the student shall be expelled from the College.

(4) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (3) of this section to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.

(5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him appeal against the decision of the Council, and where such an appeal is, brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the decision or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit.

(6) The fact that an appeal from a decision is brought in pursuance of the last foregoing subsection shall not affect the operation of the decision while the appeal is pending, except the Council direct otherwise.

(7) The Provost may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee, consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate.

(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prevention or restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.

(9) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (3) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this section.

(10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 30: Interpretation.**

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means any of the Federal College of Education specified in Schedule 1 to this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the College established by or pursuant to section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Provost" means the Provost of a College appointed under section 9 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"function" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member" means a member of the Council including the Chairman (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Clause 31: Short Title.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Education, Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State (Establishment, etc.)Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

## SCHEDULE

Section 3 (3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

*Terms of Service*

*Remuneration of Council Members*

1. There may be paid to the members of the Council or any Committee, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

*Vacancy of Council Seat*

2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in section 3 (1) (a) and (2) (d), it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold offices for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor.

3. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

*Proceedings*

4. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once in every three months.

(2) The Chairman may at any time and shall, at the request in writing of not less than 6 members, convene a meeting of the Council.

(3) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall preside but in his absence, members present shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.

(4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council.

(5) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members of the Council at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

(6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.

*Miscellaneous*

5. (1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Provost and some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made and executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

(3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum.**
(This note does not form part of the above Bill, but is intended to explain its purport)

This Bill establishes the Federal College of Education, Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State. The functions of the College, amongst other things are:

(*a*) to provide full-time and part-time courses in teaching, instruction and training to produce middle and high level teachers in technology, applied sciences, commerce, arts, social sciences, humanities, Law and management;

(*b*) carry out research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may, from time to time, determine.

The Bill also provides for the appointment of a Provost to be the Chief Executive of the College, Principal Officers and other members of staff.

Other provisions relate to the discipline of students, finances, pensions of staff and supplementary matters: Schedule 1 to the Bill prescribes the terms of service of members of the Council and proceedings thereof (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Federal College of Education, Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB.1608) and approved Clauses 1 - 31, 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.***

**(*xiii*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Iseyin, Oyo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Study and to make Provisions for its Administration; and for Related Matters*** **(HB. 1640) (*Committee of the Whole*):**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Iseyin, Oyo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Study and to make Provisions for its Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1640)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, ISEYIN, OYO STATE, TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES IN TECHNOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCE, MANAGEMENT AND OTHER FIELDS OF STUDY AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1640)

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Federal Polytechnic, Iseyin, Oyo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Study and to make Provisions for its Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1640) and approved Clauses 1 - 29, 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.***

**(*xiv*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Aba, Abia State; and for Related Matters*** **(HB.1613) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Aba, Abia State; and for Related Matters (HB.1613)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, ABA, ABIA STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1613)

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Aba, Abia State; and for Related Matters (HB.1613) and approved Clauses 1 - 29, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

**(*xv*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Facilities Management Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Practice, Register and Certify Practitioners in the Profession; and for Related Matters* (HB. 1551) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Facilities Management Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Practice, Register and Certify Practitioners in the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 1551)"(*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OF NIGERIA TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE, REGISTER AND CERTIFY PRACTITIONERS IN THE PROFESSION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1551)

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Facilities Management Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Practice, Register and Certify Practitioners in the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 1551) and approved Clauses 1 - 21, the Schedules, 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.***

**(*xvi*)** ***Committee on Tertiary Education and Services*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the Commission to set out Code of Conduct for Assessment of Universities' Students Characters alongside Academic Performance as Condition Precedent to Award of Degrees to Deserving Students and to make it Mandatory for Immediate Issuance and Release of Certificates to Graduating Students in all Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 56 and HB. 439)" (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION ACT, CAP. N81, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSION TO SET OUT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ASSESSMENT OF UNIVERSITIES' STUDENTS CHARACTERS ALONGSIDE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AS CONDITION PRECEDENT TO AWARD OF DEGREES TO DESERVING STUDENTS AND TO MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE AND RELEASE OF CERTIFICATES TO GRADUATING STUDENTS IN ALL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 56 AND HB. 439)

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the Commission to set out Code of Conduct for Assessment of Universities' Students Characters alongside Academic Performance as Condition Precedent to Award of Degrees to Deserving Students and to make it Mandatory for Immediate Issuance and Release of Certificates to Graduating Students in all Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 56 and HB. 439) and approved Clauses 1 - 5, 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.***

***(xvii) Committee on Health Institutions*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Regional Centre for Oral Health Research and Training Initiative to, among other things, be responsible for advising, implementing, training and coordinating Research on matters of Oral Health and to Facilitate the Implementation and Coordination of collaborative research and training in consultation with the World Health Organization and other National and International Allied Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 1158)" (*Hon. Muhammed Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR ORAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND TRAINING INITIATIVE TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING, IMPLEMENTING, TRAINING AND COORDINATING RESEARCH ON MATTERS OF ORAL HEALTH AND TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND OTHER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ALLIED AGENCIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1158)

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Regional Centre for Oral Health Research and Training Initiative to, among other things, be responsible for advising, implementing, training and coordinating Research on matters of Oral Health and to Facilitate the Implementation and Coordination of collaborative research and training in consultation with the World Health Organization and other National and International Allied Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 1158) and approved Clauses 1 - 26, the Schedule, 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.***

**(*xviii*) *Committee on Health Institutions*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Allied Dental Health Professionals Council; and for Related Matters"(*Hon. Muhammed Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ALLIED DENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Allied Dental Health Professionals Council; and for Related Matters and approved Clauses 1 - 18, the Schedules, 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.***

**(*xix*) *Committee on Banking and Currency*:**
That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Factoring Assignments Act to Provide for principles and to adopt rules relating to the assignment of receivables in order to create certainty and transparency and to promote the modernization of the law relating to assignments whilst protecting existing assignment practices and facilitating the development of new practices and ensuring adequate protection for the interests of debtors in order to promote the availability of capital and credit and to facilitate domestic and international trade; and for Related Matters (HB. 805).

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

**(*xx*) *Committee on Science and Technology*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Leather Science and Technology (NILEST) (HB. 1347)"(*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF LEATHER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NILEST) (HB. 1347)

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Leather Science and Technology (NILEST) (HB. 1347) and approved Clauses 1 - 42, the Schedules, 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.***

**(*xxi*) *Committee on National Security and Intelligence*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence on a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for Offences Relating to Terrorism, Prohibit the Financing of Terrorism and Consolidate all Acts Relating to Terrorism and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Terrorism Act of 2011 for the Purpose of Applying Stringent Prison Terms for Offences of Terrorism and Remove the Ambiguities in the Act, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 333 and HB. 447)" (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR OFFENCES RELATING TO TERRORISM, PROHIBIT THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM AND CONSOLIDATE ALL ACTS RELATING TO TERRORISM; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART I — OBJECTIVE AND PROHIBITION

***Committee Recommendation*:**
**Clause 1: Objective.**
The objective of this Bill is to provide for —

(*a*) an effective, unified and comprehensive legal, regulatory and institutional framework for the detection, prevention, prohibition, prosecution and punishment of acts of terrorism and other related matters in Nigeria;

(*b*) measures under Nigerian law for the implementation and enforcement of Regional and International Counter Terrorism Conventions and Agreements for the combating of terrorism, terrorism financing and related offences;

(*c*) the procedure for the declaration of organisations as terrorist entities;

(*d*) extra territorial jurisdiction of the courts in relation to acts of terrorism;

(*e*) measures to enable Nigeria to act effectively in the fight against the financing of terrorism, including mechanisms regarding reporting of suspected incidents of financial and other support for terrorist entities;

(*f*) measures for the detention, freezing, search and seizure, confiscation and forfeiture of terrorist property; and

(*g*) the compensation of victims of acts of terrorism (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 2: Prohibition of acts of terrorism.**

(1) All acts of terrorism and the financing of terrorism are prohibited.

(2) A person or body corporate who knowingly, in or outside Nigeria, directly or indirectly —

(*a*) does, attempts or threatens to do any act of terrorism;

(*b*) commits an act preparatory to or in furtherance of an act of terrorism;

(*c*) omits to do anything that is reasonably necessary to prevent an act of terrorism;

(*d*) assists or facilitates the activities of persons engaged in an act of terrorism;

(*e*) participates as an accomplice in or contributes to the commission of an act of terrorism or offences under this Bill;

(*f*) assists, facilitates, organises or directs the activities of persons or organisations engaged in any act of terrorism or is an accessory to any offence under this Bill;

(*g*) incites, induces any person by any means whatsoever or promises any person any reward; to commit any act of terrorism or any of the offences referred to in this Bill; or

(*h*) recruits for terrorists groups for any purpose, including the commission of acts of terrorism,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to the punishment prescribed under this Bill.

(3) In this Bill, "act of terrorism" means an act willfully performed with the intention of furthering a political, an ideological, a religious, racial or an ethnic cause and which —

(*a*) may seriously harm or damage a country or an international organisation;

(*b*) unduly compels a government or an international organisation to perform or abstain from performing any act;

(*c*) seriously intimidates a population;

(*d*) seriously destabilises or destroys the fundamental political, constitutional, economic or social structures of a country or an international organisation;

(*e*) influences a government or an international organisation by intimidation or coercion;

(*f*) violates the provisions of any International Treaty or Resolution to which Nigeria is a party subject to the provisions of section 12 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

(*g*) involves or causes, as the case may be —

(*i*) an attack upon a person's life which may cause serious bodily harm or death,

(*ii*) the kidnapping of a person,

(*iii*) the destruction to a Government or public facility, a transport system, an infrastructural facility, including national critical information infrastructure, a fixed platform located on the continental shelf, a public place or private property, likely to endanger human life or result in major economic loss,

(*iv*) the seizure of an aircraft, ship or other means of public or goods transport and diversion or the use of such means of transportation for the purposes of sub-paragraph (*b*) (*iii*) of this subsection,

(*v*) the manufacture, possession, acquisition, transportation, transfer, supply or use of weapons, including explosives or biological, chemical, radiological or nuclear weapons (in this Bill referred to as "BCRN weapons") as well as research into and development of BCRN weapons without lawful authority, and the receipt, possession, use, transfer, alteration, disposal or dispersal of nuclear or other radioactive material or devices,

(*vi*) the release of dangerous substance or causing of fire, explosions or floods, the effect of which is to endanger human life,

(*vii*) interference with or disruption of the supply of water, power or any other fundamental natural resource, the effect of which is to endanger human life,

(*viii*) the release into the environment or any part thereof or distributing or exposing the public or any part to dangerous, hazardous, nuclear or other radioactive or harmful substance, any toxic chemical, any microbial or other biological agent or toxin, the effect of which is to endanger human life or to provoke substantial damage to property or to the environment,

(*ix*) the endangering of or engaging in acts likely to endanger the safety of an aircraft, ship, train or any other means of transportation,

(*x*) the bombing and other acts of violence at airports and other public places,

(*xi*) the disruption of any computer system or the provision of services directly related to the supply of water, power, communications, infrastructure, banking or financial services, utilities, transportation, other essential infrastructure or any other fundamental natural resources, the effect of which is to endanger human life,

(*xii*) the disruption of the provision of essential emergency services, including police, civil defence, medical and acts prejudicial to national security or public safety,

(*xiii*) the propagation and dissemination of information or information materials in any form or mode calculated to cause panic, evoke violence or intimidate a government, person or group of persons, or

(*xiv*) an act directed against a nuclear facility, or an act interfering with the operation of a nuclear facility, where the offender intentionally causes, or where he knows that the act is likely to cause, death or serious injury to a person or substantial damage to property or to the environment by exposure to radiation or release of radioactive substance, unless the act is undertaken in conformity with the provisions of existing laws.

(4) An act which disrupts a service but is committed in pursuance of a protest, demonstration or stoppage of work is not a terrorist act within the meaning of this definition, provided that the act is not intended to result in any harm referred to in subsection (3) (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*f*) or (*g*) of this section (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION AND ENFORCEMENT

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 3:** For the purpose of achieving the objectives set out in Section 1 (*a*) of this Bill, without prejudice to other assigned functions in this Bill or any other enactment, the following authorities shall carry out the roles as stated in Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 4:** **Role of the Attorney-General.**

(1) The Attorney-General of the Federation is the authority for the effective implementation and administration of this Bill.

(2) The Attorney-General shall be responsible for strengthening and enhancing the existing legal framework on combating terrorism and terrorism financing to ensure —

(*a*) conformity of Nigeria's counter - terrorism laws, policies and other measures with United Nations Conventions on Terrorism and terrorism financing, international standards and maintain international co-operation required for preventing and combating international acts of terrorism; and

(*b*) the prosecution of terrorism and terrorism financing offences, and other offences under this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 5:** **Role of the National Security Adviser.**

The National Security Adviser shall —

(*a*) formulate policies for the effective implementation of concerted counter-terrorism efforts;

(*b*) ensure the effective formulation and implementation of a comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy in Nigeria;

(*c*) provide support to all relevant security, intelligence, law enforcement agencies and military services to prevent and combat acts of terrorism in Nigeria;

(*d*) build capacity for the effective discharge of his functions under any law or regulation;

(*e*) subject to the approval of the President, establish a National Counter Terrorism Centre for effective coordination of relevant agencies under this Bill; and

(*f*) carry out such other functions that the President may deem necessary for the effective implementation of counter-terrorism measures under this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 6: Role of law enforcement and security agencies.**

(1) The law enforcement and security agencies are responsible for the gathering of intelligence and for the investigation of the offences provided for under this Bill.

(2) Further to subsection (1) of this section, the law enforcement and security agencies have power to —

(*a*) enforce all laws and regulations on counter - terrorism in Nigeria;

(*b*) adopt measures to prevent and combat acts of terrorism in Nigeria;

(*c*) facilitate the detection and investigation of acts of terrorism in Nigeria;

(*d*) establish, maintain and secure communications, both domestic and international, to facilitate the rapid exchange of information concerning acts of terrorism;

(*e*) conduct research with the aim of improving preventive measures to efficiently and effectively combat terrorism in Nigeria; and

(*f*) partner with Civil Society Organisations and the Nigerian public to provide necessary education, support, information, awareness and sensitisation towards the prevention and elimination of acts of terrorism.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the law enforcement agencies have power to —

(*a*) investigate whether any person or entity has directly or indirectly committed an act of terrorism, is about to commit an act of terrorism or has been involved in an act of terrorism under this Bill or under any other law;

(*b*) execute search warrants authorising its officers or any other law enforcement officer to enter into any premises, property or conveyance for the purpose of conducting searches in furtherance of its functions under this Bill or any other law.

(*c*) investigate, arrest and provide evidence for the prosecution of offenders under this Bill or any other law on terrorism applicable in Nigeria;

(*d*) seize, freeze or maintain custody over terrorist property or funds for the purpose of investigation, prosecution or recovery of any property or fund which the relevant agency in charge of the matter reasonably believes to have been involved in or used in the perpetration of terrorist activities in Nigeria or outside Nigeria;

(*e*) seal up premises on reasonable suspicion that the premises is involved with or is being used in connection with acts of terrorism;

(*f*) adopt measures to identify, trace, freeze, seize terrorist properties as required by law and seek for the confiscation of proceeds derived from terrorist activities whether situated within or outside Nigeria;

(*g*) in consultation with the Attorney-General and with the approval of the National Security Adviser, enter into co-operation agreements, Memorandum of Understanding or arrangements with any national or international body, other intelligence, enforcement or security agencies or organisations which in its opinion will facilitate the discharge of its functions under this Bill;

(*h*) request, demand or obtain from any person, agency or organisation, information, including any report or data, that may be relevant to its functions under this Bill; and

(*i*) appoint experts or professionals, where necessary, to execute, on its behalf, the powers required in furtherance of its functions under this Bill.

(4) The relevant law enforcement and security agencies may initiate, develop or improve on, specific training programmes for their officers charged with the responsibilities for the detection, prevention, prohibition, investigation, elimination and prosecution of terrorism activities in Nigeria.

(5) In order to strengthen inter-agency cooperation and coordination, improve synergy, joint working and effective multi-agency operability, the National Security Adviser shall work with relevant agencies under this Bill to develop Standard Operating Procedures and instruments (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 7: Establishment of the National Counter-Terrorism Centre.**

(1) There is established, in the office of the National Security Adviser, a National Counter-Terrorism Centre (in this Bill referred to as "the Centre").

(2) The National Security Adviser shall ensure that adequate funding is provided for the Centre to enable perform its functions effectively and efficiently (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

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

The National Counter-Terrorism Centre established under sub-section (1) shall —

(*a*) be the coordinating body for counter-terrorism in Nigeria;

(*b*) be responsible for the coordination of Counter-Terrorism policies, strategies, plans and support in the discharge of the functions of the National Security Adviser specified in section 5 of this Bill.

(*c*) establish a Joint Terrorism and Analysis Branch, which shall be a fusion centre responsible for terrorism research, analysis and intelligence support to law enforcement and security agencies;

(*d*) establish a legal team, which shall —

(*i*) consist of experienced and competent prosecutors to review and advise on counter terrorism cases from law enforcement and security agencies, and

(*ii*) review existing processes to ensure that counter-terrorism efforts and activities comply with rules of armed conflict;

(*e*) coordinate the implementation of a national policy and action plan on preventing and countering violent extremism programmes;

(*f*) conduct public awareness on prevention and countering violent extremism and terrorism;

(*g*) facilitate capacity building for counter-terrorism operations;

(*h*) partner with civil society and international organisations in preventing and countering violent extremism and terrorism;

(*i*) collaborate with centres, institutions and universities on terrorism related studies and research; and

(*j*) ensure that relevant agencies under this Bill have access to relevant and timely intelligence and analysis for the effective discharge of their responsibilities (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 9:** The President shall, on the advice of the National Security Adviser, appoint a National Coordinator for the Centre (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 10:** **The Tenure and Role of the National Coordinator.**

The National Coordinator shall —

(*a*) hold office on such terms and conditions as are specified in his letter of appointment;

(*b*) report to the National Security Adviser;

(*c*) be responsible for the day-to-day administration and implementation of the functions of the Centre;

(*d*) determine the number and level of staff to be deployed or seconded to the Centre from the public service of the Federation; and

(*e*) perform such other functions connected to with the responsibilities of the Centre as the National Security Adviser, may assign to him, from time to time (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**
**Clause 11: Staff.**

(1) The employees of the Centre specified under subsection (4) (*d*) of this section shall be deployed or seconded to the Centre for a period not less than three years.

(2) The Centre shall be responsible for the formulation of the job description, title, terms, conditions, qualifications and salaries, including the allowances of its employees, subject to the approval of the National Security Adviser, after consultation with the President (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

***Committee Recommendation*:**
**Clause 12: Offences against internationally protected persons.**

(1) A person who —

(*a*) murders, kidnaps or commits other attacks on the person or liberty of an internationally protected person;

(*b*) carries out a violent attack on the official premises, private accommodation or means of transport of an internationally protected person in a manner likely to endanger his person or liberty; or

(*c*) threatens to commit any such attack,

commits an offence under this Bill.

(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) of this section is liable on conviction, where death —

(*a*) does not result from the act, to a term of imprisonment of not less than twenty-five years; and

(*b*) results from the act, to a death sentence,

but in the case of the offence under subsection (1) (*c*) of this section, the court may sentence the person to a term of imprisonment of not more than fifteen years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**
**Clause 13: Terrorist meetings.**

A person who —

(*a*) arranges, manages, assists in arranging or managing, participates in a meeting or an activity, which in his knowledge is concerned or connected with an act of terrorism or terrorist group;

(*b*) collects, or provides logistics, equipment, information, articles or facilities for a meeting or an activity, which in his knowledge is concerned or connected with an act of terrorism or terrorist group; or

(*c*) attends a meeting, which in his knowledge is to support a proscribed entity or to further the objectives of a proscribed organization,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 14: Soliciting and giving support to terrorist groups for the commission of acts of terrorism.**

(1) A person who knowingly, in any manner, directly or indirectly, solicits or renders support —

(*a*) for the commission of an act of terrorism; or

(*b*) to a terrorist group,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to life imprisonment.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, "support" includes —

(*a*) incitement to commit an act of terrorism through the internet, or any electronic means or through the use of printed materials or through the dissemination of terrorist information;

(*b*) receiving or providing material assistance, training, transportation, false documentation or identification to terrorists or terrorist groups;

(*c*) receiving or providing information or moral assistance to a terrorist act or terrorist group, including invitation to adhere to a terrorist or terrorist group;

(*d*) entering or remaining in a country for the benefit of, or at the direction of or in association with a terrorist group; and

(*e*) providing or making available, such financial or other related services prohibited under this Bill or as may be prescribed by regulations made pursuant to this Bill.

(3) In this section, it shall not be necessary to prove that the material, information, facilities or financial assistance was actually used if it can be reasonably established that the person collected on behalf of or provided the material, information, facilities or financial assistance to a terrorist or terrorist groups (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 15: Harbouring terrorists or hindering the arrest of a terrorist.**

A person, who knowingly harbours, conceals or causes to be harboured or concealed, hinders or interferes with the arrest of a person who to his knowledge —

(*a*) has committed or about to commit an act of terrorism;

(*b*) is planning to commit an act of terrorism;

(*c*) is a member of a terrorist group;

(*d*) has been convicted of an act of terrorism but escaped from punishment; or

(*e*) a warrant of arrest had been issued,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 16: Provision of training and instruction to terrorist groups or terrorists.**

A person who, knowingly agrees to provide or receives training, training material or instructions-

(*a*) in the making or use of any form of explosive or other lethal devices;

(*b*) in carrying out an act of terrorism, to a member of a terrorist group;

(*c*) to a person engaging in or preparing to engage in the commission of an act of terrorism; or

(*d*) in the practice of a military exercise or movements but who is not an authorized officer acting in the performance of an official duty,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to life imprisonment (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 17: Concealing of information about acts of terrorism.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of this section, where a person has information which he knows or believes to be of material assistance in —

(*a*) preventing the commission by any person or an organization of an act of terrorism; or

(*b*) securing the apprehension, prosecution or conviction of another person for an offence under this Bill,

and fails to disclose the information to the relevant agency in charge of the matter as soon as reasonably practicable, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than ten years.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require disclosure by a legal practitioner of any information, belief or suspicion based on any information, which he obtained in privileged circumstances.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2) of this section, information is obtained by a legal practitioner in privileged circumstances where it is disclosed to him by —

(*a*) his client in connection with the provisions of legal advice, not being a disclosure with a view to furthering a criminal purpose or concealing a crime; or

(*b*) any person for the purpose of actual or contemplated legal proceeding and not with a view to furthering a criminal purpose or concealing a crime (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 18: Provision of devices to a terrorist.**

A person who knowingly offers to provide, or provides any weapon, explosive, biological, chemical, nuclear or other lethal device to a terrorist group, a terrorist or any other person for use by, or for the benefit of, a terrorist group or a member of a terrorist group, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty years up to a maximum of life imprisonment (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 19: Recruitment of persons to be members of terrorist groups or to participate in acts of terrorism.**

A person who knowingly agrees to recruit, or recruits another person to be a member of a terrorist group or participate in the commission of an act of terrorism commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 20: Promotion or solicitation of property for the commission of terrorist acts.**

A person, who knowingly solicits property for the benefit of a terrorist group or for the commission of an act of terrorism commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 21: Provision of facilities in support of terrorist acts.**

A person who being —

(*a*) the owner, occupier, lessee or person in charge of any building, premises, room, or place knowingly permits a terrorist meeting to be held in that building, premises, room or place;

(*b*) the owner, charterer, lessee, operator, agent of a conveyance or master of a vessel, or the pilot in charge of an aircraft; or driver of any other means of conveyance who knowingly permits that vessel, aircraft or other means of conveyance to be used for acts of terrorism; or

(*c*) the owner, lessee or person in charge of any equipment, facility or device that allows for recording, conferencing or meetings through the use of technological devices; knowingly permits that equipment, facility or device to be used for purposes of committing an offence under this Bill or for planning, promoting or supporting the commission of an act of terrorism,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 22: Financing of terrorism.**

(1) A person or entity who, within or outside Nigeria, in any manner, directly or indirectly, willingly provides, solicits, acquires, collects, receives, possesses or makes available property, funds or other services, or attempts to provide, solicit, acquire, collect, receive, possess or make available property, funds or other services with the intention or knowledge or having reasonable grounds to believe that it will be used, in full or in part to —

(*a*) finance a terrorist or terrorist group;

(*b*) commit an offence under this Bill or an offence specified in any relevant law or enactment referred to under this Bill; or

(*c*) do any other act intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to a civilian or any other person not taking active part in the hostilities in a situation of armed conflict, when the purpose of that act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a group of people or to compel a government or an international organization to do or abstain from doing any act,

commits an offence under this Bill.

(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) of this section is liable on conviction to life imprisonment and in the case of a body corporate —

(*a*) to a fine of not less than two hundred million Naira;

(*b*) the prosecution of the principal officers of the body corporate who shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years to a maximum of life imprisonment; and

(*c*) the winding up of the body corporate and prohibition from its reconstitution or incorporation under any form or guise.

(3) A person who knowingly enters into, or becomes involved in an arrangement —

(*a*) which facilitates the acquisition, retention or control by or on behalf of another person of terrorist fund by concealment, removal out of jurisdiction, transfer to a nominee or in any other way; or

(*b*) as a result of which funds or other property is to be made available for the purposes of terrorism or for the benefit of a specified entity or proscribed organization,

commits an offence under this Bill.

(4) A person who commits an offence under subsection (3) of this section is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years and in the case of a body corporate —

(*a*) to a fine of not less than one hundred million Naira;

(*b*) the prosecution of the principal officers of the corporate body who shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years; and

(*c*) the winding up of the corporate body and prohibition from its reconstitution or incorporation under any form or guise.

(5) An offence under this section shall apply, regardless of whether the person alleged to have committed the offence is in the same country or a different country from the one in which —

(*a*) the terrorist, terrorist group or proscribed entity is located; or

(*b*) the terrorist act occurred or is planned to occur.

(6) In proving the offence of terrorism financing, it shall not be required that the funds —

(*a*) were actually used to carry out an act of terrorism;

(*b*) were used to attempt an act of terrorism; or

(*c*) be linked to a specific act of terrorism.

(7) For the purpose of this section, intention may be inferred from objective factual circumstances (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 23: Dealing in terrorist property.**

(1) A person or an entity who, knowingly —

(*a*) deals, directly or indirectly, in any terrorist funds or property;

(*b*) acquires or possesses terrorist funds or property;

(*c*) enters into, or facilitates, directly or indirectly, any transaction in respect of a terrorist funds or property;

(*d*) converts, conceals, or disguises terrorist funds or property; or

(*e*) provides financial or other services in respect of terrorist fund or property at the direction of a terrorist or terrorist group,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to life imprisonment.

(2) In this section, the word 'knowingly' referred to in subsection (1) of this section may be inferred from the objective factual circumstances of the case (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 24: Hostage taking, kidnapping, hijacking, etc.**

(1) A person who knowingly —

(*a*) seizes, detains or attempts to seize or detain any person property or facility in order to compel a third party to do or abstain from doing any act;

(*b*) threatens to kill, injure or continue to detain a person in order to compel a third party to do or abstain from doing any act; or

(*c*) gives an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the person held hostage or the property or facility detained,

commits an offence under this Bill.

(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) of this section is liable on conviction, where death —

(*a*) does not result from the act, to life imprisonment; and

(*b*) results from the act, to a death sentence.

(3) In this section —

(*a*) a "third party" means a State, an international governmental organisation, a natural or legal person or a group of persons; and

(*b*) the word 'knowingly' referred to in subsection (1) of this section may be inferred from the objective factual circumstances of the case (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 25: Membership of a terrorist group or proscribed entity.**

(1) A person who is a member or professes to be a member of a terrorist group or a proscribed entity, in or outside Nigeria, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years.

(2) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this section to prove that the entity in respect of which the charge is brought was not a terrorist group or a proscribed entity at the time that he —

(*a*) became a member of that group or entity;

(*b*) professed to be a member of that group or entity; or

(*c*) has not taken part in the activities of that group or entity, after it became a terrorist group or proscribed entity

(3) A person who belongs or professes to belong to a proscribed entity in or outside Nigeria, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to life imprisonment.

(4) A person charged with an offence under subsection (3) of this section may prove that the entity had not been designated to be a proscribed entity at the time the person charged became or began to profess to be a member of the entity and that he has not taken part in the activities of the organisation at any time after it has been designated to be a proscribed entity (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 26: Conspiracy, aiding and abetting.**

(1) A person who conspires with another to commit an offence under this Bill in Nigeria, or to commit an act of terrorism in any place outside Nigeria being an act, which if done in Nigeria would have constituted an offence under this Bill is deemed to have conspired to do that act in Nigeria and is liable on conviction to the same punishment as provided under this Bill for the offence to which the conspiracy relates.

(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) of this section is liable on conviction, where —

(*a*) the offence is committed, to the same punishment as provided under this Bill for the offence to which the offence relates; and

(*b*) the offence is not committed, to imprisonment for a term of not less than ten years and not more than that provided for the full offence under this Bill.

(3) A person who knowingly, directly or indirectly —

(*a*) aids and abets;

(*b*) induces, instigates, instructs; or

(*c*) counsels or procures another person by any means whatsoever to commit an act of terrorism,

commits an offence and on conviction is liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 27: Escape or aiding and abetting escape.**

A person who —

(*a*) being in lawful custody for act of terrorism , escapes; or

(*b*) aids, facilitates or abets the escape of a person who is —

(*i*) in lawful custody of the relevant agency in charge of the matter for an act of terrorism, or

(*ii*) suspected to have committed an offence under any of the provisions of this Bill,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 28: Attempt to commit an offence.**

(1) A person who attempts to commit an offence under this Bill is liable on conviction to the same punishment as provided under this Bill for the offence to which the attempt relates.

(2) Where a person is charged with any of the offences under this Bill and the evidence establishes an attempt to commit that offence, he may be convicted of having attempted to commit the offence and is liable on conviction to the same punishment as provided under this Bill for the offence to which the attempt relates.

(3) Where a person is charged with an attempt to commit an offence under this Bill, but the evidence establishes the commission of the full offence, the person shall not be acquitted but shall be convicted for the commission of the offence and is liable on conviction to the same punishment as provided under this Bill for the offence to which the attempt relates (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 29: Preparation to commit acts of terrorism.**

A person who engages in any conduct in preparation to commit an act of terrorism or assists another person to commit an act of terrorism commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of twenty years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 30: Unlawful assumption of character of an officer of a relevant agency.**

A person who, with intent to deceive, unlawfully assumes the name, character or designation of an officer of a relevant agency in order to perpetrate acts of terrorism commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 31: Tampering with evidence or witness.**

In any case of terrorism under this Bill, a person who tampers with —

(*a*) a witness by intimidation, threats, blackmail or similar acts, or

(*b*) an evidence or exhibit, by falsification, conversion, destruction or forgery,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than ten years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 32: Obstruction of an authorised officer of a relevant agency.**

(1) A person who —

(*a*) wilfully obstructs an authorised officer of a relevant agency in the exercise of any of the powers conferred on it by this Bill; or

(*b*) fails to comply with any lawful enquiry, request or information, wherever located, made by any authorised officer in accordance with the provisions of this Bill,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years.

(2) A person who —

(*a*) refuses an authorised officer of a relevant agency access to any premises, or fails to submit to a search by a person authorised to search him under this Bill;

(*b*) assaults or obstructs an authorised officer of a relevant agency in the execution of his duty under this Bill; or

(*c*) fails to produce or conceals or attempts to conceal from an authorised officer of a relevant agency, any book, document, information storage system or article in relation to which the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting or believing that an offence under this Bill or any other law prohibiting terrorism has been or is being committed, or which is liable to seizure under this Bill,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years.

(3) A person who —

(*a*) discloses to another anything which is likely to prejudice a terrorist investigation; or

(*b*) interferes with material which is likely to undermine a terrorist investigation, or likely to be relevant to a terrorist investigation,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years.

(4) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (3) of this section to prove that he did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the disclosure was likely to affect a terrorist investigation (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 33: Offences by an entity.**

(1) Where an offence under this Bill committed by an entity is proved to have been committed on the instigation or with the connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of a director, manager, secretary of the entity or any person purporting to act in any of those capacities, the officer is liable on conviction to the same punishment as provided under this Bill for the offence.

(2) Where an entity is convicted of an offence under this Bill, it shall be liable to the forfeiture of any assets, funds or property used or intended to be used in the commission of the offence and the court may issue an order to wind-up the entity or withdraw the practice licence of the entity and those of its principal officers or both.

(3) Where the court orders the entity to be wound up, its assets and properties shall be transferred to any fund or Agency established under any law for the recovery of proceeds of crime; and the entity shall be prohibited from reconstitution or incorporation under any other form or guise.

(4) Nothing contained in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall render any person liable to punishment if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — OFFENCES RELATING TO CIVIL AVIATION, SAFETY OF SHIPS AND FIXED PLATFORMS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 34: Hijacking of aircraft.**

A person who, on board an aircraft in flight seizes or exercises control of that aircraft by force, threat or any other form of intimidation, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to life imprisonment (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 35: Offences against the safety of civil aviation.**

(1) A person who —

(*a*) commits an act of violence against a person on board an aircraft in flight, if that act is likely to endanger the safety of that aircraft;

(*b*) destroys an aircraft in service, or causes damage to an aircraft which renders it incapable of flight or which is likely to endanger its safety in flight;

(*c*) places or causes to be placed on an aircraft in service, by any means whatsoever, a device or a substance which is likely to destroy that aircraft, or cause damage to it which renders it incapable of flight, or cause damage which is likely to endanger its safety in flight;

(*d*) destroys or damages air navigation facilities or interfering with their operation, if the act is likely to endanger the safety of the aircraft in flight; or

(*e*) communicates information which the person knows to be false, thereby endangering the safety of the aircraft in flight,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for life.

(2) A person who threatens, with the aim of compelling the State or a person to do or refrain from doing any act, to commit an offence provided for under subsection (1) (*a*), (1) (*b*), or (1) (*d*) of this section, where the threat is likely to endanger the safety of the aircraft, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than thirty years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 36: Offences against safety at airports serving military or civil aviation.**

(1) A person who —

(*a*) commits an act of violence against a person at an airport serving military or civil aviation which causes or is likely to cause serious injury or death; or

(*b*) destroys or seriously damages the facilities of an airport serving military or civil aviation or aircraft not in service located on the facilities or disrupting the services of the airport,

using any device, substance or weapon, where such acts are likely to endanger the safety at an airport serving military or civil aviation; commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for life.

(2) A person who threatens with the aim of compelling the State or a person to do or refrain from doing any act, to commit any of the offences provided for in subsection (1) of this section, if the threat is likely to endanger the safety at an airport serving military or civil aviation, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than thirty years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 37: Offences against the safety of ships or fixed platforms.**

(1) A person who —

(*a*) seizes or exercises control of a ship or a fixed platform by force, threat or any other form of intimidation;

(*b*) commits an act of violence against a person on board a ship or a fixed platform, if that act is likely to endanger the safety of the ship or fixed platform;

(*c*) destroys a ship or causes damage to a ship or its cargo;

(*d*) places or causes to be placed on a ship, by any means whatsoever, a device or substance likely to destroy or cause damage to the ship or its cargo;

(*e*) destroys a fixed platform or causes damage to it which is likely to endanger its safety, or places or causes to be placed on a fixed platform, by any means whatsoever, a device or substance likely to destroy that fixed platform or to endanger its safety;

(*f*) destroys or damages maritime navigational facilities or interferes with their operation, if that act is likely to endanger the safe navigation of a ship;

(*g*) communicates information which that person knows to be false, thereby endangering the safe navigation of a ship; or

(*h*) injures any person in connection with the commission of any of the offences provided for in paragraphs (*a*) to (*g*) of this subsection,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for life.

(2) Where death results from any of the offences provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the person on conviction be sentenced to death.

(3) A person who threatens, with the aim of compelling the State or a person to do or refrain from doing any act, to commit any of the offences provided for in subsection (1) (*b*), (*c*), (*e*) and (*f*) of this section, if the threat is likely to endanger the safe navigation of a ship or the safety of the fixed platform, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than thirty years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 38: Use and discharge of BCRN weapons and other substances from a ship or fixed platform.**

(1) A person who —

(*a*) uses against or on a ship or a fixed platform, or discharges from a ship or a fixed platform any explosive, radioactive material or BCRN weapon in a manner that causes or is likely to cause death or serious injury or damage;

(*b*) discharges, from a ship or fixed platform, oil, liquefied natural gas or other hazardous or noxious substance, which is not covered by paragraph (a) of this subsection, in such quantity or concentration that causes or is likely to cause death or serious injury or damage; or

(*c*) uses a ship in a manner that causes death or serious injury or damage,

where the purpose of the act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population, or to compel a government or an international organisation to do or to abstain from doing any act; commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for life.

(2) A person who threatens to commit any of the acts provided under subsection (1) of this section, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than thirty years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 39: Transportation of BCRN weapons or other dangerous substances on board a ship.**

(1) A person who transports —

(*a*) any explosive or radioactive material, knowing that it is intended to be used —

(*i*) to cause death or grievous bodily harm or damage, or

(*ii*) in a threat to cause death or grievous bodily harm or damage,

for the purpose of intimidating a population, or compelling a government or an international organisation to do or to abstain from doing any act;

(*b*) any BCRN weapon, knowing it to be a BCRN weapon;

(*c*) any source of material, special fissionable material, or equipment or material especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material, knowing that it is intended to be used in a nuclear explosive activity or in any other nuclear activity not under safeguards agreement; or

(*d*) any equipment, materials or software or related technology that significantly contributes to the design, manufacture or delivery of a BCRN weapon, with the intention that it will be used for that purpose,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for life.

(2) A person who causes injury to a person in connection with the perpetration of any of the offences provided for under subsection (1) of this section, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for life (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 40: Transportation of persons intending to commit offences on board ships.**

A person who transports another person on board a ship, knowing that the person intends to commit an act that constitutes an offence under this Bill commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than thirty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 41: Transportation of certain offenders on board ships.**

A person who transports another person on board a ship, knowing that the person has committed an act that constitutes an offence under this Bill and intending to assist that person to evade criminal prosecution, commits an offence under this Bill and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for life (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 42: Offences with explosives or other lethal devices.**

(1) A person who delivers, places, discharges or detonates an explosive or other lethal device into or against a place of public use, a State or government facility, a transportation system or an infrastructure facility with the intent to cause —

(*a*) death or grievous bodily harm; or

(*b*) extensive destruction of such a place, facility or system, where such destruction results in, or is likely to result in, major economic loss,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years.

(2) Where death results from any of the offences provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the person shall on conviction be sentenced to death (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 43: Handling of radioactive, nuclear materials or devices.**

(1) A person who, without lawful authority, receives, possesses, transfers, alters, or disposes radioactive, nuclear materials or possesses a device —

(*a*) with the intent to cause death or grievous bodily harm; or substantial damage to property or to the environment; or

(*b*) which causes or is likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm to any person or substantial damage to property or to the environment,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years.

(2) Where death results from any of the offences provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the person shall on conviction be sentenced to death.

(3) A person who commits —

(*a*) a theft or robbery of radioactive or nuclear material;

(*b*) an embezzlement or fraudulently obtains a radioactive or nuclear material; or

(*c*) an act which constitutes the carrying, sending, or moving of radioactive material into or out of Nigeria without lawful authority,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years.

(4) A person who threatens to commit an offence set forth under subsection (2) (*a*) of this section in order to compel a natural or legal person, international organisation or State to do or to refrain from doing any act, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty years.

(5) A person who demands radioactive or nuclear material or a device by threat, or by use of force, or by any other form of intimidation, commits an offence under this Bill and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 44: Use of radioactive or nuclear material.**

(1) Any person who, without lawful authority, uses or disperses in any way radioactive or nuclear material or makes or uses a device -

(*a*) with the intent to cause —

(*i*) death or grievous bodily harm, or

(*ii*) substantial damage to property or the environment;

(*b*) to compel a natural or legal person, an international organization, or a State to do or refrain from doing an act; or

(*c*) which causes or is likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm to any person or substantial damage to property or to the environment,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than thirty years.

(2) A person who threatens to commit an offence provided for in subsection (1) of this section, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 45: Offences relating to nuclear facilities.**

(1) A person who uses or damages a nuclear facility, interferes with its operation, or commits any other act directed against a nuclear facility, in a manner which releases or risks the release of radioactive material —

(*a*) with the intent to cause —

(*i*) death or serious bodily injury, or

(*ii*) substantial damage to property or to the environment;

(*b*) with knowledge that the act is likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm to any person or substantial damage to property or to the environment by exposure to radiation or release of radioactive substances unless the act is undertaken in conformity with the existing laws and regulations; or

(*c*) to compel a natural or legal person, an international organization or a State to do or refrain from doing an act,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to life imprisonment.

(2) A person who threatens to commit an offence provided for in subsection (1) of this section, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years.

(3) A person who demands for a nuclear facility by threat, or by use of force or by any other form of intimidation, commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 46: Arms embargo.**

A person who supplies, sells, or transfers, directly or indirectly, to individuals placed on the Consolidated List, arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and their spare parts as well as technical advice, assistance, or training related to military activities, whether this conduct is carried out—

(*a*) within the territories of Nigeria;

(*b*) by nationals of Nigeria abroad; or

(*c*) by anyone using flag vessels or aircraft from Nigeria,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 47: Travel ban.**

An individual placed on the Consolidated List is not allowed entry into, or transit through, the territory of Nigeria, unless the individual is a citizen of Nigeria (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — DESIGNATION OF SPECIFIED ENTITIES AND REVOCATION OF CHARITIES

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 48: Orders designating certain entities to be specified entities.**

(1) Where the Attorney-General, based on the recommendation of the National Security Adviser, has reasonable grounds to suspect that an entity has knowingly committed, attempted to commit, participated in committing, facilitated the commission of an act of terrorism or an entity is knowingly acting on behalf of, at the direction of, or in association with an entity referred to in section 49 of this Bill, he may make an order under subsection (2) of this section in respect of that entity.

(2) Where the Attorney-General is satisfied that there is evidence to support the recommendation from the National Security Adviser under subsection (1) of this section, he may by an order published in the Federal Gazette designate an entity in respect of which the recommendation was made to be a specified entity.

(3) Within sixty days of the publication in the Federal Gazette, a specified entity may make an application in writing to the Attorney-General for the revocation of an order made under subsection (2) of this section.

(4) Where an application is made under subsection (3) of this section, the Attorney-General shall, after consulting the National Security Adviser that recommended the order on the specified entity, decide —

(*a*) whether there are reasonable grounds for revocation, and where he is satisfied that reasonable grounds exists, revoke the order and publish the notice of revocation in the Federal Gazette; or

(*b*) that there are no reasonable grounds for revocation of the order, and refuse the application.

(5) The Attorney-General shall, within sixty days of receiving the application referred to in subsection (4) of this section, inform the applicant of his decision to revoke or not to revoke the order.

(6) A specified entity which is aggrieved by the decision of the Attorney-General under this section may apply to the Court for a review of that decision within a period of thirty days from the date of the decision (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 49: Proscription of an entity.**

(1) Where two or more persons associate for the purpose of or where an entity engages in -

(*a*) participating or collaborating in an act of terrorism;

(*b*) promoting, encouraging or exhorting others to commit an act of terrorism; or

(*c*) setting up or pursuing acts of terrorism,

the Attorney-General shall with the approval of the President, apply to a Judge in Chambers to designate the association or the entity to be a proscribed entity and the notice of the Proscription Order shall be published in the Federal Gazette and in two national daily newspapers and at such other places as the Judge in Chambers may determine.

(2) A publication made under subsection (1) of this section shall contain such relevant particulars as the Judge in Chambers may specify.

(3) A person who belongs or professes to belong to a proscribed entity commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty-five years.

(4) It is a defence for a person charged under subsection (3) of this section to prove that the entity was not involved in any form of acts of terrorism at the time the person charged became or began to profess to be a member of the entity and that he has not taken part in the activities of the entity at any time after it has been designated to be a proscribed entity.

(5) Without prejudice to the provisions of section 51 of this Bill, the Attorney-General may, on the approval of the President, apply to the Judge in Chambers for the revocation of the Proscription Order where —

(*a*) the proscribed entity affected by the order makes an application to the Attorney - General to that effect; and

(*b*) he is satisfied that a proscribed entity has ceased to engage in the acts specified in subsection (1) of this section.

(6) The revocation of the Proscription Order under subsection (5) of this section shall be published in the Federal Gazette (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 50: Refusal or revocation of registration of charities linked to terrorist groups.**

(1) The Registrar-General of the Corporate Affairs Commission may sign a certificate refusing or revoking the registration of any charity —

(*a*) based on national security or criminal intelligence reports; or

(*b*) where there are reasonable grounds to believe that an applicant for registration as a registered charity has made, is making or is likely to make available any resources, directly or indirectly, to a terrorist group.

(2) A copy of the certificate signed under subsection (1) of this section shall be served on the applicant or the registered charity at its registered office address or by registered post sent to its last known address.

(3) The certificate or any matter arising out of it shall not be subject to review or be reinstated, set aside or otherwise dealt with, except in accordance with the provisions subsection (4) of this section.

(4) The Registrar-General of the Corporate Affairs Commission may authorise the withdrawal of a certificate refusing or revoking the registration of any charity where —

(*a*) the promoters or the charity affected by the certificate makes an application to the Registrar-General attaching the Court order made under section 51 of this Bill, approving the registration or relisting of the charity; or

(*b*) he is satisfied that the acts or circumstances specified in subsection (1) of this section on which the certificate was issued no longer exist.

(5) The withdrawal of a certificate refusing or revoking the registration of any charity under subsection (4) of this section shall be published in the Federal Gazette (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 51: Application for judicial review.**

(1) Within sixty days of receipt of a copy of a Proscription Order made under section 49 of this Bill or the refusal by the Registrar-General to withdraw the certificate refusing or revoking the registration of a charity under section 50 of this Bill, as the case may be, the applicant or the registered charity may make an application to the Court on Notice for a review.

(2) In consideration of the application under subsection (1) of this section, the Court shall —

(*a*) examine the security, criminal or intelligence report at the disposal of the Registrar-General of the Corporate Affairs Commission and any evidence or information presented by or on behalf of the Attorney-General;

(*b*) provide the applicant or charity with a reasonable opportunity to be heard; and

(*c*) determine whether the Proscription Order or certificate is reasonable on the basis of all the information available to the Court;

(3) Where the Court determines that the Proscription Order or certificate is not reasonable, the Court shall order the vacation of the Proscription Order or the registration or relisting of the charity, as the case may be.

(4) Where the Court determines under subsection (2) of this section that the Proscription Order or the certificate issued, as the case may be, is reasonable, it shall make an order to that effect.

(5) A Proscription Order or certificate determined to be reasonable or that is not objected to within sixty days after its issuance shall be deemed for all purposes to be sufficient grounds for the proscription of persons or entity named in the order or the refusal or revocation of the registration of the charity referred to in the certificate.

(6) Where the certificate under subsection (5) of this section is in respect of a revocation, the Registrar-General of the Corporate Affairs Commission shall publish the name of the charity in at least two national newspapers.

(7) The Attorney-General shall review all the Orders made and certificates issued under this Part every twelve months to determine whether there are still reasonable grounds for the Orders or certificates to continue to apply to a specified entity, proscribed entity or charity, and if he determines that there are no such reasonable grounds, he shall inform the relevant agency in charge of the matter of the decision to revoke an Order or withdraw a certificate in respect of a specified entity, proscribed entity or charity, as the case may be, unless there is proof to warrant the continued application of the Order or certificate (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 52: Designation of person, group or entity to be a terrorist.**

(1) The Attorney-General may, on the recommendation of the National Security Adviser, designate a person, group or an entity to be a terrorist where it is reasonably suspected that the person, group or entity —

(*a*) is or has been involved in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism;

(*b*) is a member of or belongs to a terrorist group, a specified entity under section 50 of this Bill or designated as such under the provisions of this Bill; or

(*c*) has a link with a terrorist group and the relevant agency in charge of the matter reasonably believes that the person, group or entity is a risk to national security;

(2) The Attorney-General may, on the recommendation of the National Security Adviser or based on information provided by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, designate a person, group or an entity to be an international terrorist or terrorist group where the person, group or entity, is —

(*a*) subject to the control or influence of persons outside Nigeria, and it is reasonably suspected that the person, group or entity is involved in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of international terrorism;

(*b*) listed as a person, group or entity involved in international terrorist acts in —

(*i*) any Resolution of the United Nations Security Council (in this Bill referred to as a "designated person, group or entity"), or

(*ii*) any instrument of the African Union or the Economic Community of West African States; or

(*c*) considered as a person, group or entity involved in international terrorist acts by the competent authority of a foreign State or organisation.

(3) Where the Attorney-General makes a designation under this section, he shall ensure that all take necessary steps are taken to apprehend and prosecute the terrorist or proscribe the terrorists group or entity, as the case may require, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

(4) Where a person designated as a terrorist under this section is a citizen of Nigeria, other than by birth or a citizen of any other country or State, the person may be deprived of his Nigerian citizenship in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 53: Publication of declarations.**

A declaration made under sections 48 and 52 of this Bill shall be published by the Attorney-General in the Federal Gazette (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — NIGERIAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 54: Constitution of the Nigerian Sanctions Committee.**

The Attorney-General shall, with the approval of the President, constitute the Nigeria Sanctions Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the Sanctions Committee") which shall comprise —

(*a*) the Attorney - General as Chairman;

(*b*) the Minister of Finance;

(*c*) the Minister of Foreign Affairs;

(*d*) the Minister of Interior;

(*e*) the National Security Adviser;

(*f*) the Director - General, Department of State Service;

(*g*) the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria;

(*h*) the Inspector - General of Police;

(*i*) the Director - General, National Intelligence Agency;

(*j*) a representative of the Chief of Defence Staff;

(*k*) the Director of the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit as Secretary; and

(*l*) any other relevant person or institution that the President may incorporate into the Sanctions Committee, from time to time (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 55: Functions and powers of the Sanctions Committee.**

The Sanctions Committee shall formulate and provide general policy guidelines on designations made under sections 48 and 52 of this Bill and advise on the effective implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions, and allied instruments of the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 56: Proceedings of the Sanctions Committee.**

(1) The Sanctions Committee shall meet at least twice in a year and any other time it is summoned by the Attorney-General.

(2) The Sanctions Committee shall prepare and submit to the President and the National Assembly a report on its activities during the preceding year, not later than 30thday of September in each year (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — RESPONSIBILITIES OF AIRLINES, COMMERCIAL CARRIERS, TOUR OPERATORS AND TRAVEL AGENTS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 57: Responsibilities of airlines, commercial carriers, tour operators and travel agents.**

(1) An airline, an operator, a sea vessel operator, commercial carrier, tour operator or travel agent shall not aid and abet, facilitate and promote terrorist activities.

(2) An airline, an operator, a sea vessel operator, commercial carrier, tour operator or travel agent shall notify its customers of its obligation under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) An airline, an operator, a sea vessel operator, commercial carrier, tour operator or travel agent is required to —

(*a*) insert in contracts with corresponding suppliers in destination countries, clauses requiring the suppliers to comply with the obligations stated in subsections (1) and (2) of this section;

(*b*) refrain from utilizing messages on printed materials, video or the internet that could suggest or allude to behaviour incompatible with the provisions of this Bill;

(*c*) inform their staff of their obligations under this Bill; and

(*d*) include clauses regarding their obligations under this Bill in their conditions of service.

(4) The operator of an aircraft or master of a vessel departing from Nigeria or registered in Nigeria but departing from any point outside Nigeria shall, subject to regulations made pursuant to this Bill, provide to the —

(*a*) relevant agencies any information in his possession, relating to persons on board or expected to be on board the aircraft or vessel, as the case may be; or

(*b*) competent authority in a foreign State any information in his possession relating to persons on board or expected to be on board the aircraft or vessel, as the case may be.

(5) An airline, an operator, a sea vessel operator, commercial carrier, tour operator or travel agent who fails to comply with the provisions of this Bill or violates the provisions of this section commits an offence and in addition to any other penalty provided in this Bill is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than ten million naira or the forfeiture of the vessel or aircraft belonging to the entity to any fund or agency established under any law for the recovery of proceeds of crime, or both (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 58: Issuance of warrant for terrorist investigation.**

(1) An authorised officer of a relevant agency may apply ex-parte to the Court for the issuance of a warrant for the purposes of a terrorist investigation.

(2) The Court may issue a warrant authorising an officer of a relevant agency to —

(*a*) enter the premises, place or conveyance specified or described in the warrant;

(*b*) search the premises, place or conveyance and any person found in the premises, place or conveyance; and

(*c*) seize and detain any relevant material found on the premises, place or conveyance.

(3) The Court shall not issue a warrant under subsection (2) of this section unless the Court is satisfied that —

(*a*) the warrant is sought to prevent the commission of an offence or to prevent interference in an investigation under this Bill;

(*b*) the warrant is required for the purposes of a terrorist investigation;

(*c*) there are reasonable grounds for believing that there is a person or material on the premises or conveyance which may be relevant to the terrorist investigation; or

(*d*) the person being sought is preparing or about to commit an offence under this Bill.

(4) Where a seizure is effected in the course of search or investigation under this section, a copy of the list of all the articles, documents and other materials seized shall be made, duly endorsed and handed to the —

(*a*) person on whom the search is made; or

(*b*) owner of the premises, place or conveyance searched (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 59: Investigation and search without warrant.**

(1) Subject to Subsection (5) of this Section, where in a case of urgency or a life is threatened, or to prevent the commission of an offence under this Bill, and an application to the Court or to a Judge in Chambers to obtain a warrant would cause delay that may be prejudicial to the maintenance of public safety or order, an officer of a relevant agency may, without prejudice to the provisions of section 58 of this Bill or any other law, with the assistance of other officers as may be necessary and while search warrant is being sought for —

(*a*) enter and search any premises, place or conveyance if he has reason to suspect that, within those premises, place or conveyance —

(*i*) an offence under this Bill is being committed or likely to be committed, or

(*ii*) there is evidence of the commission of an offence under this Bill, or

(*iii*) there is an urgent need to prevent the commission of an offence under this Bill;

(*b*) search any person or conveyance found on any premises or place which the officer is empowered to enter and search under paragraph (*a*) of this subsection;

(*c*) stop, board and search any conveyance where the authorised officers of the relevant agency has reasons to suspect that there is evidence of the commission or likelihood of the commission of an offence under this Bill;

(*d*) seize, remove and detain anything which is, or contains or appears to him to be or to contain or to be likely to contain, evidence of the commission of an offence under this Bill; or

(*e*) arrest, search and detain any person whom the officer reasonably suspects to have committed or likely to commit an offence under this Bill.

(2) Where a seizure is effected in the course of search or investigation under this section, a copy of the list of all the articles, documents and other materials seized shall be made, duly endorsed and handed to the —

(*a*) person on whom the search is made; or

(*b*) owner of the premises, place or conveyance searched.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a woman shall only be searched by a woman.

(4) An authorised officer of a relevant agency who uses such force as may be necessary and proportionate for any purpose in accordance with this Bill, shall not be liable in any criminal or civil proceedings, for having, by the use of reasonable force, caused injury or death to any person or damage to or loss of any property.

(5) A relevant agency shall, within ninety days of exercising the powers conferred by this section, provide a detailed report to the Attorney-General on the exercise of the powers, describing the urgency or life threatening situation that necessitated the exercise of the powers with justification on why obtaining a warrant would have caused delay that may be prejudicial to the maintenance of public safety or order (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 60: Recording measurements, samples, photographs or fingerprint impressions during investigations.**

(1) An authorised officer of any relevant agency shall take and record, for the purpose of identification and evidence, the measurements, samples, photographs and fingerprint impressions of all persons who may, from time to time, be in lawful custody for an offence under this Bill.

(2) A person who refuses to submit to the taking and recording of his measurements, photographs or fingerprint impressions shall be taken before the court and where the court is satisfied that the person is in lawful custody, it shall make such Order as it deems fit authorising the relevant agency, its duly authorised officers or any enforcement or security officer to take measurements, photographs and fingerprint impressions of the person (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 61: Detention for offences related to terrorism.**

(1) Notwithstanding provisions in any other law, the Court may, pursuant to an ex-parte application, grant an Order for the detention of a suspect under this Bill for a period not exceeding sixty days subject to renewal for a similar period until the conclusion of the investigation and prosecution of the matter that led to the arrest and detention is dispensed with provided that in the case of renewal, the relevant agency in charge of the matter shall notify the Attorney-General.

(2) A person found on any premises or place or in any conveyance may be detained by the relevant law enforcement or security officer until the completion of the search or investigation under the provisions of this Bill.

(3) An authorised officer of the relevant agency in charge of the matter may use such force as may be necessary and proportionate for the exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of this section (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 62: Access to a detained person pending conclusion of terrorist investigation.**

(1) Where a person is arrested under reasonable suspicion of having committed an offence under this Bill, the relevant agency in charge of the matter may direct that the person arrested be detained in custody for a period not exceeding forty-eight hours from his arrest, as the case may be, without having access to —

(*a*) any person other than a medical officer of the relevant agency in charge of the matter and a government appointed legal practitioner; or

(*b*) any phone or communication gadget.

(2) A direction under subsection (1) of this section shall not be issued unless the relevant agency in charge of the matter believes that giving access to any person, other than the medical officer or a government appointed lawyer as specified in that subsection shall -

(*a*) lead to interference with or destruction of the evidence connected with an offence under this Bill or to interference with or physical injury to other persons;

(*b*) lead to alerting of other persons suspected of having committed an offence under this Bill or any other law but who are not yet arrested; or

(*c*) hinder the tracking, search and seizure of terrorist property.

(3) As soon as a direction is issued under subsection (1) of this section, the person detained shall be informed that he may, if he so wishes, be examined by a medical officer or speak to a government appointed lawyer.

(4) Where a person arrested under this Bill is granted a bail within the period of detention stipulated under section 61 of this Bill, the Court may make such orders as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the relevant agency in charge of the matter to monitor his movement and activities, including an order that he be placed under a house arrest.

(5) A person under house arrest pursuant to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall —

(*a*) be monitored by the authorised officers of the relevant agency in charge of the matter; and

(*b*) have no access to phones or communication gadgets (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 63: Interception of communications order.**

(1) Without prejudice to any other law, a relevant agency may, in consultation with the National Security Adviser and with the approval of the Attorney General, for the purpose of the prevention of acts of terrorism or to enhance the detection of offences related to the preparation of an act of terrorism or the prosecution of offenders under this Bill, apply ex-parte to a Judge in chambers for an "interception of communication order".

(2) A Judge to whom an application is made under subsection (1) of this section may make an order to —

(*a*) require a communication service provider to intercept and retain a specified communication or communications of a specified description received or transmitted or about to be received or transmitted by that communication service provider, including the call record data or metadata.

(*b*) authorise a relevant agency to enter any premises and to install in such premises, any device for the interception and retention of a communication or communications of specified description and to remove and retain such a device for the purpose of intelligence gathering; or

(*c*) authorise a relevant agency to execute covert operation in relation to an identified or suspected terrorist group, entity or persons for the purpose of gathering intelligence.

(3) An order made under subsection (1) of this section shall specify the maximum period for which a communication service provider may be required to retain communications data to which the order relates, subject to renewal.

(4) Any information contained in a communication —

(*a*) intercepted and retained pursuant to an order under subsection (2) of this section; or

(*b*) intercepted and retained in a foreign State in accordance with the law of that foreign State and certified by a Judge of that foreign State to have been so intercepted and retained,

is admissible in proceedings for an offence under this Bill, as evidence of the truth of its content.

(5) In this section —

"communications service provider" means a person who provides postal, information or communication services, including the transmission or reception of communications and other telecommunications services;

"data" means information generated, sent, received or stored that can be retrieved by electronic, magnetic, optical or any similar means; and

"metadata" means data that provides information about other data (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 64: Detention of a conveyance.**

(1) A relevant agency may issue a detention order in respect of a conveyance, if it is of the opinion that —

(*a*) a threat has been made to commit an act of violence against the conveyance or against any person or property on board the conveyance;

(*b*) the conveyance is used or intended to be used to commit an offence under this Bill; or

(*c*) an act of violence is likely to be committed against the conveyance, or against any person or property on board the conveyance.

(2) Where the operator of a conveyance fails to comply with a detention order under subsection (1) of this section, an authorised officer of a relevant agency may —

(*a*) enter or authorise any other person to enter the conveyance; or

(*b*) arrange for a person or thing to be removed from the conveyance.

(3) The authorised officer of a relevant agency shall give written notice to the operator of the conveyance of any detention order issued under this section.

(4) Where the operator of a conveyance objects to a detention order made pursuant to this section, the operator may apply to the Court, and the Court may, after considering the application, confirm, vary or cancel the order.

(5) A person who —

(*a*) without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the requirement of a detention order; or

(*b*) intentionally obstructs or hinders any person acting in accordance with subsection (2) of this section,

commits an offence under this Bill and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 65: Video recording and custody of records.**

(1) A video recording shall be made and kept in respect of any person, conveyance or property detained under any provision of this Bill as may be required by a relevant agency.

(2) Records in respect of any person, conveyance or property detained under any provision of this Bill shall be kept in the custody of a relevant agency.

(3) A video recording and other forms of electronic evidence shall be admissible in evidence before any court of competent jurisdiction in Nigeria for offences under this Bill subject to the provisions of the Evidence Act.

(4) In this section, "video recording" includes the recording of visual images sound by electronic or other technological means (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 66: Evidence by certificate.**

Where in any proceedings for an offence under this Bill, a question arises as to whether anything or substance is a weapon, a hazardous, radioactive or harmful substance, a toxic chemical or microbial or other biological agent or toxin, a certificate purporting to be signed by an appropriate authority to the effect that the thing or substance described in the certificate is a weapon, hazardous, radioactive or harmful substance, a toxic chemical or microbial or other biological agent or toxin, shall —

(*a*) be admissible in evidence without proof of the signature of the person appearing to have signed it; and

(*b*) in the absence of evidence to the contrary, be proof of the facts stated in the certificate (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 67: Protection of informants and information.**

Where a person voluntarily provides to a relevant agency any information that may be useful in the investigation or prosecution of an offence under this Bill, the relevant agency shall take all reasonable measures to protect the identity and life of that person and the information so provided shall be treated as confidential (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 68: Protection of persons and witnesses.**

(1) The Court may on its own, or on an application or motion by the Attorney-General or the relevant agency in charge of the matter protect a witness or any person in any proceeding before it where it is satisfied that the life of the person or witness is in danger and take such measures as it considers fit to keep the identity and address of the witness or person secret.

(2) The measures which the Court may take under subsection (1) of this section, include —

(*a*) the holding of the proceeding at a place to be decided by the court;

(*b*) avoiding the mention of the real name and address of the witness or person in its orders, judgments or records of the case, which are accessible to the public;

(*c*) issuing a direction for ensuring that the identity and address of the witness or person are not disclosed; and

(*d*) undertaking the proceeding in camera in order to protect the identity and location of witnesses and other persons.

(3) The Court may also decide, in the public interest and national security that —

(*a*) all or any of the proceedings pending before the Court shall not be published in any manner; and

(*b*) the proceedings shall be adjourned and the accused persons detained pending when the Attorney-General or the relevant agency in charge of the matter is able to guarantee the safety of the witnesses and other persons involved in the matter.

(4) The Court may, on an application by or on behalf of the relevant agency in charge of the matter, in the interest of public safety or order, exclude from proceedings for any offence under this Bill any person other than the parties and their legal representatives.

(5) The Court may, on the application of the Attorney-General, reduce the penalty imposed on a person convicted of an offence in such manner as the Court considers fit where that person has —

(*a*) before any proceeding, made possible or facilitated the identification of other accused persons and their sponsors; or;

(*b*) after the commencement of the proceedings, made possible or facilitated the arrest of the persons and their sponsors mentioned in paragraph (*a*) of this subsection.

(6) A person who contravenes an order or direction made under this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 69: Power to prosecute.**

The Attorney-General shall institute and undertake criminal proceedings against any person in respect of offences committed under this Bill or any law or regulation relating to counter-terrorism (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 70: Power to declare a state of emergency.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as altered), the President may in accordance with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, by proclamation published in the Federal Gazette, declare a state of emergency in Nigeria or in any part of Nigeria as part of anti - terrorism measures.

(2) On the declaration of a state of emergency under subsection (1) of this section, the President may take such measures as he considers necessary and justifiable for the purpose of dealing with the situation that exists during the period that the state of emergency is in force (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IX — JURISDICTION

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 71: Jurisdiction to try offences under this Bill.**

(1) The Federal High Court (in this Part referred to as "the Court") located in any part of Nigeria regardless of the location where the offence is committed has jurisdiction to try offences under this Bill or any other related enactment and to hear and determine proceedings arising under this Bill whether or not the offence was commenced in Nigeria and completed outside Nigeria and the victim or the alleged offender is —

(*a*) in Nigeria;

(*b*) on a ship or aircraft registered in Nigeria;

(*c*) dealing with or on behalf of the Government of Nigeria, or a citizen of Nigeria or an entity registered in Nigeria, or

(*d*) outside Nigeria —

(*i*) where the victim of the offence is a citizen or resident of Nigeria,

(*ii*) where the alleged offender is in Nigeria and not extradited to any other country for prosecution, or

(*iii*) by a Nigerian, if the person's conduct would also constitute an offence under a law of the country where the offence was committed.

(2) The Court has jurisdiction to impose any penalty provided for an offence under this Bill or any other related law.

(3) In any trial for an offence under this Bill, the Court may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other enactment, adopt all legal measures necessary to avoid unnecessary delays and abuse in the conduct of matters.

(4) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as altered), an application for stay of proceedings or for an interlocutory injunction in respect of any matter brought under this Bill shall not be entertained by the Court but shall be stayed until judgment in the matter is delivered by the Court .

(5) Whenever a person is convicted of an offence under this Bill, the Court in passing sentence shall in addition to any punishment which the Court may impose in respect of the offence, order the forfeiture, to the Federal Government of Nigeria, of any —

(*a*) terrorist fund with any accrued or accruing interest thereon;

(*b*) terrorist property;

(*c*) article, substance, device or material by means of which the offence was committed; or

(*d*) conveyance used in the commission of the offence;

which is reasonably believed to have been used in the commission of the offence or for the purpose of or in connection with the commission of the offence and which may have been seized under this Bill or is in the possession or custody or under the control of the convicted person.

(6) In any trial for an offence under this Bill, the fact that an accused person is in possession of terrorist property, devices or instruments or deadly weapons or nuclear or biological weapons for which he cannot satisfactorily account for, may be proved and taken into consideration by the Court as corroborating the testimony of any witness in the trial (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART X — SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF TERRORIST PROPERTY OR FUNDS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 72: Property tracing.**

(1) Where a relevant agency has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person has committed, is committing or is likely to commit an act of terrorism or is in possession of terrorist property, it may, for the purposes of an investigation under this Bill, with the approval of the Attorney-General, apply ex-parte to the Court or a Judge in Chambers for an order —

(*a*) compelling the suspect to deliver to the relevant agency any document relevant to identifying, locating or quantifying any property belonging to or in the possession or control of that person;

(*b*) requiring a financial institution or designated non-financial institution to produce or deliver to the relevant agency all information and documents regarding any business transaction conducted by or on behalf of the suspect; or

(*c*) requiring a telecommunications operator, communications service provider or other institution to produce or deliver to the relevant agency all information, logs and documents relevant for identifying, locating, tracing or intercepting any communications or equipment belonging to or in the possession or control of the suspect.

(2) Where a person fails to comply with, delays or is otherwise obstructing the execution of an order made under subsection (1) of this section, the Court may, on information or affidavit sworn to that effect by the relevant agency in charge of the matter, authorise the relevant agency to enter into any premises, including that of a financial institution, a telecommunications operator or communications service provider, to search and remove any document for the purpose of executing such order (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 73: Disclosure of assets and property by an arrested person.**

(1) Where a person is arrested for committing an offence under this Bill, he shall make full disclosure of all his assets and properties by completing the Declaration of Assets Form as specified in Form 1 in the Schedule to this Bill.

(2) The disclosures made in the Declaration of Assets Form shall be investigated by the relevant agency in charge of the matter.

(3) A person who —

(*a*) knowingly fails to make full disclosure of his assets and liabilities;

(*b*) knowingly makes a declaration that is false; or

(*c*) fails, neglects or refuses to make a declaration or furnish any information required, in the Declaration of Assets Form,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of two years.

(4) In all terrorist investigations, regardless of whether the act of terrorism has been completed or not, the relevant agency in charge of the matter shall request from the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (in this Bill referred to as 'the Unit") in writing, any information that may assist in the tracing of all funds or properties in or outside Nigeria that may be directly or indirectly linked to a suspected terrorist, terrorist group or entity (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 71: Seizure of terrorist fund or property.**

(1) A relevant agency shall seize terrorist fund or property where it has reasonable grounds to suspect that the fund or property —

(*a*) is intended to be used for the purposes of terrorism;

(*b*) belongs to or is held in trust for a terrorist group or specified entity; or

(*c*) is or represents property or part of property obtained through acts directly or indirectly linked to terrorism.

(2) A relevant agency may seize terrorist fund or property where —

(*a*) the seizure is incidental to an arrest or search; or

(*b*) the fund or property is liable to forfeiture upon an order made by the Court following an application by the relevant agency.

(3) A relevant agency may, in the interest of public order, defence and national security, exercise its powers under subsection (1) of this section, whether or not any proceeding has been brought for an offence in connection with a terrorist fund or property.

(4) A Judge in Chambers or a Court shall not make a detention or attachment order of any terrorist fund or property seized in accordance with the provisions of this section unless the Judge or Court is satisfied that reasonable grounds exist for suspecting that the terrorist fund or property —

(*a*) is derived from an act of terrorism or is being used or is intended to be used for the purposes of terrorism;

(*b*) consists of resources of a terrorist, terrorist group or specified entity;

(*c*) is or represents property or part of a property obtained directly or indirectly through terrorist activities; or

(*d*) has given every person appearing to have an interest in the property a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(5) Subject to subsection (7) of this section, any order made under subsection (4) of this section shall remain valid for a period of ninety days and may be renewed for a further period of ninety days or until the production of the terrorist fund or property before the court.

(6) The terrorist fund or the proceeds from the terrorist property seized under this section shall be deposited by a relevant agency in a designated account as provided for under any enactment proceeds of crime.

(7) The terrorist fund or property, together with the accrued interest may be released to the owner by an order of the Court or a Judge in Chambers where proceedings are not brought in connection with the terrorist fund or property seized.

(8) Whenever property is seized under any of the provisions of this Bill, a relevant agency may —

(*a*) place the property under seal;

(*b*) auction the property and pay the proceeds into a designated account as provided for under relevant law pending the determination of the matter with the leave of the Court; or

(*c*) remove the property to a place designated by the relevant agency.

(9) Property taken or detained under this section shall be deemed to be in the custody of the relevant agency subject to the order of the Court (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 75: Order of the Court relating to seized property.**

(1) Where a person is charged or about to be charged with an offence under this Bill, the relevant agency in charge of the matter may apply to the Court or to a Judge in Chambers for a detention or attachment order of all frozen funds and seized property belonging to or held on behalf of the suspect.

(2) An order made under subsection (1) of this section may —

(*a*) prohibit a person from making money or property available to or for the benefit of the suspect, except in cases of critical need including reasonable subsistence expenses;

(*b*) authorise the relevant agency in charge of the matter to make money or other property available to such person on such conditions as may be specified in the order;

(*c*) authorise the relevant agency in charge of the matter to transfer such property to the relevant agency in charge of proceeds of crime to auction and pay the proceeds into the designated account especially where the property in question is perishable or is likely to perish or in imminent danger of perishing or being destroyed;

(*d*) require the suspect to provide such information or produce such document as may be required or necessary for an investigation under this Bill; or

(*e*) include such other conditions as the Court or Judge in Chambers may impose.

(3) The Court or Judge in Chambers may, on an application made to it by the Attorney-General or on the advice of the Attorney-General, direct the relevant agency in charge of proceeds of crime to auction or manage the property of the suspect during the period of operation of an order made under this section.

(4) An order made under this section shall remain in force and shall be published in two national daily newspapers until the determination of any charge or intended charge under subsection (1) of this section and, if there is a conviction, until an order for forfeiture is made by the Court or proceedings relating to the forfeiture are concluded.

(5) Where an order made under this section ceases to have effect, the relevant agency in charge of the matter shall cause notice of that fact to be published in the Federal Gazette and in two national daily newspapers within sixty days of the cessation.

(6) The relevant agency in charge of the matter shall —

(*a*) cause notice of an order made under this section to be published in the Federal Gazette and in two national daily newspapers; and

(*b*) give notice of the order to —

(*i*) financial institutions and designated non-financial institutions; and

(*ii*) any other person who may hold or be vested with property belonging to or held on behalf of the suspect or convicted person.

(7) Any payment, transfer, pledge or other disposition of property made in contravention of an order made under this section shall be void.

(8) Property forfeited to the Federal Government shall vest in the Federal Government where —

(*a*) no appeal has been made against the order, at the end of the period within which an appeal may be made against the order; and

(*b*) an appeal has been made against the order, on the final determination of the appeal where the appeal is decided in favour of the Federal Government.

(9) In this section, "critical need" means serious life-threatening need (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 76: Freezing order on banks or other financial institutions.**

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment, where a person is arrested or under investigation for an offence under this Bill or in any other circumstance whether or not connected to an arrest or investigation, the head of the relevant agency in charge of the matter or his authorised representative may, if satisfied that the fund in the account of an arrested person is —

(*a*) made through the commission of an offence;

(*b*) reasonably suspected to be made through the commission of an offence; or

(*c*) destined to be used for the commission of an offence under this Bill,

apply to the Court ex-parte for an order authorising the relevant agency in charge of the matter to issue an order as specified in Form 2 in the Schedule to this Bill, addressed to the manager of the bank or any person in control of the financial institution where the account is or believed to be or the head office of the bank or other financial institution; to freeze the account.

(2) The head of the relevant agency in charge of the matter may by an order issued under subsection (1) of this section, or by any subsequent order, direct the bank or other financial institution to supply any information and produce books and documents relating to the account and to stop all outward payments, operations or transactions, including any bill of exchange, in respect of the account of the arrested person or a person under investigation.

(3) The manager or any other person in control of the bank or a financial institution shall take necessary steps to comply with the requirements of the order made pursuant to subsection (1) and (2) of this section (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 77: Confiscated and Forfeited Assets Account.**

All forfeited funds, and funds realized from the proceeds of sale, management or other forms of disposal of seized, attached and forfeited assets under this Bill and vested in the Federal Government shall be paid into the Confiscated and Forfeited Assets Account established under any enactment dealing with the proceeds of crime (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XI — OBLIGATIONS OF FINANCIAL AND DESIGNATED NON-FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 78: Obligation to develop counter-financing of terrorism programmes and strategies.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of the Money Laundering (Prohibition and Prevention) Act, all financial institutions and designated non-financial institutions shall —

(*a*) develop and implement programmes and strategies for combating the financing of terrorism; and

(*b*) keep a record of any complex, unusual large and unusual pattern of transaction which has no apparent economic or visible lawful source or purpose.

(2) A report detailing all the parties involved in such transactions shall be kept and made available on request by the relevant agency in charge of the matter (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 78 *stands part of the Bill* ***— Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 79: Obligation to report suspicious transactions relating to terrorism.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, a financial institution or designated non-financial institution shall, within forty-eight hours, forward reports of suspicious transactions relating to terrorism or terrorism financing to the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit which shall immediately process and forward the information to the relevant agency in charge of the matter where there are sufficient reasons to suspect that the funds —

(*a*) are derived from legal or illegal sources but are intended to be used for an act of terrorism or terrorism financing;

(*b*) are proceeds of a crime related to terrorism or terrorism financing; or

(*c*) belong to a person, entity or organisation considered as terrorists.

(2) A financial institution or a designated non-financial institution is not liable for violation of the confidentiality rules for any lawful action taken in furtherance of its obligations under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) A breach of the provision of this section is an offence under this Bill and is punishable on conviction —

(*a*) in the case of a director, chief compliance officers, or other employees, with a fine of not less than five million naira or imprisonment for a term of not less than five years or both; and

(*b*) in the case of a financial institution or non-financial institution, to a fine of not less than ten million naira and one million naira for every day the offence persists, or the withdrawal of license or forfeiture of assets of the institution, or to all the above prescribed penalties.

(4) The officer responsible for this breach may also be referred by the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit to the appropriate regulatory or professional body for disciplinary action, including withdrawal of certificates and debarment from practising his or her profession for a period of not less than five years.

(5) Where a breach of the provision of subsection (1) of this section occurs and it is shown that the breach was not intentional, and that adequate measures were put in place by the financial institution or the designated non-financial institution to prevent the breach from occurring, the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit in consultation with the Regulator or the Self-Regulatory Organisation responsible for the financial institution or designated non-financial institution shall impose such administrative sanctions as it may consider necessary.

(6) The Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit and the Regulator or the Self-Regulatory Organisation shall publish, on their website and in any other form of publication as considered appropriate, the list of individuals and institutions penalised under this section (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 79 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

PART XII — MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXTRADITION

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 80: Requests from foreign States.**

(1) A foreign State may make a request to the Attorney-General for assistance in the investigation and prosecution of offences relating to terrorism.

(2) The Attorney-General shall furnish a copy of a request for assistance to the National Security Adviser.

(3) Where a foreign State makes a request for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of an offence relating to terrorism or extradition where there is mutual legal assistance treaty in force, the Attorney-General may, after due consideration —

(*a*) execute the request; or

(*b*) inform the requesting State of any reason for —

(*i*) not executing the request, or

(*ii*) delaying the execution of the request.

(4) Where the Attorney-General decides to execute a request for assistance under subsection (1) of this section, he may apply to the Court for —

(*a*) an order for the relevant agency in charge of the matter to —

(*i*) enter and search specified premises or conveyance,

(*ii*) search any specified person, or

(*iii*) remove any relevant document or material; and

(*b*) a seizure order; property tracing order; interception of communication order; or an order for freezing or forfeiture of property or funds in such manner as may be prescribed by the Court or Judge in Chambers

(5) The Court or Judge in Chambers, in making an order under subsection (4) of this section, may impose such conditions as to payment of debts, sale, transfer or disposal of any property as the Court or Judge considers fit.

(6) Where a prima facie case is established on the basis of the request from a foreign State, the Attorney-General shall file a request for an order of forfeiture of all funds or properties used, being used or intended to be used for the commission of an act of terrorism and the Court or Judge in Chambers shall grant or reject the application for an order of forfeiture after hearing from all parties, including a bona fide third party (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 80 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to*.**

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 81: Request to a foreign State.**

(1) The Attorney-General may, on the recommendation of the National Security Adviser , make a request to any foreign State for —

(*a*) evidence or information relevant to an offence under this Bill;

(*b*) the restraint and forfeiture of any fund or property located in that foreign State and which is liable to be forfeited for being a terrorist fund or property that is used, being used or intended to be used for the commission of an act of terrorism.

(2) The Attorney-General may, for the purpose of giving evidence in relation to any proceedings for an offence under this Bill, apply to the Court or a Judge in Chambers for an order directed to any person resident in a foreign State to —

(*a*) deliver himself or any document or material in his possession or under his control to the jurisdiction of the Court; or

(*b*) subject to the approval of the foreign State, deliver himself to the jurisdiction of the court of the foreign State (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 81 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to*.**

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 82: Evidence pursuant to a request.**

(1) The evidence taken pursuant to section 81 of this Bill, may in any proceedings in a court of a foreign State, if it is authenticated, be prima facie admissible in any proceedings to which the evidence relates, provided that the circumstances and method of collecting the evidence is acceptable to Nigeria.

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section, a document is authenticated if it is —

(*a*) signed or certified by a Judge or Magistrate of the foreign State;

(*b*) authenticated by the oath or affirmation of a witness; or

(*c*) sealed with an official or public seal —

(*i*) of a Ministry or Department of the Government of the foreign State, or

(*ii*) in the case of a foreign territory, protectorate or colony, of the person administering the Government of the foreign territory, protectorate or colony or a department of that territory, protectorate or colony (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 82 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 83: Form of requests.**

(1) A request under this Part shall be in writing, dated and signed by or on behalf of the person making the request.

(2) A request may be transmitted by facsimile or by any other electronic device or means.

(3) A request shall —

(*a*) confirm either that an investigation or prosecution is being conducted in respect of a suspected offence of terrorism or an act related to terrorism or that a person has been convicted of an offence of terrorism or act related to terrorism;

(*b*) state the grounds on which a person is being investigated or prosecuted for an offence related to terrorism or details of the conviction of the person;

(*c*) give sufficient particulars of the identity of the person;

(*d*) give sufficient particulars to identify any financial institution or designated non - financial institution or other persons believed to have information, documents or materials which may be of assistance to the investigation or prosecution;

(*e*) specify the manner in which and to whom any information, document or material obtained pursuant to the request is to be produced;

(*f*) specify the information, document or material to be obtained from a financial institution or designated non - financial institution or any person which may assist the investigation or prosecution;

(*g*) state whether —

(*i*) a freezing or forfeiture order is required, or

(*ii*) the property may be made the subject of such an order; and

(*h*) contain such other information as may assist in the execution of the request.

(4) A request shall not be invalidated for the purposes of this Bill or any legal proceedings by failure to comply with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section where the Attorney General is satisfied that there is sufficient compliance to enable him execute the request.

(5) The Attorney - General, where he considers it appropriate, either because an international arrangement so requires or permits or it is in the public interest, may, after deducting the cost incurred for actions taken in Nigeria, make recommendations that any part of any property forfeited under this Bill or the value thereof, be returned or remitted to the requesting State (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 83 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 84: Extradition.**

(1) Offences under this Bill are considered to be extraditable crimes for which extradition may be requested, granted or obtained under the Extradition Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a person shall not be extradited pursuant to this Bill, where the Government has substantial grounds for believing that a request for extradition for an offence has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing a person on account of that person's race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin or political opinion or that compliance with the request would cause prejudice to that person's position for any of these reasons (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 84 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 85: Exchange of information relating to acts of terrorism, terrorists and terrorist entities, etc.**

(1) A relevant agency may, in consultation with the National Security Adviser and with the approval of the Attorney-General, on a formal request made by the appropriate authority of a foreign state, disclose to that authority, any information in its possession or any other government department, relating to any of the following —

(*a*) the actions or movements of terrorist entities or persons suspected of involvement in the preparation or the commission of acts of terrorism;

(*b*) the use of forged or falsified travel papers by persons suspected of involvement in the preparation or the commission of acts of terrorism;

(*c*) traffic in explosives or other lethal devices or sensitive materials by terrorist entities, groups or persons suspected of involvement in the preparation or the commission of acts of terrorism; and

(*d*) the use of communication technologies by terrorist entities or persons.

(2) Where the Attorney-General, on the recommendation of the National Security Adviser , considers that there are no means or conditions under which the information, documents or evidence requested could be provided, disclosed or given without prejudice to the national security of Nigeria, he —

(*a*) may refuse the request for the production of the document or the disclosure of the evidence or refuse the authorisation of the production of the document or the disclosure of the information; and

(*b*) shall notify the requesting authority of the foreign State of the reasons for doing so, unless the specification of those reasons would in itself, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, be prejudicial to the national security of Nigeria (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 85 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

PART XIII — SPECIAL VICTIMS TRUST FUND

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 86: Establishment of Victims Trust Fund.**

(1) There shall be established in the Federal Ministry of Finance a Victims Trust Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Trust Fund"), into which shall be paid —

(*a*) any take-off grant and special intervention funds as may be provided by the Federal Government;

(*b*) such moneys as may be appropriated to meet the objectives of the Trust Fund by the National Assembly;

(*d*) aids, grants, gifts, bequests, endowments, donations or assistance from bilateral and multi-lateral international Agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations, other donor agencies, partners and the private sector or from any other sources;

(*e*) moneys derived from investments made by the Trust Fund;

(*f*) monies received from any fund under any enactment relating to proceeds of crimes; and

(*g*) any other moneys which may accrue to the Trust Fund from time to time.

(2) The Fund shall accept the sources of moneys referred to in paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of this section except where the terms and conditions attached to the aid, grant, gift, bequest, endowment, donation or assistance, as the case may be, are inconsistent with the objective of the Trust Fund or the provisions of this Bill.

(3) The Minister of Finance shall, on the recommendation of the Victims Trust Fund Committee established under section 87 of this Bill, make regulations and issue guidelines for the management of the Fund established under subsection (1) of this section and related matters.

(4) The Trust Fund shall be utilised to —

(*i*) pay compensation, restitution and damages to victims of acts of terrorism ;

(*ii*) fund terrorism prevention programs and such other purposes incidental to or connected with the attainment of the objectives of this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 86 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to*.**

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 87: Establishment of the Special Victims Trust Fund Committee.**

There is established, for the purpose of administering the Trust Fund established under section 86 of this Bill, a body to be known as the Special Victims Trust Fund Committee (in this Bill referred to as 'the Trust Fund Committee') which shall, subject to the provisions of this Bill, have general control over the management of the Trust Fund (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 87 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to*.**

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 88: Composition of the Special Victims Trust Fund Committee.**

(1) The Trust Fund Committee shall consist of —

(*a*) the Minister of Finance who shall be the Chairman;

(*b*) a representative of the Minister of Justice ;

(*c*) a representative of the Inspector - General of Police;

(*d*) a representative of the National Security Adviser;

(*e*) two representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations whose focus is on the prevention of acts of terrorism.

(*f*) a representative of the Director - General, Department of State Service; and

(*g*) representative of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation , who shall be the Secretary to the Committee.

(2) A representative under subsection (2) of this section shall not be below the rank of a Director in the public service of the Federation or its equivalent.

(3) Members of the Trust Fund Committee shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Attorney-General (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 88 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to*.**

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 89: Functions of the Trust Fund Committee.**

The Trust Fund Committee shall be responsible for —

(*a*) receiving all moneys, aids, grants, gifts, bequests, endowments, donations or assistance accruing to the fund;

(*b*) determining victims of acts of terrorism who are entitled to benefit from the Trust Fund; and

(*c*) approving the disbursements of moneys from the Trust Fund to victims of acts of terrorism (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 89 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 90: Tenure of office of members of the Trust Fund Committee.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, members of the Trust Fund Committee specified in subsection 88(1) (e) of this section shall hold office for a term of four years in the first instance and may be eligible for reappointment for another term of four years and no more.

(2) A member of the Trust Fund Committee shall cease to hold office if —

(*a*) his term of office expires;

(*b*) he resigns his office by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President;

(*c*) he dies;

(*d*) he is incapable of carrying out his duties due to mental or physical infirmity;

(*f*) he has been declared bankrupt or he makes compromise with his creditors;

(*g*) has been convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty;

(*h*) he is guilty of gross misconduct relating to his duties;

(*i*) the President directs the removal of the member upon being satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Trust Fund, Trust Fund Committee or of the public for the person to continue in office as a member of the Trust Fund Committee; or

(*j*) in the case of an ex - officio member, he ceases to hold the office on the basis of which he became a member of the Trust Fund Committee (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 90 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 91: Proceedings of the Trust Fund Committee.**

The Trust Fund Committee —

(*a*) shall meet at least twice in a year and on such other occasions as it may consider necessary to carry out its functions under this Part;

(*b*) may make rules and standing orders to regulate its proceedings or those of its committees;

(*c*) may co-opt any person to assist it in carrying out its assignments under this Bill, provided that a co-opted member shall not have the right to vote at Committee meetings; and

(*d*) may appoint one or more sub-committees to carry out its functions on its behalf (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 91 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to*.**

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 92: Annual report.**

The Trust Fund Committee shall prepare and submit to the President and the National Assembly a report on its activities during the preceding year, not later than 30thday of September in each year (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 92 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to*.**

PART XIV — MISCELLANEOUS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 93: Service of documents.**

A notice, summons or other documents required or authorized to be served on a relevant agency under the provisions of this Bill or any other law or enactment may be served by delivering it to or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the head office of the relevant institution or relevant agency (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 93 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to*.**

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 94: Restriction on execution against property of a relevant agency, etc.**

In an action or a suit against a relevant agency, no execution or attachment process in any nature shall be issued against a relevant agency unless not less than three months' notice of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the head of the relevant agency concerned (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 94 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to*.**

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 95: Regulations.**

(1) The Attorney-General may for the purpose of this Bill make such regulations as are necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Bill.

(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) of this section may provide for the —

(*a*) types of financial or other related services which may not be provided to specially designated entities;

(*b*) procedures for the specification of entities and proscription of terrorist groups;

(*c*) method of compliance with United Nations Resolutions, the Resolutions of the African Union, Economic Community of West African States and other bilateral and multilateral arrangements in respect of acts of terrorism and forfeiture of assets;

(*d*) method for the seizure, freezing, forfeiture and the management of all terrorist properties in Nigeria;

(*e*) method of custody of video and other electronic recordings of suspects apprehended under this Bill;

(*f*) procedure for the use of covert techniques such as interception of communication, acquisition of communication data, covert surveillance, use of undercover officers or public informants, decryption of protected electronic information and allied interferences;

(*g*) procedure for the effective management and prompt prosecution of terrorist cases in line with the highest professional standards and international human rights standards;

(*h*) protection of informants, witnesses and other persons;

(*i*) the prevention of the entry into or transit in Nigeria of the person or group; and

(*j*) any other matter connected with the implementation of the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 95 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 96: Consequential amendments.**

(1) The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004 is amended by deleting —

(*a*) Section 15 of the Act; and

(*b*) the word "terrorism" and the meanings ascribed to it under section 46 of that Act.

(2) Without prejudice to section 6 of the Interpretation Act, the consequential amendments to certain provisions of the Economic and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004 specified in subsection (1) of this section shall not affect anything done under or pursuant to the amended sections.

(3) Every regulation, order, requirement, certificate, notice, direction, decision, authorisation, consent, application, ongoing cases in the courts, request or thing made, issued, given or done under the repealed Acts or amended sections shall, if in force at the commencement of this Bill, continue to be in force and have effect as if made, issued, given or done under the corresponding provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 96 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 97: Repeal of the Terrorism (Prevention) Act, 2011 (as amended).**

(1) The Terrorism (Prevention) Act, 2011 (as amended) is repealed.

(2) Every regulation, order, requirement, certificate, notice, direction, decision, authorization, consent, application, ongoing cases in the courts, request or thing made, issued, given or done under the repealed Act shall, if in force at the commencement of this Bill, continue to be in force and have effect as if made, issued, given or done under the corresponding provisions of this Bill.

(3) Any proceeding, prosecution, sentence, judgment, charge or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under any of the repealed Act in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability, may be continued or commenced, as the case may be, and any determination of a court of law, tribunal or other authorities or person may be enforced to the same extent that such proceeding, prosecution, sentence, judgment, charge, cause of action or determination might have been continued, commenced or enforced as if this Bill had not been made (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 97 *stands part of the Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 98: Interpretation.**

In this Bill —

"act of terrorism" means any act specified in section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"act of international terrorism" means an act of terrorism involving —

(*a*) a person who is not a citizen of Nigeria;

(*b*) a person who possesses dual citizenship; or

(*c*) groups or individuals whose acts of terrorism are foreign based or directed by countries or groups outside Nigeria or whose activities transcend national boundaries (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "act of international terrorism" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"aircraft in flight" means an aircraft at any time from the moment when all its external doors are closed following embarkation until the moment when doors are opened for disembarkation and, in the case of a forced landing, the flight shall be deemed to continue until the competent authorities take over the responsibility for the aircraft and for persons and property on board the aircraft (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"aircraft in service" means an aircraft from the beginning of the pre-flight preparation of the aircraft by ground personnel or by the crew for a specific flight until twenty-four hours after any landing; the period of service shall, in any event, extend for the entire period during which the aircraft is in flight (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"Attorney - General" means the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"authorised persons" means duly authorised officers of a relevant agency (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"bank" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act and the reference to an order issued to a bank includes a reference to any order, direction or requirement addressed to the manager of a bank or any other officer of a bank which directs or purports to direct the manager or the officer to stop all outward payment, operations or transactions in respect of any account with that bank (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"BCRN weapons" means biological, chemical, radiological and nuclear weapons, and includes —

(*a*) microbial or other biological agents, or toxins whatever their origin or method of production, of types and in quantities that have no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes; or

(*b*) weapons, equipment or means of delivery designed to use such agents or toxins for hostile purposes or in armed conflict;

(*c*) nuclear weapons and other nuclear devices;

(*d*) toxic chemicals and their precursors, except where intended for —

(*i*) industrial, agricultural, research, medical, pharmaceutical or other peaceful purposes,

(*ii*) protective purposes, namely those purposes directly related to protection against toxic chemicals and to protection against chemical weapons,

(*iii*) military purposes not connected with the use of chemical weapons and not dependent on the use of the toxic properties of chemicals as a method of warfare, or

(*iv*) law enforcement including domestic riot control purposes, as long as the types and quantities are consistent with such purposes;

(*e*) munitions and devices specifically designed to cause death or other harm through the toxic properties of those toxic chemicals specified in paragraph (*d*) of this definition which would be released as a result of the employment of such munitions and devices; or

(*f*) any equipment specifically designed for use directly in connection with the employment of munitions and devices specified in paragraph (*e*) of this definition (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"communication" means a communication received or transmitted by post or a telegraphic, telephonic or other communication received or transmitted by electricity, magnetism or other means (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"Counter-Terrorism Convention or Resolution" means any of the following Conventions or Protocols —

(*a*) Convention on Offences and certain Other Acts committed on Board Aircraft signed at Tokyo on 14 September, 1963;

(*b*) Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft done at The Hague on 16 December, 1970;

(*c*) Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on 23 September, 1971;

(*d*) Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December, 1973;

(*e*) International Convention against the taking of Hostages, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 17 December, 1979;

(*f*) Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted at Vienna on 3 March, 1980;

(*g*) Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on 24 February, 1988;

(*h*) Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, done at the Rome on 10 March, 1988;

(*i*) Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, done at Rome on 10 March, 1988;

(*j*) Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purposes of Detection, signed at Montreal, on 1 March, 1991;

(*k*) International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December, 1997;

(*l*) International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December, 1999.

(*m*) International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 April, 2005;

(*n*) 2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, adopted at London on 14 October, 2005;

(*o*) 2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, adopted at London on 14 October, 2005;

(*p*) Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, done at Vienna on 8 July, 2005; and

(*q*) United Nations Security Council Resolution 2178 of 2014 or any successor Resolution (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "Counter-Terrorism Convention or Resolution" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and its alterations (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"Consolidated list" means the list of individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with the Taliban, Usama Bin Laden, the Al-Qaeda organisation or similar organisations that are subject to sanctions or other measures imposed by the United Nations Security Council (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"conveyance" means an aircraft, vessel, boat, train, ship, vehicle, tricycle or any other mode of transportation (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"Court" means the Federal High Court of Nigeria (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"designated non-financial businesses and professions" means —

(*a*) casinos;

(*b*) real estate agents;

(*c*) dealers in precious metals;

(*d*) dealers in precious stones;

(*e*) legal practitioners, notaries or other independent professionals, including accountants;

(*f*) trust and company service providers which as a business, provide any of the following services to third parties —

(*i*) acting as a formation agent of legal persons,

(*ii*) acting as, or arranging for another person to act as, a director or secretary of a company, a partner of a partnership, or a similar position in relation to other legal persons,

(*iii*) providing a registered office; business address or accommodation, correspondence or administrative address for a company, a partnership or any other legal person or arrangement,

(*iv*) acting as, or arranging for another person to act as, a trustee of an express trust or performing the equivalent function for another form of legal arrangement,

(*v*) acting as, or arranging for another person to act as, a nominee shareholder for another person;

(*g*) dealers in jewelry, cars and luxury goods;

(*h*) audit firms;

(*i*) tax consultants;

(*j*) clearing and settlement companies;

(*k*) hotels;

(*l*) supermarkets;

(*m*) such other businesses as the appropriate authority may, from time to time, designate (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "designated non-financial businesses and professions" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"designated person or entity" means —

(*a*) individuals, groups, undertakings and entities designated by the Committee of the Security Council established pursuant to Resolution 1267 (1999) ("the 1267 Committee"), as being individuals associated with Al Qaeda or entities and other groups and undertakings associated with Al - Qaeda;

(*b*) individuals, groups, undertakings and entities designated by the Committee of the Security Council established pursuant to Resolution 1988 (2011) ("the 1988 Committee") as being associated with the Taliban in counseling a threat to the peace, stability and security of Afghanistan, or entities and other groups and undertakings associated with the Taliban;

(*c*) any natural or legal person or entity designated by jurisdictions or a supranational jurisdiction pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001);

(*d*) any natural or legal person or entity designated for the application of targeted financial sanctions pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1718 (2006) and its successor resolutions by the Security Council in annexes to the relevant resolutions, or by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1718 (2006) ("the 1718 Sanctions Committee"), and

(*e*) any natural or legal person or entity designated for the application of targeted financial sanctions pursuant to Security Council Resolution (1737) (2006) and its successor resolutions by the Security Council in annexes to the relevant resolutions, or by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to paragraph 18 of Resolution 1737 (2006) ("the 1737 Sanctions Committee") and its successor resolutions (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "designated person or entity" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"designation" refers to the identification of a person or entity that is subject to targeted financial sanctions pursuant to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1267 (1999) and its successor resolutions; Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001), including the determination that the relevant sanctions will be applied to the person or entity and the public communication of that determination; Security Council Resolution 1718 (2006) and its successor resolutions; Security Council Resolution 1737 (2006) and its successor resolutions; and any future Security Council Resolutions which impose targeted financial sanctions in the context of the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"device" includes —

(*a*) any nuclear explosive device; or

(*b*) any radioactive material dispersal or radiation-emitting device which may, owing to its radiological properties, cause death, serious bodily injury or substantial damage to property or to the environment (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"entity" means a person, group, trust, partnership, fund or any other association or organisation, whether incorporated or unincorporated, an unincorporated association or organisation or partnership, for the purpose of providing a product or service either for profit or non-profit (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"explosive or other lethal device" means —

(*a*) an explosive or incendiary weapon or device that is designed, or has the capability, to cause death, serious bodily injury or substantial material damage; or

(*b*) a weapon or device that is designed, or has the capability, to cause death, serious bodily injury or substantial material damage through the release, dissemination or impact of toxic chemicals, biological agents or toxins or similar substances or radiation or radioactive material (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "explosive or other lethal device" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"financial institution" means a person or an entity that conducts as a business one or more of the activities listed below for or on behalf of a customer —

(*a*) acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds from the public including private banking;

(*b*) lending, including, but not limited to, consumer credit, mortgage credit, factoring (with or without recourse), and financing of commercial transactions, including forfeiting;

(*c*) financial leasing other than with respect to arrangements relating to consumer products;

(*d*) the transfer of money or value;

(*e*) issuing and managing means of payment, including, but not limited to, credit and debit cards, travellers' cheques, money orders and bankers' drafts, and electronic money;

(*f*)) issuing financial guarantees and commitments;

(*g*) trading in —

(*i*) money market instruments, including, but not limited to, cheques, bills, certificates of deposit and derivatives,

(*ii*) foreign exchange,

(*iii*) exchange, interest rate and index instruments,

(*iv*) transferable securities, and

(*v*) commodity futures trading;

(*h*) participation in securities issues and the provision of financial services related to those issues;

(*i*) individual and collective portfolio management;

(*j*) safekeeping and administration of cash or liquid securities on behalf of other persons;

(*k*) investing, administering or managing funds or money on behalf of other persons;

(*l*) underwriting and placement of life insurance and other investment related insurance, including insurance intermediation by agents and brokers;

(*m*) financial consultancy,

(*n*) pension funds management;

(*o*) money and currency changing; and

(*p*) such other business as the Central Bank, or other appropriate regulatory authorities, may, from time to time, designate (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"fixed platform" means an artificial island, installation or structure permanently attached to the sea-bed for the purpose of exploration or exploitation of resources or for other economic purposes (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"forfeiture" means an order in rem, to forfeit to the State property, assets or funds that are the proceeds of crime or instrumentalities of an offence (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"freeze" means to prohibit the transfer, conversion, disposition or movement of any property, equipment or other instrumentalities on the basis of, and for the duration of the validity of, an action initiated by a relevant agency or the Attorney-General under a freezing mechanism, or until a forfeiture order is made by a court as part of the implementation of a freezing measure, the relevant agency may decide to take control of the property, equipment, instrumentalities, funds or other assets as a means to protect against flight or destruction by the original owner or a third party (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"funds" means any assets, of every kind, whether corporeal or incorporeal, tangible or intangible, movable or immovable, however acquired, and legal documents or instruments in any form, including electronic or digital, evidencing title to, or interest in the assets; including financial assets, economic resources, property of every kind, bank credits, travelers cheques, bank cheques, money orders, shares, securities, bonds, drafts, or letters of credit, and any interest, dividends or other income on or value accruing from or generated by such funds or other assets (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"Government" means the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and includes any State or Local Government, or any appropriate government authority (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"incitement" means to urge on, stir-up, instigate a person or group of persons to commit an act of terrorism or to distribute, publish or otherwise make available, a communication to a person or group of persons, with the intent to induce the commission of an act of terrorism, where the conduct, whether or not directly advocating acts of terrorism, causes a risk that one or more of those acts may be committed (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"Infrastructure facility" means any publicly or privately owned facility providing or distributing services, including water, sewage, energy, fuel or communications, for the benefit of the public (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"internationally protected person" means —

(*a*) a Head of State, including any member of a collegial body performing the functions of a Head of State under the Constitution of the State concerned, a

Head of Government or a Minister for Foreign Affairs, whenever the person is in a foreign State, and includes members of his family who accompany him; or

(*b*) a representative or official of a State or an official or other agent of an international organisation of an inter-governmental character who, at the time when and in the place where a crime against him, his official premises, his private accommodation or his means of transport is committed, is entitled pursuant to international law to special protection from any attack on his person, freedom or dignity, and includes members of his family forming part of his household (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "internationally protected person" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill —* ***Agreed to.***

"International Treaties" means —

(*a*) 1963 Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed On Board Aircraft;

(*b*) 1970 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft ("Aircraft Convention");

(*c*) 1971 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation ("Civil Aviation Convention");

(*d*) 1973 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons ("Diplomatic Agents Convention");

(*e*) 1979 International Convention against the Taking of Hostages ("Hostage Convention");

(*f*) 1980 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material ("Physical Protection Convention");

(*g*) 1988 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation ("Airport Protocol");

(*h*) 1988 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation ("Maritime Convention");

(*i*) 1988 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf ("Fixed Platforms Protocol");

(*j*) 1991 Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection;

(*k*) 1997 International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings ("Bombings Convention");

(*l*) 1999 International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism ("Financing Convention");

(*m*) 2005 International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism ("Nuclear Terrorism Convention");

(*n*) 2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation ("2005 Maritime Protocol");

(*o*) 2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf ("2005 Fixed Platforms protocol");

(*p*) 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material ("Physical Protection Amendment"); and

(*q*) United Nations Security Council Resolution 2178, 2014 (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"master" in relation to a vessel, means the owner or person, except a harbour master or pilot, having for the time being command or charge of the vessel (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"National Security Adviser" means the National Security Adviser to the President (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "National Security Adviser" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"nuclear facility" means —

(*a*) nuclear reactor, including reactors installed on vessels, vehicles, aircraft or space objects for use as an energy source in order to propel such vessels, vehicles, aircraft or space objects or for any other purposes; or

(*b*) plant or conveyance being used for the production, storage, processing or transport of radioactive material (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"nuclear material" means plutonium except that with isotopic concentration exceeding 80% in plutonium-238; uranium-233; uranium enriched in the isotope 235 or 233; uranium containing the mixture of isotopes as occurring in nature other than in the form of ore or ore-residue; any material containing one or more of the foregoing (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"operator" in relation to an aircraft, means the owner or person for the time being in charge, in command or control of the aircraft (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"place of public use" means those parts of any building, land, street, waterway or other location that are accessible or open to members of the public, whether continuously, periodically or occasionally, and encompasses any commercial, business, cultural, historical, educational, religious, governmental, entertainment, recreational or similar place that is so accessible or open to the public (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "place of public use" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"precursor" means any chemical reactant which takes part at any stage in the production by whatever method of a toxic chemical. This includes any key component of a binary or multi-component chemical system (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"proceeds" means any funds derived from or obtained, directly or indirectly, through the commission of an offence under this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"proceeds of terrorism" means any funds or property derived from or obtained, directly or indirectly, through the commission of a terrorist offence irrespective of the person in whose names the proceeds are standing or in whose possession they are found (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"property" means any asset of every kind, whether corporeal or incorporeal, moveable or immovable, tangible or intangible, and legal documents or instruments in any form, including electronic or digital, evidencing title to, or interest in, the assets and bank credits, travellers cheques, bank cheques, money orders, shares, securities, bonds, drafts and letters of credit (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"proscribed entity" means an entity which has been designated to be a proscribed entity under section 49 of this Bill or any other law and includes a group or entity which has been designated to be an international terrorist group under this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"public transportation system" means all facilities, conveyances and instrumentalities, whether public or privately owned, that are used in or for publicly available services for the transportation of persons or cargo (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "public transportation system" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"radioactive material" means nuclear material and other radioactive substances which contain nuclides which undergo spontaneous disintegration (a process accompanied by emission of one or more types of ionizing radiation, such as alpha-, beta-, neutron particles, and gamma rays) and which may, owing to their radiological or fissile properties, cause death, serious bodily injury or substantial damage to property or to the environment (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"relevant agency" means law enforcement, intelligence or security agency and includes the —

(*a*) National Security Adviser;

(*b*) National Counter-Terrorism Centre;

(*c*) National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons;

(*d*) Department of State Services;

(*e*) Defence Intelligence Agency;

(*f*) Nigeria Police Force;

(*g*) National Intelligence Agency;

(*h*) Nigeria Customs Service;

(*i*) Nigeria Immigration Service;

(*j*) Nigeria Prisons Service;

(*k*) Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps;

(*l*) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission;

(*m*) agency dealing with the recovery of proceeds of crimes; and

(*n*) any military authority or body as may be required for the purpose of this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"relevant laws or enactments" means —

(*a*) Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (as amended);

(*b*) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act;

(*c*) Insurance Act;

(*d*) Investments and Securities Act;

(*e*) National Insurance Commission Act;

(*f*) Money Laundering (Prohibition and Prevention) Act;

(*g*) Companies and Allied Matters Act;

(*h*) Central Bank of Nigeria Act;

(*i*) National Security Agencies Act;

(*j*) all International Conventions and Protocols ratified by Nigeria; and

(*k*) any other relevant enactment of the National Assembly (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "relevant laws or enactments" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"Sanctions Committee" means the Nigerian Sanctions Committee established under section 54 of this Bill (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"seizure or seizure order" means the order enabling a relevant agency to seize terrorist property or funds upon arrest or application for seizure order of a terrorist property or funds pending the determination of a case against the terrorist or terrorist groups (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "seizure or seizure order" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"ship" means a vessel of any type whatsoever not permanently attached to the sea-bed, including dynamically supported craft, submersibles, or any other floating craft (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"specially designated entity" means a specified or designated entity in respect of which an order under section 48 of this Bill has been made, or is considered by reason of the operation of that section to have been made, and is for the time being in force and includes national and international terrorist groups (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "specially designated entity" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill —* ***Agreed to.***

"State or government facility" means any permanent or temporary facility or conveyance that is used or occupied by representatives of a State, members of Government, the legislature or the judiciary or by officials or employees of a State or any other public authority or entity or by employees or officials of an intergovernmental organisation in connection with their official duties (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "State or government facility" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill —* ***Agreed to.***

"terrorist" means any natural person who —

(*a*) directly or indirectly, unlawfully and willfully:

(*i*) commits, or attempts to commit, an act of terrorism by any means,

(*ii*) participates as an accomplice in an act of terrorism,

(*iii*) organises or directs others to commit an act of terrorism; or

(*b*) contributes to the commission of an act of terrorism where the contribution is made intentionally and with the aim of furthering the act of terrorism or with the knowledge of the intention to commit an act of terrorism (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"terrorist fund or property" means —

(*a*) proceeds from the commission of an act of terrorism;

(*b*) property which has been, is being, or is likely to be used to commit an act of terrorism;

(*c*) property which has been, is being, or is likely to be used by a terrorist group;

(*d*) property owned or controlled by or on behalf of a terrorist group; or

(*e*) property which has been collected for the purpose of providing support to a terrorist group or funding a terrorist act (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "terrorist fund or property" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill —* ***Agreed to.***

"terrorist investigation" means an investigation of —

(*a*) the commission, perpetration or instigation of an act of terrorism or any other offence under this Bill;

(*b*) any act or omission reasonably suspected to have been done in furtherance of an act of terrorism or any other offence under this Bill; or

(*c*) the resources of a proscribed organisation (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"terrorist group or entity" means any group of terrorists that —

(*a*) directly or indirectly, willfully —

(*i*) commits, or attempts to commit, an act of terrorism by any means,

(*ii*) participates as an accomplice in an act of terrorism, or

(*iii*) organises or directs others to commit an act of terrorism; or

(*b*) contributes to the commission of an act of terrorism acting with a common purpose where the contribution is made intentionally and with the aim of furthering the act of terrorism or with the knowledge of the intention of the group to commit an act of terrorism (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "terrorist group or entity" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill* — ***Agreed to.***

"toxic chemical" means any chemical which through its chemical action on life processes can cause death, temporary incapacitation or permanent harm to humans or animals and includes all chemicals, regardless of their origin or of their method of production, and regardless of whether they are produced in facilities, in munitions or elsewhere (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"transport" means to initiate, arrange or exercise effective control, including decision-making authority, over the movement of a person or item (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"trustee" has the same meaning as in the Trustees Investment Act, Investment and Securities Act and the Companies and Allied Matters Act (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"uranium enriched in the isotope 235 or 233" means uranium containing the isotope 235 or 233 or both in an amount such that the abundance ratio of the sum of these isotopes to the isotope 238 is greater than the ratio of the isotope 235 to the isotope 238 occurring in nature (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "uranium enriched in the isotope* 235 *or* 233*" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill —* ***Agreed to.***

"vessel" means anything made or adapted for the conveyance by water of people or property (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"victim" means individuals, entities or communities or their next-of-kin who are directly affected, killed or injured or whose business, premises or infrastructure was destroyed by acts of terrorism or by a direct effect of a terrorist attack; and (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

"weapon" includes a firearm, explosive, chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapon (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

*Question that Clause* 98 *stands part of the Bill —* ***Agreed to.***

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 99: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause* 99 *stands part of the Bill —* ***Agreed to.***

## SCHEDULE

## CONFIDENTIAL FORM 1

## TERRORISM (PREVENTION AND PROHIBITION) ACT, 2019

[Section 73(1)]

## DECLARATION OF ASSETS FORM

*To be completed in* ***TRIPLICATE*** *and in* ***BLOCK LETTERS*** *or typed.*
*All available information should be included*

**Important:** It is an offence punishable by up to a maximum of 2 years imprisonment under the Act to —

**A.** (*a*) knowingly fail to make full disclosure of your assets and liabilities;

(*b*) knowingly make a declaration that is false;

(*c*) fail to answer any question contained in this Form; or

(*d*) fail, neglect or refuse to make a declaration or furnish any information required.

**B.** (1) Each item is to be completed. If it does not apply, the person affected must write "nil" or "none" in the space. Where necessary an extra sheet or sheets may be used and attached to this form by the person affected.

(2) The form should be addressed to the Director - General, State Security Service.

I, ……..…… being accused of an offence of …… under the TERRORISM (PREVENTION AND PROHIBITION) ACT, 2019 declare as follows:

| ***Surname*** | ***Other Names*** | ***Date of Birth*** | ***Place of Birth*** | ***Nationality*** | ***State of Origin*** | ***Local Government*** | ***Occupation*** | ***Present Address*** | ***Home Address*** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (*a*) Now | (*b*) At birth if different | | (*a*) Now | (*b*) At birth | | | | |

1. Declarant

2. Spouse
   If married, state date and place

3. Father

4. Mother

5. Brothers:
   (*i*)
   (*ii*)
   (*iii*)

6. Sisters
   (*i*)
   (*ii*)
   (*iii*)

7. Children
   (*i*)
   (*ii*)
   (*iii*)

8. Dependant,
   Relative,
   Uncle, Aunt,
   Next of kin

| 9. Associate Persons | Names in full | Address | Occupation | Nationality |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (*i*) ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| (*ii*) ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| (*iii*) ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

10. Aliens: (*a*) State Alien Registration

(*b*) if Naturalized Certificate No.

11. Schools attended with dates
Primary school
Post Primary school or Secondary
University, etc.
Qualification attended

12. Amount held in own account ₦ K
(*i*) Cash in hand .....
(*ii*) Cash at bank .....
(*iii*) Outside Nigeria (Countries /Bank to be named) .....

13. Amount held on behalf of or as trustee for any person other than your wife/husband
(*i*) Cash in hand .....
(*ii*) Cash at bank .....
(*iii*) Outside Nigeria (Countries /Bank to be named) .....

14. Loans or advances made .....

15. Loans or advances received .....

16. Amount held on behalf of or as trustee of wife/husband
(*i*) Cash in hand.. .. .. ., .. ..
(*ii*) Cash at bank.. .. .. .. .. ..
(*iii*) Outside Nigeria (Countries/Banks to be named)

17. Wife's/husband's/children's account held (beneficial or otherwise)
(*i*) Cash in hand.. .. .. ., .. ..
(*ii*) Cash at bank.. .. .. .. .. ..
(*iii*) Outside Nigeria (Countries/Banks to be named)

18. Government securities, including premium bonds and other interests held in companies, firms or partnerships (giving names of companies firm and partnerships):
(*a*) by you (here state the bonds, etc.)
(*b*) by Wife (wives)/husband* (here state the bonds, etc.)
(*c*) by children (here state the bonds, etc.).

19. Property in Nigeria in which you are interested in giving date when acquired —
(*i*) Land:
(*ii*) Buildings:
(*iii*) Other property (if any).

20. Membership, ownership, directorship, shareholding, or other related interest in —
(*i*) A company incorporated in Nigeria
(*ii*) A company incorporated outside Nigeria
(*iii*) A partnership or sole proprietorship

21. Property outside Nigeria in which you are interested in giving date when acquired
(*i*) Land:
(*ii*) Buildings:
(*iii*) Other property (if any).

22. Property outside Nigeria in which any wife/husband* is interested in giving date when acquired:
(*i*) Land:
(*ii*) Buildings:
(*iii*) Other property (if any).

23. Property outside Nigeria in which any wife/husband* is interested in giving date when acquired:
(*i*) Land:
(*ii*) Buildings:
(*iii*) Other property (if any).

24. Property in Nigeria in which any child of yours is interested in giving date when acquired:
(*i*) Land:
(*ii*) Buildings:
(*iii*) Other property (if any).

25. Property outside Nigeria in which any child of yours is interested in giving date when acquired:
(*i*) Land:
(*ii*) Buildings:
(*iii*) Other property (if any).

26. Names of other dependant relatives:

27. Estate in which you are interested as trustee or beneficially interested (Name of deceased or trustee).

28. Property held by any person on your behalf (in or outside Nigeria) —
(*i*) Cash in hand:
(*ii*) Cash at bank:
(*iii*) Land:
(*iv*) Buildings:
(*v*) Other properties:

If outside Nigeria, insert name of countries and banks.

Signature of Accused Person .....

Signature and Address of Witness .....

**FORM 2**

**FREEZING ORDER**

[Section 76 (1)]

(*This form may be amended according to circumstances*)

To the Manager……
(*Here insert name and branch of bank*)

Under the authority conferred on me by section .....Act, you are hereby ordered —

(*a*) to supply the following information relating to the under mentioned accounts, that is to say ……
(*Here set out the information required in respect of named accounts*)

(*b*) to produce the books and documents relating to the under mentioned accounts, that is to say ……
(*Here set out the books and documents to be produced in respect of named accounts*)

(*c*) to stop all outward payments, operations or transactions (including bills of exchange) as far as possible in the ordinary course of banking in respect of the following accounts:

……..……
(*Here indicate the accounts*)

2. This order shall remain in force until revoked

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

.....
Director - General
(*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**
(*This note does not form part of the above Bill but is intended to explain its purport*)

This Bill repeals the Terrorism (Prevention) Act, 2011 (as amended), and enacts the Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2018 to provide for measures for the detection, prevention, combating and prohibition of acts of terrorism for the effective implementation of the international instruments on the prevention and combating of terrorism and suppression of the financing of terrorism. The Act establishes institutional framework, including the Nigerian Sanctions Committee for the implementation, coordination and enforcement of the provisions of the Act (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Make Provisions for Offences Relating to Terrorism, Prohibit the Financing of Terrorism and Consolidate All Acts Relating to Terrorism; and for Related Matters (HB. 333 and HB. 447) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence on a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for Offences Relating to Terrorism, Prohibit the Financing of Terrorism and Consolidate all Acts Relating to Terrorism and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Terrorism Act of 2011 for the Purpose of Applying Stringent Prison Terms for Offences of Terrorism and Remove the Ambiguities in the Act, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 333 and HB. 447) and approved Clauses 1 - 99, the Schedule, 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.***

**(*xxii*) *Committee on Defence*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee of Defence on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among other things, Provide for specific duties for Armed Forces Reserve in order to serve as a Rapid Response Mechanism with Capacity to Intervene in Emergency and Internal Security where the Nigerian Police were overwhelmed, Provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff, to make the appointment of Service Chiefs subject to Confirmation by the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 70, HB. 411, HB. 149 and HB. 802)" (*Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu — Donga/Ussa/Takum 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARMED FORCES ACT, CAP. A20, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS OF SERVICE CHIEFS SUBJECT CONFIRMATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIC DUTIES FOR THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE IN ORDER TO SERVE AS A RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM WITH CAPACITY TO INTERVENE IN EMERGENCY AND INTERNAL SECURITY WHERE THE NIGERIA POLICE WERE OVERWHELMED, AND PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT AGE OF OFFICES OF THE NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 70, HB. 411, HB. 149 AND HB. 802)

***Committee Recommendation*:**
**Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. A20, LFN, 2004.**
The Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation 2004, hereinafter referred to as lithe principal Act" is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**
**Clause 2: Amendment of Section 3.**
(1) The principal Act amended by substituting for the existing section a new section 3:

**"3. Duties of Armed Forces Reserve and Power of President to make Regulations.**
The Armed Forces Reserve shall:

(*a*) on the order of the President step in to maintain peace and order whose on the joint resolution of the National Assembly or on the advice of the service Chiefs that the Police were overwhelmed.

(*b*) in collaboration with relevant Security Agency protect and assist in rescuing of the Civil Population during the period of emergency;

(*c*) recruit and train able person in counter terrorism, roiling, climate and other national disasters;

(*d*) on the President directive utilized to serve as rapid response unit for counter terrorism, rescue mission on climate and national disaster; and

(*e*) undertake such national and enter national assignment in furtherance of National Security as the President may direct from time to time."

(2) The Principal Act is amended by inserting new section 3.

**"3A. Power to make Regulations:**
The Chief of Defence Staff in consultation with Other Service Chiefs may make regulations governing methods of recall of members of the Reserve, their payment and any other matters pertaining to the Reserve as may be deem in the circumstances" (*Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 3: Amendment of Section 18.**

(*a*) Section 18 of the principal Act is amended by adding in sub section (1), the phrase "and" subject to confirmation by the national assembly after the word "defence" to read:

(1) The President, may after consultation with the minister of defence, and subject to confirmation by the national assembly appoint such officers (in this act referred to as "the service Chiefs") as he think fit in whom the command of the Army, Navy and Air force, as the case may be, and reserve shall be vested.

(*b*) The Principal Act is hereby amended in Section 18 by having a new subsection: "The President shall subject to confirmation by the National Assembly appoint the Chief of Defence Staff from among the Officers of the three services.

**Amendment of Section 18 (4).**

(*c*) Subsection 4 of Section 18 in expunged and a new provision inserted thus, "The service Chiefs shall be made within the officer" corps of their respective services"

(*d*) Renumber the subsisting subsections (1), (2), (3) as the new subsections (2), (3) and (4) accordingly (*Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

**Clause 4: Amendment of section 40.**

(*a*) A new section 40 is hereby inserted in to the principal Act to read as follows:

**"40. Retirement.**
Without Prejudice to other requirement attached to the service of offices, the compulsory retirement age of offices of the Nigeria Armed Forces shall be 65 years, or 40 years of pensionable service whichever is earlier, notwithstanding the provisions of any rule or law is force relating to the retirement age of Public Officers."

(*b*) Section 40 of the principal is hereby renumbered as section 41, and the subsisting section severally renumbered accordingly (*Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**
**Clause 5: Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**
The Bill seeks for amend the Armed Force Act to make the appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff, the service Chief only within the officers corps of the respective Service as well as recent constitutional interpretation in the courts (*Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make the Appointments of Service Chiefs subject Confirmation by the National Assembly, among other things, provide for specific duties for the Armed Forces Reserve in order to serve as a rapid response mechanism with capacity to intervene in Emergency and internal security where the Nigeria police were overwhelmed, and provide for the retirement Age of offices of the Nigerian Armed Forces and for Related Matters (HB. 70, HB. 411, HB. 149 and HB. 802) (*Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Defence on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among other things, Provide for specific duties for Armed Forces Reserve in order to serve as a Rapid Response Mechanism with Capacity to Intervene in Emergency and Internal Security where the Nigerian Police were overwhelmed, Provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff, to make the appointment of Service Chiefs subject to Confirmation by the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB.70, HB. 411, HB. 149 and HB. 802) and approved Clauses 1 - 5, 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.***

**(*xxiii*) *Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculture and to make Provisions for Establishment, Functions and Administration of the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists; and for Related Matters (HB. 838)"(*Hon. Linus Okorie — Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PROFESSION OF AGRICULTURE AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURISTS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 838)

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculture and to make Provisions for Establishment, Functions and Administration of the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists; and for Related Matters (HB. 838) and approved Clauses 1 - 44, the Schedules, 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.***

**(*xxiv*) *Committee on Army*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider Report of the Committee on Army on Call for Evacuation of the Military Dump beside the 1st Division of the Nigerian Army, at Kawo Area in Kaduna State and approve the recommendation therein"(*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"That the House should dispel the fear of the community that the dump located within the barracks has maximum security, and will therefore not affect their day to day activities" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Army on Call for Evacuation of the Military Dump beside the 1st Division of the Nigerian army, at Kawo Area in Kaduna State and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

**(*xxv*) *Committee on Army*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Army on the Need to Avert possible Breakdown of Law and Order in Oke-Kura, Ilorin, Kwara State due to the Incessant Harassment of Indigenes by Soldiers and Prisons Officials Protecting the Oke-kura Prisons (**HR. 18/2016**) and approve the recommendations therein"(*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Relocation of the prison out of Oke-Kura" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Upgrade of structure and facilities at Oke-Kura Prison as a temporal measure before the relocation" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Army on the Need to Avert possible Breakdown of Law and Order in Oke-Kura, Ilorin, Kwara State due to the Incessant Harassment of Indigenes by Soldiers and Prisons Officials Protecting the Oke-Kura Prisons (**HR. 18/2016**) and approved Recommendations (*i*) and (*ii*) of the Report.

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

**(*xxvi*) *Committee on Army*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Army on Investigation of Crisis in Ogoni Land, River State and approve the recommendations therein"(*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"In any urgent issue that requires military deployment, other security agencies should be carried along or notified appropriately" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"The summary execution of two Ibo men, namely, Linus Nwafor and Kelechi Nwafor, who were not part of the Ogoni factions and were executed far away from the scene of the conflict, should be further investigated and the officers and men responsible should be prosecuted" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"Adequate compensation be paid by the Federal Government to the families of the deceased and to those who lost their properties after a proper assessment of the losses and deaths" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iv*):**
"There is the urgent need to start withdrawing soldiers from the streets across the country and replace them with internal security operators" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*v*):**
"The Federal Government should encourage the Rivers State Government to embark on reconciliation and peace building measures in Ogoni land" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*vi*):**
"Urge the Federal Government and the Rivers State Government to grant amnesty to Chief Solomon Ndigbara and related persons, in line with international best practice, with an undertaking to maintain peace" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Amendment Proposed:**
*Insert* a new Recommendation (*vii*) as follows:
"Condemn the unprofessional conduct of the Nigerian Army in Ogoni land" (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — **Agreed to.***

*Question that new Recommendation (viii) stands part of the Report — **Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Army on Investigation of Crisis in Ogoni Land, River State and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*vi*), and approved a new Recommendation (*vii*) of the Report.

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

**(*xxvii*) *Committee on Gas Resources:***
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Gas Resources on the Need to Stop the Sale of the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG) and approve the recommendations therein"(*Hon. Frederick Agbedi — Ekeremor/Sagbama 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Adopt the resolution of the Committee which is to disregard the motion titled ,"The Need to stop the Sale of Nigeria Liquefied National Gas Limited" since the stakeholders and parties involved have denied any plan by the Federal Government to sell its Shares in the Nigerian Liquefied National Gas Limited (NLNG)" (*Hon. Frederick Agbedi — Ekeremor/Sagbama Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Gas Resources on the Need to Stop the Sale of the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG) and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

**(*xxviii*) *Committee on Public Procurement*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Investigation into Allegations of Gross Statutory Breaches including Violation of the Procurement Act, 2007 by the Management and Governing Council of the University of Lagos"(*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"The Vice Chancellor who is the Chief Accounting Officer of the University which is in line with Section 20 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007, should continue to discharge this responsibility as expected by law, while, the Governing Council should stick to its supervisory role of policy formation and fund generation for the University; the Council should not meddle in the internal management of the University" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"The Pro-Chancellor who has consistently made donations to the university should be commended, and the donations should be acknowledged and receipted by the management of the University" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"The Members of the Governing Council and the Management of the University are advised to cooperate and work together for the progress of the University" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iv*):**
"The new Director of Works and Planning should be employed in line with the provisions of relevant laws" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*v*):**
"Henceforth, the Pro-Chancellor should allow the University comply with the Public Procurement Act, 2007 and follow due process strictly whenever a Consultant is hired" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*vi*):**
"Construction work should continue on the library project after remedial steps are taking to remove the debris and backfilling under very close supervision by experts" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

**Agreed to.**

***Recommendation* (*vii*):**
"The contractor should go back to site immediately" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*viii*):**
"The Federal Ministry of Education, TETFUND and UNILAG should jointly review the project and make additional funds for it, so that the project will not be abandoned" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ix*):**
"The Federal Ministry of Education should immediately call a meeting of both the Council and University Management to clearly define their functions and roles as expressed in the University Act and Public Procurement Act, 2007" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*x*):**
"The University should take proactive and immediate steps to improve its internal control mechanism and systems" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*xi*):**
"Urge the Presidency and the Federal Character Commission to correct the inbalance in composition of the Governing Council of the University as there are no representatives from the South East, South South and the North Central" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Investigation into Allegations of Gross Statutory Breaches including Violation of the Procurement Act, 2007 by the Management and Governing Council of the University of Lagos and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*xi*) of the Report.

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

**(*xxix*)** ***Committee on Public Procurement:***
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Investigation into Allegations of Gross Statutory Breaches including Violation of the Procurement Act, 2007 by the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Federal Ministry of Finance and the First Bank of Nigeria Limited over Grant to Oyo State Government to procure Agricultural Equipment "(*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Oyo State Government should engage all stakeholders towards resolving the issues that had delayed the disbursement of the funds" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"First Bank of Nigeria (FBN) should act promptly in disbursing the funds to the beneficiary (Natholab Engineering Ltd) and ensure it deals with such transactions professionally" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"The Central Bank of Nigeria should monitor and supervise the Commercial Agriculture Credits Scheme (CACS) more closely and should ensure that the funds are released immediately to the beneficiary" (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Investigation into Allegations of Gross Statutory Breaches including Violation of the Procurement Act, 2007 by the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Federal Ministry of Finance and the First Bank of Nigeria Limited over Grant to Oyo State Government to procure Agricultural Equipment and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*) of the Report.

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

**(*xxx*)** ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Ogbudugbudu Community:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ogbudugbudu Community in Warri North Local Government Area of Delta State against the Management of Chevron Nigeria Limited and the Nigerian Army on the reconstruction of Ogbudugbudu Town which was burnt down by the Nigerian Army and approve the recommendations therein"(*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Minister of Defence to direct the Chief of Defence Staff to assess the extent of damages done by the Nigerian Army on the said Community" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Also urge the Federal Government to award the reconstruction of the damaged houses of Ogbudugbudu Community as pay compensation to the deceased family who lost their lives in the incidence" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"That the people who were detained by the Nigerian Army should be released" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iv*):**
"Further urge the Management of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to visit the said Community and provide relief materials to the displaced people of the community" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*v*):**
"That the Nigerian Army should suspend any further action that would lead to the destruction of lives and properties of the Ogbudugbudu Community as well as vacate from the land" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ogbudugbudu Community in Warri North Local Government Area of Delta State against the Management of Chevron Nigeria Limited and the Nigerian Army on the reconstruction of Ogbudugbudu Town which was burnt down by the Nigerian Army and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*v*) of the report.

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

**(*xxxi*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Comptroller of Prisons, Bata Buka Mshelia Biu (*rtd*)**:
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Comptroller of Prisons, Bata Buka Mshelia Biu (*rtd*) against the Management of the Nigerian Prisons Service on Non-implementation of his Promotion to the Rank of Comptroller of Prisons and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Comptroller-General of Nigerian Prison Service to pay Bata Bukar Mshelia Biu (*rtd*) the sum of ₦7,591,515.00 being the arrears of benefits and entitlement for the salary of his Driver and Security Guard for a period of 69 and 93 months respectively in which he was denied benefit" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Pay him the arrears of his salary for a period of 9 months he served as CP before retirement" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"Approve the restoration of his security guard and driver for life as recommended by the board, with all the benefit and entitlement accrued to them" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Comptroller of Prisons, Bata Buka Mshelia Biu (*rtd*) against the Management of the Nigerian Prisons Service on Non-implementation of his Promotion to the Rank of Comptroller of Prisons and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*) of the report.

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

**(*xxxii*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Olarenwaju Aderemi Obafemi:**
That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Olarenwaju Aderemi Obafemi, against the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution on alleged dismissal from service.

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

**(*xxxiii*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Mr Ebi Tubotu**:
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Ebi Tubotu against the Nigeria Police Force and Airtel Nigeria Limited on Alleged Unwarranted Arrest, Torture, Humiliation and Unlawful Detention and Violation of his Fundamental Human Rights and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Nigeria Police Force to ensure that the Officers who took part in this misinterpretation be brought to book to serve as a deterrent to others" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That the Nigeria Police Force should be cautioned to always do thorough investigation before appending anybody" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"That the Nigeria Police Force should tender an apology in at least two (2) National Dailies as this would restore Mr Ebi Tubotu image as a well-known Comedian and that of his family" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iv*):**
"That since the Committee lacks the competence to award damages, the sum of (₦500,000,000) Five Hundred Million Naira being damages stated in his petition cannot be awarded to him" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Ebi Tubotu against the Nigeria Police Force and Airtel Nigeria Limited on Alleged Unwarranted Arrest, Torture, Humiliation and Unlawful Detention and Violation of his Fundamental Human Rights and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iv*) of the report.

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

**(*xxxiv*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Okugie, Ndukwe Nelson:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Okugie, Ndukwe Nelson against NIPOST on sustained refusal to comply with National Assembly resolution to recall him to duty and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"That NIPOST has re-called Mr Okugie Ndukwe Nelson to duty on the 13 March, 2018 and has been deployed appropriately" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceeding.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Okugie Ndukwe Nelson against NIPOST on sustained refusal to comply with National Assembly resolution to recall him to duty and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

**(*xxxv*)** ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Jonathan Nwachuhwu Ekeke:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Jonathan Nwachuhwu Ekeke against the Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture on wrongful dismissal and appeal for reinstatement and approve the recommendations therein"(*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria to:

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Reinstate Jonathan Nwachuhwu Ekeke, as he was wrongfully dismissed" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Pay him his arrears of salaries and emoluments" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Jonathan Nwachuhwu Ekeke against the Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture on wrongful dismissal and appeal for reinstatement and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*ii*) of the report.

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

**(*xxxvi*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Hauwa Umar Abore:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Hauwa Umar Abore against the Nigeria Police Force on refusal of the Nigeria Police Force, Asokoro Division to comply with a Senior Magistrate Court Order in the Suit No. AB/SMC/OR 231/2012 and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Urge the United Bank for Africa (UBA) to dialogue with Hauwa Umar Abore with the view to determining the rightful entitlements due to her and pay her accordingly" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceeding.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Hauwa Umar Abore against the Nigeria Police Force on refusal of the Nigeria Police Force, Asokoro Division to comply with a Senior Magistrate Court Order in the Suit No. AB/SMC/OR 231/2012 and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

**(*xxxvii*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by C. O. Bosa and Co.,:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by C. O. Bosa and Co., on behalf of Olorunhundo G. Segun against the Nigeria Customs Service Board on the unlawful termination of his appointment from service and approve the recommendations therein"(*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Nigeria Customs Service Board to re-instate Mr Olorunhundo G. Segun to the Nigeria Customs Service Board" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Pay him all the arrears of his salaries, allowance and entitlements with effect from 13 October, 2016 in which his appointment was wrongfully terminated" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by C. O. Bosa and Co., on behalf of Olorunhundo G. Segun against the Nigeria Customs Service Board on the unlawful termination of his appointment from service and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*ii*) of the report.

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

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

**Petition by Ukpebor, Ukpebor & Co.:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ukpebor, Ukpebor & Co., against the Nigerian Gas Company on the bubbling of Gas from the Nigerian Gas Company's Rusted Pipeline in Okpeke Clan, Etsako East Local Government Area of Edo State and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Urge the Nigeria Gas Company to improve its Social Corporate Responsibility to Ukpebor, Ukpebor & Co." (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceeding.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ukpebor, Ukpebor & Co., against the Nigerian Gas Company on the bubbling of Gas from the Nigerian Gas Company's Rusted Pipeline in Okpeke Clan, Etsako East Local Government Area of Edo State and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

**(*xxxix*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Quadri Taura:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Quadri Taura against the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) on the injustice meted out to him by the Management and approve the recommendations therein"(*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Urge the Nigeria Electricity Liability Management Company (NELMCO) to pay Quadri Taura the sum of (₦50,000,000.00) Fifty Million Naira only as a result of the accident that occurred while carrying out his official duty" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceeding.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Quadri Taura against the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) on the injustice meted out to him by the Management and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

**(*xl*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Iorchir Denen Pius:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Iorchir Denen Pius against the Police Service Commission on the termination of his appointment and approve the recommendation therein"(*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Discountenance the petition for lack of merit" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceeding.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Iorchir Denen Pius against the Police Service Commission on the termination of his appointment and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

**(*xli*)** ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Moses Adie:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Moses Adie on acquaintance of Complaints on Extreme Persecution, Incessant Harassment, Unjust Victimization, serious threats to life and purported Termination of Appointment by the Norwegian Company, Stat-Oil Nigeria Limited, Ikoyi, Lagos State and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Managing Director Stat Oil Ltd to follow due process in the termination of Mr Moses Adie's appointment, to pay his terminal benefit and entitlement to enable him start life again" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That since Moses Adie's appointment was terminated unjustly, the loan he owed as a staff should not be used as a bargain or yardstick for the computation of his entitlements and benefits" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Moses Adie on acquaintance of Complaints on Extreme Persecution, Incessant Harassment, Unjust Victimization, serious threats to life and purported Termination of Appointment by the Norwegian Company, Stat-Oil Nigeria Limited, Ikoyi, Lagos State and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*ii*) of the report.

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

**(*xlii*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by CPL Kayode Adeleke:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by CPL Kayode Adeleke against the Nigeria Police Force on his wrongful dismissal from the service and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Urge the Inspector-General of Police, to reinstate CPL Kayode Adeleke to the service of the Nigeria Police Force and pay him all the salary arrears and benefits with effect from the year 2000 when he was wrongfully dismissed" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceeding.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by CPL Kayode Adeleke against the Nigeria Police Force on his wrongful dismissal from the service and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

**(*xliii*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Ajets Survey on behalf of five thousand internally displaced persons:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ajets Survey on behalf of five thousand internally displaced persons against the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation on Land Grabbing, Illegal Properties, Demolition, Business Devastation, unlawful Eviction and Evacuation of over Five Thousand People from Oke Oyi en route Tanke Pipeline Road to Babaode, Ilorin, Kwara State and approve the recommendation therein"(*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to immediately access the value of the properties so damaged, that was outside NNPC's Right of way and negotiate with the Five Thousand Internally Displaced Persons" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceeding.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ajets Survey on Behalf of Five Thousand Internally Displaced Persons against the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation on Land Grabbing, Illegal Properties, Demolition, Business Devastation, unlawful Eviction and Evacuation of over Five Thousand People from Oke Oyi en route Tanke Pipeline Road to Babaode, Ilorin, Kwara State and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

**(*xliv*)** ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Concerned Citizens of Abua Odual Kingdom:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Concerned Citizens of Abua Odual Kingdom against Niger Delta Petroleum Resources Limited over Massive Oil/Chemical Spill, lack of Corporate Social Responsibility and adherence to Local Content Laws including the change of Name from OGB OML 54 to OTR OML 54 and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Niger Delta Petroleum Recourses Limited to improve on their Social Responsibility" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That Nation Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) should team up with the Department of Petroleum Resources Limited (DPR) and other Companies to clean-up Concerned Citizens of Abua Odual Kingdom Community" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"That the Niger Delta Petroleum Recourses Limited should employ Concerned Citizens of Abua Odual Kingdom Community as Staff, up to managerial level and also in skilled and unskilled labour" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Amendment Proposed:**
Insert a new Prayer (*iv*) as follows:
"That the sum of Fifty Million Naira (₦50,000,000.00) only be paid by the Niger Delta Petroleum Resources Limited to the community as compensation for destroyed fish pond and aquatic life" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made* — ***Agreed to.***

*Question that new Recommendation (iv) stands part of the Report* — ***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Concerned Citizens of Abua Odual Kingdom against Niger Delta Petroleum Resources Limited over Massive Oil/Chemical Spill, lack of Corporate Social Responsibility and adherence to Local Content Laws including the change of Name from OGB OML 54 to OTR OML 54 and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*), and approved a new Recommendation (*iv*) of the report.

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

**(*xlv*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by J. O. C. Ifedi & Co.,:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by J. O. C. Ifedi & Co., on a case of gross official corruption, abuse of office, obstruction of justice and cover up against the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, Men and Officers of the Nigeria Police Force, Enugu State Police Command (Homicide Unit), Dr Ohayi SAR and Victor A. Ashiatima in the suspected murder of Mrs Rita Ugwuegbeulam and approve the recommendation therein"(*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"That the House should refer the matter to the Medical and Dental Practitioner Board for further investigation to determine the issue" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceeding.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by J. O. C Ifedi & Co., on a case of gross official corruption, abuse of office, obstruction of justice and cover up against the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, Men and Officers of the Nigeria Police Force, Enugu State Police Command (Homicide Unit), Dr Ohayi SAR and Victor A. Ashiatima in the suspected murder of Mrs Rita Ugwuegbeulam and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

***(xlvi) Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Eric Ibe and Associates on behalf of Sambo Daniel and Baba Adamu:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Eric Ibe and Associates on behalf of Sambo Daniel and Baba Adamu against the Nigeria Customs Service on the wrongful dismissal from Service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Nigerian Customs service to reinstate Mr Sambo Daniel and Baba Adamu back to service without further delay" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That the Nigerian Custom Service pay all arrears and salaries and entitlements from the period they were purportedly dismissed from January 2018 to date" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"That Mr Sambo Daniel and Baba Adamu should not in any way be intimated or harasses upon reinstatement" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Eric Ibe and Associates on behalf of Sambo Daniel and Baba Adamu against the Nigeria Customs Service on the wrongful dismissal from Service and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*) of the Report.

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

***(xlvii) Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Peter Ajene:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Peter Ajene against the Nigeria Customs Service on the wrongful dismissal from service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Customs Service to reinstate DSC Peter Ajene to service and promote him to be at par with his colleagues in office and to resume work without delay" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Pay him all salary arrears, benefits and entitlement with effect from 4 November, 2014 in which he was officially given a letter of dismissal, and transfer him to another Custom base in order to avoid victimization by his superiors" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Peter Ajene against the Nigeria Customs Service on the wrongful dismissal from service and approved Recommendations (i) - (iii) of the Report.

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

***(xlvi)*** ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Samco Anyi CON Nigeria Limited:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Samco Anyi CON Nigeria Limited against Julius Berger Plc on the Compliant of Breach of Contractual Agreement, Intimidation, Blackmail and Racial Treatment, Appeal for immediate Intervention and prevail upon Julius Berger Plc to honour the subsisting deposits and pay the petitioner 2 Billion Naira as General and Special Damages inclusive of an order compeling the Hon. Minister of Power, Works and Housing to ensure that Julius Berger Plc is not awarded further Contract in Nigeria and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"That the parties should respect and comply with the agreed conditions as is contained in the memorandum of understanding dated 8 May, 2017" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That Julius Berger should return to the Management of Samco Anyi and Co. Ltd (Chief Samuel Okoye) all the official documents and subcontractors materials that were contained in the Containers removed by Julius Berger Nigerian Plc or pay its monetary equivalent within 21 days of the House's resolution" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Samco Anyi CON Nigeria Limited against Julius Berger Plc on the Compliant of Breach of Contractual Agreement, Intimidation, Blackmail and Racial Treatment, Appeal for immediate Intervention and prevail upon Julius Berger Plc to honour the subsisting deposits and pay the petitioner 2 Billion Naira as General and Special Damages inclusive of an order compeling the Hon. Minister of Power, Works and Housing to ensure that Julius Berger Plc is not awarded further Contract in Nigeria and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*ii*) of the Report.

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

**(*xlvii*)** ***Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Promissory Note Programme and a Bond Issuance to Settle Inherited Local Debts and Contractual Obligations to Petroleum Marketers"(*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)**

(*Mr Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Approve the payment of the sum of ₦10,822,859,663.30 (Ten Billion Eight Hundred and Twenty-Two Million Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Three Naira Thirty Kobo) only, to Tanzila Petroleum Company as oil subsidy claim for Premium Motor Spirit imported in 2008" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That the payment of the Committee verified balance in the sum of ₦58,120,241,429.80 (Fifty-Eight Billion, One Hundred and Twenty Million, Two Hundred and Forty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Nine Naira and Eighty Kobo) only, for the following Oil Marketing Companies:

| *S/No.* | *Oil Marketers* | *Balance Due to OMCs* (₦) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | A & E PETROLEUM | 2,655,762,340.76 |
| 2. | BLACKLIGHT | 3,752,469,691.44 |
| 3. | BULK STRATEGIC | 1,444,385,007.47 |
| 4. | CONOIL | 8,384,536,952.39 |
| 5. | FATGBEMS PETROLEUM | 1,021,847,697.34 |
| 6. | FIRSTDEEP WATER (Stallionaire) | 3,002,603,716.23 |
| 7. | FORTE OIL PLC | 3,867,959,988.08 |
| 8. | FRADRO INTERNATIONAL | 630,442,812.89 |
| 9. | FRESH SYNERGY | 411,815,482.56 |
| 10. | HONEYWELL (HOGL) | 4,389,838,295.89 |
| 11. | HUDSON PETROLEUM | 414,013,095.55 |
| 12. | IPMAN INVESTMENT | 733,744,706.51 |
| 13. | LINC NIG LTD | 1,009,700,850.97 |
| 14. | MATRIX ENERGY | 4,698,624,216.93 |
| 15. | OANDO PLC | 4,999,930,908.88 |
| 16. | ONTARIO OIL & GAS LTD | 9,814,751,701.24 |
| 17. | OTHNIEL BROOKS | 507,927,403.62 |
| 18. | SWIFT OIL LTD | 4,016,797,274.20 |
| 19. | TEMPOPGATE OIL | 2,363,089,286.85 |
| | **Grand Total** | **58,120,241,429.80** |

(*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation (iii):***

"Approves the payment of the sum of (₦129,048,358,444.11) One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Billion, Forty-Eight Million, Three hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Four Naira and Eleven Kobo only, as final subsidy arrears claim to the following Oil Marketing Companies:

| *S/No.* | *Companies* | *Amount (₦)* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | A A RANO | 2,953,657,904.14 |
| 2. | ASCON | 309,492,450.64 |
| 3. | AITEO | 2,230,182,725.69 |
| 4. | A-Z PETROLEUM | 825,615,419.01 |
| 5. | BLUEFIN ENERGY LTD | 1,690,407,135.38 |
| 6. | BOVAS | 3,121,355,759.75 |
| 7. | DEEJONES PETROLEUM & GAS | 4,174,474,183.34 |
| 8. | DOZZY OIL & GAS | 1,688,849,278.88 |
| 9. | EMADEB | 4,087,782,147.72 |
| 10. | FOLAWIYO ENERGY | 3,035,172,438.12 |
| 11. | FATGBEM PETROLEUM | 57,248,289.34 |
| 12. | FORTE OIL PLC | 3,947,482,603.02 |
| 13. | FRADRO | 393,195,893.16 |
| 14. | FRESH SYNERGY | 105,204,329.85 |
| 15. | FYNEFIELD PEROLEUM COMPANY LTD | 54,615,153.32 |
| 16. | GULF TREASURES | 941,379,969.19 |
| 17. | HEYDEM PETROLEUM | 743,683,044.38 |
| 18. | HUDSON PETROLUEM | 11,419,839.60 |
| 19. | IBAFON OIL | 25,847,250.73 |
| 20. | INTEGRATED OIL | 6,640,569,802.06 |
| 21. | MAINLAND OIL | 2,876,145,072.04 |
| 22. | MASTERS ENERGY | 10,031,177,319.07 |
| 23. | MOBIL OIL NIG | 2,920,939,210.16 |
| 24. | MRS OIL PLC | 8,843,521,274.29 |
| 25. | MRS OIL & GAS LTD | 6,347,557,809.24 |
| 26. | NEPAL | 1,046,288,865.43 |
| 27. | NIPCO PLC | 4,269,148,385.52 |
| 28. | NORTHWEST PETROLEUM | 11,410,006,178.20 |
| 29. | OANDO PLC | 491,380,426.57 |
| 30. | OBAT OIL | 7,634,175.03 |
| 31. | RAHAMANIYYA OIL | 2,101,420,080.54 |
| 32. | SAHARA ENERGY | 8,418,674,489.97 |
| 33. | SAMON PETROLEUM | 1,223,158,895.06 |
| 34. | SHORELINK OIL | 3,425,830,183.25 |
| 35. | STOCKGAP FUELS | 1,999,484,734.50 |
| 36. | SWIFT OIL LTD | 1,559,940,085.26 |
| 37. | TAURUS | 535,454,471.00 |
| 38. | TECHNO OIL LTD | 2,928,133,494.68 |
| 39. | TOP OIL | 1,247,723,663.99 |
| 40. | TOTAL NIG PLC | 13,712,198,206.93 |
| 41. | VINE OIL & GAS | 107,657,183.26 |
| 42. | CEOTI LIMITED | 88,209,333.79 |
| 43. | ECO-REGEN LIMITED | 71,605,253.45 |
| 44. | EURAFIC OIL & COASTAL SERVICES LTD | 278,057,001.33 |
| 45. | GEACAN ENERGY LTD | 58,873,830.04 |
| 46. | IMAD OIL & GAS LTD | 54,704,169.81 |
| 47. | INTEGRATED SERVICES LTD | 58,671,251.93 |
| 48. | MOB INTEGRATED SERVICE LTD | 296,678,554.52 |
| 49. | NATICEL PETROLUEM LTD | 131,726,338.89 |

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| 50. | OCEAN ENERGY TRADING & SERVICES LTD | 2,143,559.51 |
| 51. | RYDEN OIL LTD | 36,622,765.47 |
| 52. | STONEBRIDGE OIL LTD | 5,376,915.30 |
| 53. | VALVIZA PETROLEUM LTD | 27,787,099.61 |
| 54. | VIVENDI ENERGY NIG. LTD | 115,389,370.28 |
| 55. | XALON PETROLUEM LTD | 116,642,014.35 |
| 56. | A.S.B. INVESTMENT COMPANY | 38,855,369.54 |
| 57. | ALIMINUR RESOURCES LTD | 145,168,612.53 |
| 58. | ANOSYKE GROUP OF CO. LTD | 174,585,198.37 |
| 59. | BRILA ENERGY LTD | 71,516,366.25 |
| 60. | ETERNA PLC | 704,899,805.91 |
| 61. | MAJOPE INVESTMENT LTD | 63,697,397.93 |
| 62. | NADABO ENERGY LTD | 143,929,885.83 |
| 63. | NASAMAN OIL SERVICES LTD | 172,932,012.82 |
| 64. | ONTARIO OIL & GAS NIG. LTD | 116,849,666.63 |
| 65. | P.O.N. SPECIALIZED SERVICES LTD | 59,784,651.93 |
| 66. | SULPHUR STREAMS LTD | 147,520,231.86 |
| 67. | YANATY PETROCHEMICAL NIG. LTD | 325,021,964.90 |
| | **Grand Total** | **129,048,358,444.11** |

(*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Promissory Note Programme and a Bond Issuance to Settle Inherited Local Debts and Contractual Obligations to Petroleum Marketers and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*) of the Report.

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

**(*xlviii*)** ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Ikire, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and Other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters*** **(HB. 1334) (*Committee of the Whole*):**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Ikire, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and Other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1334)"(*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Ikire, to Provide Full- Time Courses Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to Provide for the Appointment of the Provost and Other Officers of the College to Carry out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College and for Related Matters (HB. 1334)

**Clause 1: Establishment of Federal College of Education, Ikire.**

(1) There is established the Federal College of Education, Ikire (herein after referred to as "the college").

(2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and common seal and shall take power to acquire and dispose of interest in movable and immovable properties.

(3) The College may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 2: Governing Council of the College.**

(1) The governance and direction of the college affairs shall rest in the governing council of the college (in the Bill required to as "the council").

(2) The Council shall have the responsibility to consider and approve:

(*a*) The Programme of studies to be undertaken in the college;

(*b*) The annual estimates of the college; and

(*c*) The investment plan of the college.

(3) The Provision of the schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the council to as mentioned herewith (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3: Membership of the Council in the College.**

The council of the college shall consider of:

(*a*) a chairman and other members to be appointed by the President;

(*b*) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Education;

(*c*) a representative of the University of which the College is affiliated to for the purpose of moderation;

(*d*) two representatives of the academic board of the College;

(*e*) a representative of the National Commission for the College of Education and

(*f*) the Provost of the College (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Tenure of Members of the Council.**

(1) A member of the council (other than the ex-official members) shall hold office for a term of four years and subject to the provision of sub-section (2) of this section shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of four years and also move.

(2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Bill shall become vacant of:

(*a*) the member resigns in office by notice of writing under his hand addressed to the Minister; or

(*b*) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the college for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5: Functions of the College.**

The functions of the college shall be:

(*a*) to provide full-time courses in teaching instruction and training:

(*i*) in technology, applied sciences, arts, social science, humanities and management; and

(*ii*) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of development of Nigeria.

(*b*) to conduct courses in Education for qualified teachers;

(*c*) to arrange conference, seminars and workshops relative to the functions of the college; and

(*d*) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council may serve to promote the objective of the college (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Power of the Council.**

The council of the college shall have power to:

(*a*) hold examinations and grant NCE, Diplomas, Professional Certificates and other distinctions to persons, who have pursued of study approved and accredited by the National Commission for Colleges of Education;

(*b*) hold examinations in Education for qualified teachers;

(*c*) recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;

(*d*) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the college for the purpose of construction such fees as the council may with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

(*e*) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and bookselling;

(*f*) award fellowship, medals, prizes and other titles;

(*g*) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units with the college or extra moral departments as the councils may from time to time determine;

(*h*) erect provide equip and maintain such educational recreational and residential facilities as the college may require;

(*i*) create lectureships and other academic post and offices and to make appointment thereof (*j*) Receive and make gifts;

(*k*) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedients for carrying into effects the objections of the college;

(*I*) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff and students of the college;

(*m*) encourage and make provision for research in the college;

(*n*) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing power as may advance the objects of the college (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: Visitation.**

(1) The minister responsible for education shall be the visitor of the college.

(2) The visitor shall, not less than once in every five years, conduct a visitation to the college or appoint a visitation panels consists of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation:

(*a*) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the college; or

(*b*) for such other purpose as the visitor may deem fit (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8: The Academic Board and its Functions.**

(1) There shall be established for the college a board to be known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members:

(*a*) The Provost of the College as the Chairman;

(*b*) All heads of departments;

(*c*) The college bursar;

(*d*) The college Librarian; and

(*e*) not more than three members of the Academic staff other than the heads of departments to be appointed by the council.

(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

(*a*) the direction and management of academic matters of the college including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction;

(*b*) discharging any other functions which the council may from time to time delegate to it (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: Power of Minister.**

The Minister may give to the Council directions of the general character or relating generally to matter with regard to the exercise by the Council of it functions and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 10: The Provost of the College.**

(1) There shall be a Provost for the college (herein after referred to as "the Provost") who shall be appointed by the president on the recommendation of the minister.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the provost, the council shall:

(*a*) advertise the vacancy in reputable widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying:

(*i*) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post;

(*ii*) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration of the minister.

(3) The President shall appoint as provost one of the candidates recommended by the minister.

(4) Subject to the general control of the council the provost shall be the chief executive of the college and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management and operations of the college.

(5) The Provost shall hold office for a period of five years only and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: Deputy Provost.**

(1) There shall be for the college two deputy provosts namely: Deputy Provost (Academic) and the Deputy Provost (Administration).

(2) The council shall the deputy provosts from among the chief lecturers in the college in any of the following ways, that is:

(*a*) from a list of five candidates in order of preference, submitted by the provost;

(*b*) on the recommendation of a selection Board constituted for their purpose; or

(*c*) on the nomination of the provost;

(3) The selection Board referred Sub section 2 (b) of this section shall:

(*a*) consist of:

(*i*) the Chairman of the council;

(*ii*) the Provost of the college;

(*iii*) two members of the Academic board; and

(*iv*) two members of the council not being members of the Academic Board.

(4) (*a*) The Deputy Provost (Academic) shall:

(*i*) assist the Provost in the performance of his function in Academic matters of the college;

(*ii*) act as the Provost when the post of the Provost is vacant or if the Provost is for any reason, absent or unable to perform his function.

(*b*) The Deputy Provost (Administration) shall:

(*i*) assist the provost in administrative matters of the college; and

(*ii*) perform such other functions as the provost or the council may from time to time assign to him.

(5) Each of the Deputy Provosts shall hold office for a period of two years no more (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: The Registrar and other Staff of the College.**

(1) There shall be a registrar for the college to be appointed by the council.

(2) The registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the council;

(3) The registrar shall be the secretary to:

(*a*) the Council;

(*b*) the Academic Board; and

(*c*) any Committee of the council.

(4) The registrar may perform any duty as may be assigned to him by the councilor the Provost.

(5) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five years and no more (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Other Principal Officers of the College.**

(1) There shall be for the College in addition to the Registrar:

(*a*) The Bursar; and

(*b*) The College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the council.

(2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the college and be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the college.

(3) The college Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College Library and the coordination of the library services in the teaching units of the college.

(4) The Bursar and the College Librarian shall each hold office for a period of five years and no mare (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 14: Resignation of Appointment of Principal Officer.**

A principal officer of the college may resign his appointment:

(*a*) in case of the provost by notice to the visit for; and

(*b*) in any other case by advise to the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Other Employees of the College.**

(1) The council may appoint other persons to be employees of the college as the council may deem to assist the Provost and the Principal Officers in the performance of their functions.

(2) The remuneration tenure of office and condition of service of the employee of the college shall be determined by the council- consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Pensions.**

Service in the college shall be approved service for the purpose of the pension's reform and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the college shall be entitled to pension's gratitude and other retirement benefit as may be prescribed in their respective letters of appointment (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 17: Selection Board for other Principal Officers.**

(1) These shall be a selection Board for the college which shall consist of:

(*a*) The Chairman of the council;

(*b*) The Provost;

(*c*) four members of the council not being members of the Academics Board; and

(*d*) two members of the Academic Board.

(2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be determined from time to time by the Council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 18: Fund of the College.**

(1) The college shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objection of this Bill.

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

(*a*) such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal Government through the National Commission for Colleges of Education;

(*b*) all monies raised by the council by way of gifts, grants in aid or test monetary disposition; and

(*c*) all subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the council and all other sums that may accrue to the council from any source.

(3) The council shall submit to the minister, through the National Commission for Colleges of Education not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 19: Power to Accept Gifts.**

(1) The College may accept gifts of loan, money or of other property upon such terms and conditions, of any as may be specified by the person making the gifts.

(2) The College shall not any gift of the conditions attached to the gifts are inconsistent with the functions of the college (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 20:** **Account and Audit.**
The college shall keep proper accounts of its receipt, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cease the account to be audited (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 21:** **Annual Report**.
The council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year, prepare and submit to the minister a report of its activities during the immediate proceeding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditor's report of the accounts (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 22:** **Interpretation.**
In this Bill:

"Chairman" means the chairman of the council (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means the Federal College of Education Ikire established under section (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the college established under section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Function" includes power and duties (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the minister charged with responsibility of education (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member" means a member of the council including the chairman (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Provost" means the provost of the college established under section 10 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Clause 23: Citation.**
This Bill may be sited as the Federal College of Education, Ikire (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**SCHEDULE**

[Section 2(3).]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

*Terms of service*

1. There may be paid to the Members of the Councilor any Committee, other than *Ex-officio* Members, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the President.

2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in section 3, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the reminder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and such successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.

3. The council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

*Proceedings*

4. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days as the chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once every four months.

(2) The chairman may at any time and shall at the request in writing of not less than six members, convene a meeting of the council.

(3) Where the council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the council may co-opt persons who are not members of the council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the council.

(4) The Quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members of the Council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the President.

(5) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.

*Miscellaneous*

5. (1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman, Provost and of some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a Body Corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

(3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum.**
This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Education, Ikire as institute to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of National Certificates of Education, Diplomas, etc. (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education Ikire, to Provide Full- Time Courses Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to Provide for the Appointment of the Provost and Other Officers of the College to Carry out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College and for Related Matters (HB. 1334) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr 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 Federal College of Education Ikire, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and Other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1334) and approved Clauses 1 - 23, the Schedule, 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.***

**(*xlix*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Petition by Chief F. A. Eneawaji (Icherene-Ugane):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Chief F. A. Eneawaji (Icherene-Ugane) against Mobil Producing Unlimited (Now Exxon Mobil Corporation) on the various Incidents of Crude Oil Spillage Emanating from Exxon Mobil and the Non-payment of Compensation to the affected Victims and approve the recommendation therein"(*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation:***
"Urge NOSDRA M.P.N to negotiate with Chief F. A. Eneawaji (Icherene-Ugane on the Need to pay compensation to the affected Community" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Chief F. A. Eneawaji (Icherene-Ugane) against Mobil Producing Unlimited (Now Exxon Mobil Corporation) on the various Incidents of Crude Oil Spillage Emanating from Exxon Mobil and the Non-payment of Compensation to the affected Victims and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

***(l) Ad-hoc Committee to interface with the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and other stakeholders to critically evaluate the MYTO System*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Interface with the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and Other Stakeholders to Critically Evaluate the MYTO System and Re-assess all its Inputs and Assumptions in order to come up with a realistic and acceptable Tariff Regime in Nigeria. (HR. 58/2017)"(*Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani — Bindawa/Mani 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"That the Regulator (NERC) needs to be more assertive and more independent minded in guiding the affairs of the industry" (*Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani — Bindawa/Mani Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That the regulator needs to come up with a road map that will be made public that will explain how she intends to guide the market through the turbulent times we are now in" (*Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani — Bindawa/Mani Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"That the Executive through the CBN needs to come up with a formula that will ensure that the forex components of the MYTO tariff and protect it from forex fluctuations" (*Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani — Bindawa/Mani Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iv*):**
"That the Ministry of Petroleum, and the Ministry of Power, Works and Housing needs to stop working in silos and must work together to have common front so that gas produce in Nigeria is not sold to Nigerians in foreign currencies" (*Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani — Bindawa/Mani Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*v*):**
"That the Industry should come up with a platform or event or seminar where there will be a yearly constructive engagement between the executive, the legislature and the judiciary on key issues of NESI" (*Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani — Bindawa/Mani Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Interface with the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and Other Stakeholders to Critically Evaluate the MYTO System and Re-assess all its Inputs and Assumptions in order to come up with a realistic and acceptable Tariff Regime in Nigeria (**HR. 58/2017**) and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*v*) of the Report.

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

***(li) Committee on Army*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider Report of the Committee on Army on the Need to Investigate the Murder of Dr Ferry Gderegde and other Unarmed Civilians by men of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (FSARS) and the Nigerian Army in Rivers State. (HR. 13/04/2019)"(*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"That there is the urgent need to start withdrawing soldiers from the streets across the country and replace them with internal security operators" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That the Federal Government should re-orientate the Police in order to make it exhibit and sustain the required civility" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"That Every Commanding officer in the Police (FSARS Branch), especially ACP Akin Fakorede, should be investigated and sanctioned if found culpable" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*iv*):**
"That Adequate compensation be paid by the Federal Government to the families of the deceased and the victims after a proper assessment of the losses and deaths" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Recommendation* (*v*):**
"Urged the Rivers State Government to empanel a coroner's inquest to determine the cause of the death of Dr Gberegbe, given the controversy and tension generated over the circumstance and cause of the death" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Army on the Need to Investigate the Murder of Dr Ferry Gderegde and other Unarmed Civilians by men of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (FSARS) and the Nigerian Army in Rivers State (**HR. 13/04/2019**) and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*v*) of the Report.

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

**10. Third Reading of Bills**

**(*i*) A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa, Taraba State to Provide Full-Time Courses leading to the Award of Diploma, Higher National Diploma in Agriculture and Allied Fields and be responsible for the due Administration of the College ; ad for Related Matters (HB. 1446) — *Third Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa, Taraba State to Provide Full-Time Courses leading to the Award of Diploma, Higher National Diploma in Agriculture and Allied Fields and be responsible for the due Administration of the College ; ad for Related Matters (HB. 1446) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*ii*) **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Board for Technical Education Act and Enact the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education Bill as a Body Corporate to advise the Federal Government on all aspects of Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education which fall outside the scope of Universities; and for Related Matters (HB. 1634) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Board for Technical Education Act and Enact the National Commission for Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education Bill as a Body Corporate to advise the Federal Government on all aspects of Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education which fall outside the scope of Universities; and for Related Matters (HB. 1634) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*iii*) **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electric Power Sector Reform Act, No. 6, 2005 to Prohibit Theft of Electricity, Theft and Destruction of Electricity Supply, Infrastructure and Prescribe Appropriate Penalties for Violation; and for Related Matters (HB.1635) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Electric Power Sector Reform Act, No. 6, 2005 to Prohibit Theft of Electricity, Theft and Destruction of Electricity Supply, Infrastructure and Prescribe Appropriate Penalties for Violation; and for Related Matters (HB.1635) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*iv*) **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Commission for Colleges of Education Act, No. 3 of 1998 and Establish National Commission for Teacher Education; and for Related Matters (HB. 1641) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Commission for Colleges of Education Act, No. 3 of 1998 and Establish National Commission for Teacher Education; and for Related Matters (HB. 1641) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*v*) **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Rivers State; and for Related Maters (HB. 1632) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Oil and Gas Technology, Bonny, Rivers State; and for Related Maters (HB. 1632) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*vi*) **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Education (Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, Cap. E3, LFN, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1627) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Education (Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, Cap. E3, LFN, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1627) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*vii*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat Challenges, Training of Specialists in Ear, Nose and Throat; and for Related Matters (HB.1522) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat Challenges, Training of Specialists in Ear, Nose and Throat; and for Related Matters (HB.1522) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*viii*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria for determining the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1022) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria for determining the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1022) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*ix*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education (Technical), Aghoro, Bayelsa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1649) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education (Technical), Aghoro, Bayelsa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1649) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*x*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University, Uga, Anambra State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1648) — *Third Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University, Uga, Anambra State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1648) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*xi*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB.1608) — *Third Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Usugbenu, Irrua, Edo State (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB.1608) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*xii*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Iseyin, Oyo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Study and to make Provisions for its Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1640) — *Third Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Iseyin, Oyo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Study and to make Provisions for its Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1640) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*xiii*) **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Aba, Abia State; and for Related Matters (HB.1613) — *Third Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Aba, Abia State; and for Related Matters (HB.1613) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*xiv*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Facilities Management Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Practice, Register and Certify Practitioners in the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 1551) — *Third Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Facilities Management Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Practice, Register and Certify Practitioners in the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 1551) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*xv*) **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the Commission to set out Code of Conduct for Assessment of Universities' Students Characters alongside Academic Performance as Condition Precedent to Award of Degrees to Deserving Students and to make it Mandatory for Immediate Issuance and Release of Certificates to Graduating Students in all Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 56 and 439) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the Commission to set out Code of Conduct for Assessment of Universities' Students Characters alongside Academic Performance as Condition Precedent to Award of Degrees to Deserving Students and to make it Mandatory for Immediate Issuance and Release of Certificates to Graduating Students in all Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 56 and 439) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*xvi*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Regional Centre for Oral Health Research and Training Initiative to, among other things, be responsible for advising, implementing, training and coordinating Research on matters of Oral Health and to Facilitate the Implementation and Coordination of collaborative research and training in consultation with the World Health Organization and other National and International Allied Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 1158) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Regional Centre for Oral Health Research and Training Initiative to, among other things, be responsible for advising, implementing, training and coordinating Research on matters of Oral Health and to Facilitate the Implementation and Coordination of collaborative research and training in consultation with the World Health Organization and other National and International Allied Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 1158) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*xvii*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Allied Dental Health Professionals Council; and for Related Matters — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Allied Dental Health Professionals Council; and for Related Matters be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*xix*) **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Leather Science and Technology (NILEST) (HB. 1347) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Leather Science and Technology (NILEST) (HB. 1347) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**(*xx*) A Bill for an Act to make Provisions for Offences Relating to Terrorism, Prohibit the Financing of Terrorism and Consolidate all Acts Relating to Terrorism and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Terrorism Act of 2011 for the Purpose of Applying Stringent Prison Terms for Offences of Terrorism and Remove the Ambiguities in the Act, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 333 and HB. 447) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for Offences Relating to Terrorism, Prohibit the Financing of Terrorism and Consolidate all Acts Relating to Terrorism and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Terrorism Act of 2011 for the Purpose of Applying Stringent Prison Terms for Offences of Terrorism and Remove the Ambiguities in the Act, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 333 and HB. 447) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**(*xxi*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among other things, Provide for specific duties for Armed Forces Reserve in order to serve as a Rapid Response Mechanism with Capacity to Intervene in Emergency and Internal Security where the Nigerian Police were overwhelmed, Provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff, to make the appointment of Service Chiefs subject to Confirmation by the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB.70, HB.411, HB.149) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to among other things, Provide for specific duties for Armed Forces Reserve in order to serve as a Rapid Response Mechanism with Capacity to Intervene in Emergency and Internal Security where the Nigerian Police were overwhelmed, Provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff, to make the appointment of Service Chiefs subject to Confirmation by the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 70, HB. 411, HB. 149) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**(*xxii*) A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculture and to make Provisions for Establishment, Functions and Administration of the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists; and for Related Matters (HB. 838) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculture and to make Provisions for Establishment, Functions and Administration of the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists; and for Related Matters (HB. 838) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

(*xxiii*) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Ikire, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and Other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1334) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Ikire, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and Other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1334) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**11. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till* 4.55 *p.m.* (*Hon. Famurewa Israel Ajibola — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

*The House adjourned accordingly at* 4.50 *p.m.*

**Yakubu Dogara**
*Speaker*