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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 27 October, 2016

1. The House met at 11.07 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 26 October, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements**

(*a*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

(*i*) Staff and Students of ***Doveland International Schools***, Wuse II, Abuja;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of ***Early Beginners International School***, Lokogoma, Abuja.

(*b*) ***Transition of His Royal Highness, Alhaji (Dr) Hammangabdo Mohammed Sambo (The Lamido of Gashaka)*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Danasabe Charles Hosea (*Gashaka/Kurmi/Sardauna Federal Constituency*), announcing the transition of His Royal Highness, Alhaji (Dr) Hammangabdo Muhammed Sambo, the Lamido of Gashaka who passed away on Saturday, 22 October, 2016.

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

(*c*) ***International Day of Older Persons*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Chairman, Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions inviting Members to a stakeholders meeting on Aging and Legislation, as part of the celebration of the International Day of Older Persons, scheduled to hold on Monday, 31 October, 2016, at Conference Room 028, New Building, House of Representatives by 9.00 a.m.

(*d*) *Conference Committee on Forest Research Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill*, 2016:
Mr Speaker named Members of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Obinna Chidoka	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Abass Tajudeen	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Saduguwo A. Festus-Omoni	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Abdullahi Idris Garba	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Yusuf Ahmed Tijjani	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Usman Mohammad	—	*Member*

(*e*) *Conference Committee on Electronic Transaction Bill*, 2016:
Mr Speaker named Members of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Samaila Suleiman	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Jide Akinloye	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Zakariya'u Galadima	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Diri Douye	—	*Member*

(*f*) *Conference Committee on North East Development Commission (Establishment) Bill*, 2016:
Mr Speaker named Members of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Mohammad Sani Zoro	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Ezekiel A. Adaji	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Asabe Bashir Vilita	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Sergius Ogun	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Yakubu A. Balogun	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Igariwey Iduma	—	*Member*
(7)	Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff	—	*Member*

(*g*) *Conference Committee on National Assembly Budget and Research Office Bill*, 2016:
Mr Speaker named Members of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Timothy Simon Golu	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Babangida Ibrahim	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Daniel Asuquo	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Toby Okechukwu	—	*Member*
(5)	Hon. Olufemi Fakeye	—	*Member*
(6)	Hon. Aishatu Dukku	—	*Member*

4. Petitions

(*a*) A petition from Martins Ifeanyi Onwudinjo, on the refusal of Heritage Bank to comply with the Court Order of 25 November, 2015, for his reinstatement and payment of his entitlements, was presented and laid by Hon. Anayo Nnebe (*Awka North/Awka South Federal Constituency*);

(*b*) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Yunusa Ahmad Abubakar (*Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*):

(*i*) Adaora Mary Piusity, on her prolonged suspension by the Unity Bank Plc;

(*ii*) Haruna Ibrahim Isah, on the termination of his appointment by the Federal Road Safety Commission;

(*c*) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Agbonyinman Johnson Ehiozuwa (*Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*):

(*i*) Mike Ozekhome's Chambers (Legal Practitioners and Notary Public), on behalf of Lifeline Maritime Nigeria Limited and Braza Oil Limited, on the payment for their vessels allegedly vandalized by the Nigerian Navy;

(*ii*) Chief E. A. Akenwa and 1 other, on the alleged maladministration and misappropriation of public funds by the Managing Director of the Benin Owena River Basin Authority;

(*d*) A petition from Abdullahi Chindo Lawal, on his retirement from the service and non implementation of his promotion by the Nigerian Postal Service, was presented and laid by (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen (Zaria Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(*i*) ***The Threat by International Airlines to Shut Down Flight Operations from the Nation's Capital, Abuja*:**

Hon. Rufai Ahmed Chanchangi (*Kaduna South 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.*

The Threat by the International Airlines to shut Down Flight Operations from the Nation's Capital, Abuja:

The House:

Notes the threat by some International Airlines operating in Nigeria to cut off flight operations into Abuja by the end of November, 2016;

Aware that Airlines such as the Emirates, Lufthansa and Kenya Airways had indicated their intentions to stop flight operations into Abuja due to the prevailing Forex issues in the country;

Also notes that Emirates had formally written to the Minister of State for Aviation, of its intention to stop flight operations into Abuja following the Airline's inability to buy Forex and repatriate its sales;

Disturbed by the further assertion of Emirates Airline to also suspend Lagos operations if things do not change;

Alarmed at the disclosure by the Internationals Airlines to completely stop their operations in Nigeria if, by the end of December, 2016, the Forex crisis is not resolved positively;

Concerned about the negative consequences these threats would have on the economy and, by extension, the country's social-economic relationship with other nations,

Also concerned that these threat will also have negative impact in our attempt to diversify our economy through Tourism;

Worried that such action would further isolate the Nations Capital from the other Capital cities around the world;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the threat of suspension of Flight operations by International Airlines in Nigeria; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee, when constituted to invite the Minister of Finance, Minister of State for Aviation and the Governor of the Central bank of Nigeria, and all airline operators to ascertain the quantum of the Forex crises in Nigeria and proffer immediate solutions (*Hon. Rufai Ahmed Chanchangi — Kaduna South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the prayers and insert a new prayer as follows:
"Mandate the Committee on Aviation to include issues raised in the cause of debate on the motion in its ongoing investigation on the matter" (*Hon. Nnanna Igbokwe — Ahiazu/Ezinihitte Mbaise Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the threat by some International Airlines operating in Nigeria to cut off flight operations into Abuja by the end of November, 2016;

Aware that Airlines such as the Emirates, Lufthansa and Kenya Airways had indicated their intentions to stop flight operations into Abuja due to the prevailing Forex issues in the country;

Also noted that Emirates had formally written to the Minister of State for Aviation, of its intention to stop flight operations into Abuja following the Airline's inability to buy Forex and repatriate its sales;

Disturbed by the further assertion of Emirates Airline to also suspend Lagos operations if things do not change;

Alarmed at the disclosure by the Internationals Airlines to completely stop their operations in Nigeria if, by the end of December, 2016, the Forex crisis is not resolved positively;

Concerned about the negative consequences these threats would have on the economy and, by extension, the country's social-economic relationship with other nations;

Also concerned that these threat will also have negative impact in our attempt to diversify our economy through Tourism;

Worried that such action would further isolate the Nations Capital from the other Capital cities around the world;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Aviation to include issues raised in the cause of debate on the motion in its ongoing investigation on the matter (**HR. 153/2016**).

(*ii*) ***Call for the Investigation of Asset Management Company of Nigeria (AMCON), Obligos over the Non Liquidation of (₦2,473,248,084,522.73) Two trillion, four hundred and seventy-three Billion, two hundred and forty -eight million, eight four thousand, five hundred and twenty-two naira, seventy three kobo only:***
Hon. Johnbull Shekarau (*Mikang/Quanpan/Shendam 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.*

Call for the Investigation of Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) Obligos over the Non-Liquidation of Two Trillion, Four Hundred ans Seventy-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Forty-Eight Million, Eighty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Two Naira, Seventy-Three Kobo (₦2,473,248,084,522.73) Only:

The House:

Notes that the Asset Management Corporation of Nigerian (AMCON) was established by law to respond to the 2007-2009 global financial crisis as an intervention agency to provide stabilization capital to eligible financial institution and acquire eligible banks assets;

Aware that the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) provide initial capital and a 3 years zero coupon Federal Government guaranteed bond to allow AMCON raise ₦5.67 trillion for the intervention;

Worried that 6 (six) years after, AMCON is yet to recover over ₦2.473 bn from Obligos/bank debtors to enable her redeem the 3 years zero coupon bond it acquired;

Concerned that the inability to recover this amount has serious implication on the economy especially now that it is in recession;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to investigate the failure of obligos/bank debtors to liquidate their loans in order to enable AMCON redeem the 3 years zero coupon bond it raised and to report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Johnbull T. Shekarau — Mikang/Quanpan/Shendam Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Urge the Executive Arm of Government to suspend any further patronage or business with those core obligors until their debts are totally paid" (*Hon. Shadimu Mutui — Oshodi Isolo I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) In Prayer (*i*), immediately the words "Banking and Currency", *insert* the words "Aids, Loans and Debt Management" (*Hon. Zakari Mohammed — Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Asset Management Corporation of Nigerian (AMCON) was established by law to respond to the 2007-2009 global financial crisis as an intervention agency to provide stabilization capital to eligible financial institution and acquire eligible banks assets;

Aware that the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) provide initial capital and a 3 years zero coupon Federal Government guaranteed bond to allow AMCON raise ₦5.67 trillion for the intervention;

Worried that 6 (six) years after, AMCON is yet to recover over ₦2.473 bn from Obligos/bank debtors to enable her redeem the 3 years zero coupon bond it acquired;

Concerned that the inability to recover this amount has serious implication on the economy especially now that it is in recession;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management to investigate the failure of obligos and bank debtors to liquidate their loans in order to enable AMCON redeem the 3 years zero coupon bond it raised and to report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action; and

(*ii*) urge the Executive Arm of Government to suspend any further patronage or business with those core obligos until their debts are totally paid (**HR. 154/2016**).

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it consider more than 2 Motions on Matters of Urgent Public Importance " (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(*iii*) ***Call for Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to Ban all Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Devices in Carry-on, Checked Baggage or on Individual Passengers on all Flights Operating within or from Nigeria*:**
Hon. Oladele Olatubosun George (*Irepo/Oorelope/Olorunsogo 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 — Negatived.

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

(*iv*) ***Need to Support the Celebration of the 2016 International Day of Older Persons*:** Hon. Linus Okorie (*Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

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

Need to Support the Celebration of the 2016 International Day of Older Persons:

The House:

Notes the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 45/106 of December 14, 1990, which designated **October 1 the International Day for Older Persons**;

Also notes the decision of the Nigerian Advocacy Groups to shift the commemoration of the day to October 31, 2016 in deference to the nation's independence anniversary;

Further notes the theme of this year's celebration, which is "Take a Stand Against Ageism";

Aware of the rising number of Older Persons (60 and above) in Nigeria, which is projected to reach 10 million by 2020 and 50 million in 2050;

Also aware of the numerous challenges faced by Older Persons in the country across all aspects of life due to discriminatory practices, prejudicial attitudes, institutional practices and policies that encourage breaches; excludes them as targets of development programs in healthcare, income security and an enabling environment; that are summed up as Ageism;

Further aware of the National Stakeholders' Forum on Older Persons being hosted by the House Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions in collaboration with Dave Ornokaro Foundation to commemorate the day;

Desirous of a national strategic agenda of inclusion and responsiveness to the challenges of Older Nigerians; and in support of a fundamental change in the perception, attitude and paradigm about ageing, old age and an inclusive society;

Resolves to:

(*i*) felicitate with all Older Persons in Nigeria on the occasion of their 2016 International Day; and

(*ii*) support the National Stakeholders' Forum being hosted by the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions in collaboration with Dave Omokaro Foundation in commemoration of the day (*Hon. Linus Okorie – Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 45/106 of December 14, 1990, which designated **October 1 the International Day for Older Persons**;

Also noted the decision of the Nigerian Advocacy Groups to shift the commemoration of the day to October 31, 2016 in deference to the nation's independence anniversary;

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Also aware of the numerous challenges faced by Older Persons in the country across all aspects of life due to discriminatory practices, prejudicial attitudes, institutional practices and policies that encourage breaches; excludes them as targets of development programs in healthcare, income security and an enabling environment; that are summed up as Ageism;

Further aware of the National Stakeholders' Forum on Older Persons being hosted by the House Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions in collaboration with Dave Omokaro Foundation to commemorate the day;

Desirous of a national strategic agenda of inclusion and responsiveness to the challenges of Older Nigerians; and in support of a fundamental change in the perception, attitude and paradigm about ageing, old age and an inclusive society;

Resolved to:

(*i*) felicitate with all Older Persons in Nigeria on the occasion of their 2016 International Day; and

(*ii*) support the National Stakeholders' Forum being hosted by the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions in collaboration with Dave Omokaro Foundation in commemoration of the day (**HR. 155/2016**).

6. Presentation and First Reading of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

(1) Food Security Agency Bill, 2016 (HB. 825).

(2) Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 826).

(3) Chartered Institute of Public Diplomacy and Management Bill, 2016 (HB. 824).

(4) National Institute for Legislative Studies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 827).

7. Presentation of Reports

(*i*) *Committee on Finance*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Finance, on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service the Total Sum of ₦143, 522, 430, 526.00 (One Hundred Forty-Three Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Six Naira) only and for Other Related Matters (HB. 750)" (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) *Committee on Housing*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Housing, on the Investigation of Lack of Functional Infrastructure in the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) Estates Across the Country (**HR. 90/2015**) and the Looming Epidemic in FESTAC and Satellite Towns (**HR. 47/2015**)" (*Hon. Ahmad Usman BabbaKaita — Kankia/Ingawa/Kusada Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iii*) *Committee on Housing*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Housing, on the Call for Measures to Stop the Incessant Collapse of Buildings in Nigeria (**HR. 138/2015**)" (*Hon. Ahmad Usman BabbaKaita — Kankia/Ingawa/Kusada Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Army Colour (Prohibition of Use) Act, Cap. A24, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide Stiffer Penalties and to Include Other Areas such as Aircraft and Watercraft and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 46), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Army Colour (Prohibition of Use) Act, Cap. A24, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase the Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 687) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Rename the National Library as Chinua Achebe National Library and Prescribe Stiffer Penalties for Breach of its Provisions, a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Specify the Tenure of Office of the Director and Review Penalties Upwards, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Compel the Board of the National Library to Establish a National E-Library in order to Bridge the Deficiency Gap in Teaching and Research in the Nigerian Educational Sector where Access to Books and Periodicals have Become a Limiting Factor and for Other Related Matters (HBs 142, 609 and 304) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Rename the National Library as Chinua Achebe National Library and Prescribe Stiffer Penalties for Breach of its Provisions, a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Specify the Tenure of Office of the Director and Review Penalties Upwards, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Compel the Board of the National Library to Establish a National E-Library in order to Bridge the Deficiency Gap in Teaching and Research in the Nigerian Educational Sector where Access to Books and Periodicals have Become a Limiting Factor and for Other Related Matters (HBs 142, 609 and 304) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema — Ogbaru Federal Constituency and 2 Others*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Basic Education Services.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Communications Act, Cap. N97, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for Regulation of Unsolicited Telephone Communications from all Communication Industries in Nigeria and to make Provision for the Promotion of Online Safety that will Require Internet Service Providers and Mobile Phone Operators to Provide a Service that Excludes Adult Content, and a Bill for an Act to Prohibit the Sales of Pre-Registered and Falsely or illegally Registered Sim Cards and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HBs 422 and 423) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Communications Act, Cap. N97, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for Regulation of Unsolicited Telephone Communications from all Communication Industries in Nigeria and to make Provision for the Promotion of Online Safety that will Require Internet Service Providers and Mobile Phone Operators to Provide a Service that Excludes Adult Content, and a Bill for an Act to Prohibit the Sales of Pre-Registered and Falsely or illegally Registered Sim Cards and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HBs 422 and 423) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Telecommunications.

11. **A Bill for an Act Relating to Caller Location Information of Users of Telecommunication Devices and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 347) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act Relating to Caller Location Information of Users of Telecommunication Devices and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 347) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Telecommunications.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. C34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase Some Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 683) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. C34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase Some Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 683) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Nasiru Sani Zangon Daura — Baure/Zango Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned.

Ordered: The Committee on Rules and Business to examine the Bill vis-a-vis a another Bill (HB. 43) *which was read a Second Time on Tuesday*, 31 *May*, 2016, *with a view to determining the extent of their similarity.*

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Forensic Accountants of Nigeria to be Charged with the Responsibility of Determining the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be Attained by Persons Seeking to become Forensic Accountants and Promote the Practice of the Arts and Science of Forensic Accountancy in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 769) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. **Inhumane Handling of Accident Victims Owing to Lack of Ambulances**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the decay in infrastructural facilities and lack of equipment to manage the nation's healthcare system;

Aware that it is the responsibility of the Government to protect and preserve the sanctity of lives of the citizens;

Laments the absence of emergency medical services along the nation's highways which result in denial of emergency treatment to accident victims;

Concerned that the absence of ambulance services along the highways make the Federal Road Safety Commission personnel to convey accident victims in the back of pick up vehicles that do not have medical facilities, a demeaning and embarrassing situation;

Aware that some of the accident victims could be only unconscious and if properly and timeously attended to, could survive;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to procure well equipped ambulances and employ medical personnel to be attached to patrol teams on highway duties in order to ensure a humane handling of accident victims; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure implementation and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the decay in infrastructural facilities and lack of equipment to manage the nation's healthcare system;

Aware that it is the responsibility of the Government to protect and preserve the sanctity of lives of the citizens;

Laments the absence of emergency medical services along the nation's highways which result in denial of emergency treatment to accident victims;

Concerned that the absence of ambulance services along the highways make the Federal Road Safety Commission personnel to convey accident victims in the back of pick up vehicles that do not have medical facilities, a demeaning and embarrassing situation;

Aware that some of the accident victims could be only unconscious and if properly and timeously attended to, could survive;

Resolved to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to procure well equipped ambulances and employ medical personnel to be attached to patrol teams on highway duties in order to ensure a humane handling of accident victims; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure implementation and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 156/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission.

15. Call for Revocation of Certificates of Occupancy of Undeveloped Plots in Areas Where Infrastructure Have Been Provided in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja

Order read; withdrawn by leave of the House.

16. Call for a Stop to the Practice of Hawking of Crisp Naira Notes in Public Places
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with serious concern the practice of hawking of crisp naira notes in the open markets, as well as during public functions, such as weddings and other social gatherings in major towns in the country;

Observes that this ugly trend has continued despite the unavailability of crisp Naira notes in banks across the country, thus raising crucial questions about where the hawkers obtain the ones they sell illegally;

Also notes that this development is not only at variance with global best practices, but also offends Section 21 (4) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, which makes it a punishable offence for any person to hawk, sell or otherwise trade in the Naira note;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Inspector General of Police to crack down on any person selling or hawking crisp Naira notes, in accordance with Section 21 (4) of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency and Police Affairs to interface with the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Inspector General of Police with a view to working out modalities to put an end to the practice, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Anayo Nnebe — Awka North/Awka South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with serious concern the practice of hawking of crisp naira notes in the open markets, as well as during public functions, such as weddings and other social gatherings in major towns in the country;

Observed that this ugly trend has continued despite the unavailability of crisp Naira notes in banks across the country, thus raising crucial questions about where the hawkers obtain the ones they sell illegally;

Also noted that this development is not only at variance with global best practices, but also offends Section 21 (4) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, which makes it a punishable offence for any person to hawk, sell or otherwise trade in the Naira note;

Resolved to:

(*i*) urge the Inspector General of Police to crack down on any person selling or hawking crisp Naira notes, in accordance with Section 21 (4) of the Central Bank of Nigeria Act; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency and Police Affairs to interface with the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Inspector General of Police with a view to working out modalities to put an end to the practice, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 157/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Banking and Currency, and Police Affairs.

17. **Consideration of Report**

(*i*) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Defence Space Administration, Develop Satellite Technology, Ensure Security of the Nation's Cyber Activities and for Other Related Matters*** **(HB. 816)** ***(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 Defence Space Administration, Develop Satellite Technology, Ensure Security of the Nation's Cyber Activities and for Other Related Matters (HB. 816) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DEFENCE SPACE ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOP SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY, ENSURE SECURITY OF THE NATION'S CYBER ACTIVITIES AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 816)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

Clause 1: Establishment of the Administration.

(1) There is established a body to be known as the Defence Space Administration (in this Bill referred to as "the Administration").

(2) The Administration:

(*i*) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and

(*ii*) may sue or be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Objects of the Administration.

(1) The Objects of the Administration are to:

(*a*) facilitate and implement the Defence and Security aspect of the National Space Policy;

(*b*) develop and operate Military Space Technologies;

(*c*) support Nigerian Military operations both within and outside the country as well as Security Agencies responsible for internal security through the use of satellites;

(*d*) provide resilient and affordable Space and Cyberspace capabilities for the Nigerian Military, other Security and Law Enforcement Agencies;

(*e*) provide Space support for the launching of satellites and other high-value payload into Space using a variety of expandable launch vehicles and operating those satellites once in the medium of Space;

(*f*) establish Space Control capable of ensuring the peaceful use of space through counter space operations encompassing surveillance, navigation, protection and space intelligence analysis;

(*g*) establish Enhancement Centres capable of providing satellite-based weather, earth observation, communications, intelligence, missile warning and navigation, capabilities for the Nigerian Military in particular and the Country in general. Force enhancement provide direct support to military operations;

(*h*) expand the knowledge of Military Officers and men, security and other personnel in the Space Science Technology Development and Management, thereby strengthening human resources development required for the implementation of defence space programmes;

(*i*) encourage the development and operation of vehicles capable of carrying instruments, equipments, supplies and living organisms through space;

(*j*) co-ordinate space application programmes and activities in the 3-Arms Services, for the purpose of optimizing resources and develop space technologies of direct relevance to Armed Forces and national objectives;

(*k*) develop strategies for the exploitation of the outer space and make these part of the overall national development strategies, and implement strategies for promoting Armed Forces participation in the space industry;

(*l*) collaborate with national and international research centres, non-governmental organisations, universities, private sectors, industries and national and international space agencies and authorities;

(*m*) promote active participation of Nigerian Armed Forces in the activities of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and Other United Nations Specialised Agencies involved in space science and technology applications;

(*n*) provide support for all Military Formations, Commands, Units and Institutions in Nigeria for research and development projects relevant to the Defence Space Programmes;

(*o*) conduct training and re-training of personnel involved in defence space activities and undertake all such activities or things as are necessary or expedient for the carrying out of the objects of the Administration and promotion of Space Science and Technology in the Military and other Security Agencies.

(2) For the purpose of carrying out the objects outlined in section 2(1) (*a*)-(*o*) of this Bill, the Administration shall:

(*a*) establish such centres, facilities, departments and other teaching and research units within the Administration as may be necessary from time to time or desirable, subject to the approval of the governing council;

(*b*) be responsible for the discipline and welfare of members of the Administration;

(*c*) refer matters relating to the discipline of military personnel in the Administration according to the Armed Forces Act;

(*d*) conduct and sponsor studies and researches in space science and related fields of learning;

(*e*) engage top quality staff of international standards aimed at creating a centre of excellence in mandated fields of study;

(*f*) subject to the provisions of the Land Use Act, acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of moveable and immovable property wherever situate;

(*g*) accept gifts, legacies and donations, provided that the terms and conditions attached to such gifts, legacies or donations are not inconsistent with the objects and purpose for the establishment of the Administration;

(*h*) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, and other buildings as are necessary for the carrying out of the objects of the Administration;

(*i*) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by Statute, invest any moneys belonging to the Administration by way of endowment, whether for general or special purposes or such other money as may not be immediately required for current expenditure in any investments or securities 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 not invested with any approved bank on deposit or current account;

(*j*) borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the security of any of the property, moveable or immovable of the Administration, such moneys as the council may from time to time require or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances of credit facilities;

(*k*) do such other things as may be required for the effective and smooth running of the Administration; and

(*l*) do such acts or things that are incidental to the attainment of the powers listed in this section as are considered necessary to promote the objects of the Administration (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Clause 3: **Establishment and composition of the Governing Council.**
There is established for the Agency a Council to be known as the Governing Council, Defence Space Administration (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall initiate or approve the policy of the Administration and accordingly, the Council may give the Administration directions on general or specific matters (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: **Composition of Council.**
The Council shall consist of the:

(*a*) Hon. Minister of Defence as Chairman;

(*b*) Hon Minister of Science and Technology;

(*c*) Hon Minister of Interior;

(*d*) Attorney-General of the Federation and Hon. Min. of Justice;

(*e*) Chief of Defence Staff;

(*f*) Chief of Army Staff;

(*g*) Chief of Navy Staff;

(*h*) Chief of Air Staff;

(*i*) Inspector General of Police;

(*j*) Chief of Defence Space Agency as Secretary; and

(*k*) Chief of Defence Space Administration as Secretary (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Amendment Proposed:
After paragraph (*c*), *insert* a new paragraph (*d*) as follows:
"Minister of Communications", and renumber accordingly (*Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 5: Functions and Powers of the Council.
The Council:

(*a*) shall grant approval for the Administration to enter into research and production partnerships with any Company, Non-Governmental Organization, firm or individual;

(*b*) shall appoint technical consultants to advice it from time to time as the need and situation may arise;

(*c*) may, with the approval of the Council, establish other centres which shall be located in such places in Nigeria as may be selected by the Administration;

(*d*) may make regulations generally for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Bill, facilitating the discharge of the Administration's functions or pursuing the Administration's objectives;

(*e*) may delegate any of its powers or functions to any person or persons, authority or committee except for its powers to approve statues of the Administration;

(*f*) shall approve the creation of any Office, Department or Committee as may be considered necessary or expedient for the smooth running of the Administration;

(*g*) shall recommend the nomination(s) of Chief of Defence Space Administration to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces for approval subject to the provision(s) of the Armed Forces Act.

(*h*) shall exercise control and supervise the policy, finances and property of the Administration;

(*i*) shall appoint the provost, professors and other academic and administrative staff(s), stipulate terms and conditions of their appointment, determine the remuneration of the principal officers and other staff(s) of the Administration that are not military personnel and scope of their responsibilities; and

(*j*) shall do such other things as are necessary for the successful performance of the functions of the Administration (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 6: Tenure of office of members of the Council.

(1) The office of a member of the Council shall be deemed vacant if after 4 years from the date of first appointment:

(*a*) he dies;

(*b*) he resigns before the expiration of his tenure;

(*c*) he is adjudged to be medically unfit, a lunatic or of unsound mind;

(*d*) a case of gross misconduct is established against him;

(*e*) he is sentenced to death or imprisonment;

(*f*) he is adjudged or declared bankrupt;

(*g*) he is discovered to be a member of any secret society;

(*h*) he is indicted for fraud or embezzlement by a Judicial Commission of Inquiry or indicted for contravention of the Code of Conduct;

(2) For the Chief of the Defence Space Administration, whose removal from office shall be in accordance with military posting, on the recommendation of the CDS and Council to Mr. President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Federal Republic of Nigeria for approval (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART III — STRUCTURE OF THE ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, OFFICES AND DIRECTORATES OF THE ADMINISTRATION

Clause 7: Structure of the Administration Headquarters, Offices and Directors of the Administration.

(1) The Headquarters of the Administration shall be situated in the Federal Capital Territory Abuja.

(2) There shall be at the headquarters the following offices and Directorates:

(*a*) Office of the Chief of the Defence Space Administration (CDSA) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO);

(*b*) Office of the Deputy Chief of Defence Space Administration (DCDSA);

(*c*) Directorate of Earth Observation (DEO);

(*d*) Directorate of Satellite Communication (DSC);

(*e*) Directorate of Navigation, Positioning and Timing (DNPT);

(*f*) Directorate of Launch Services and Space Operations (DLSO);

(*g*) Directorate of Policy, Planning & Research (DPPR);

(*h*) Directorate of Cyber Security (DCS);

(*i*) Directorate of Support Services (DSS);

(*j*) Directorate of Finance and Accounts (DFA); and

(*k*) Directorate of Procurement (DOP).

(3) The Administration shall have powers to establish other Directorates as the need arises.

(4) Each Directorate shall be headed by a Director with an establishment rank of Major General or its equivalent in other Security Agencies or a Civilian with requisite professional experience, for a minimum duration of 2 years (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 8: Development Centres of the Administration.

(1) To achieve the objectives of the Defence Space Policy, the Administration shall operate through the following Development Centres and School:

(*a*) Space Innovations and Development Centre;

(*b*) Defence Earth Observation Centre;

(*c*) Defence Satellite Communication Centre ;

(*d*) Defence Cyber Operations Centre;

(*e*) Defence Space School (DSS).

(2) The Administration shall have power to establish other Development Centres as the need arises.

(3) The Centres shall carry out other activities that are necessary for the successful implementation of their mandates.

(4) Each Centre of the Administration shall have Functional Technical Divisions and Support Service. The Administration shall, with the approval of the Council, establish other centres which shall be located in such places in Nigeria as may be selected by the Administration.

(5) Each Centre shall be headed by a Director, a Senior Military Officer whose appointment and removal from office shall be in accordance with Military posting or employable highly skilled retired officers from the 3-Armed Forces or other Security Agencies or a Civilian who is a professional with a minimum of 15 years practical experience in the activity area of the Centre which he is in charge (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: Defence Space School (DSS).

(1) The DSS shall be responsible for buildingcapacity in Space Science and Technology (SST).

(2) The DSS shall be headed by a Commandant, a senior military officer with an establishment rank of Major General or its equivalent whose appointment and removal from office shall be in accordance with military posting, and who shall work with the Chief in actualizing the Defence Space Policy in accordance with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF OF THE AGENCY

Clause 10: Appointment and functions of the Chief of Defence Space Administration.

(1) There shall be appointed for the Administration, a Chief, drawn from any of the Services on rotational basis, not below the rank of a serving Major General or its equivalent whose appointment and removal from office shall be in accordance with military posting, on the nomination of the CDS and Council recommendation to Mr President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Federal Republic of Nigeria for approval.

(2) He must be knowledgeable in space science and have demonstrated experience in engineering, information technology or science and technology; and who shall be responsible to the Council for:

(*a*) giving to the Council such information as to the activities of the Administration as the Chairman of the Council may require;

(*b*) authorizing programmes and plans for giving effect to policy approved by the Council or to any direction of the Council subject to all or any of the powers in this Section as may be delegated to him by the Council;

(*c*) carrying out the day-to-day running of the Administration;

(*d*) preparation of programme of work and estimates of the Administration's income and expenditure annually;

(*e*) supervision of the activities of the Directors in the Administration; and

(*f*) co-ordinating the activities of the Centres.

(2) The fact that any power has been delegated to the Chief pursuant to subsection (1) of this Section shall not preclude the Council itself from exercising them in any special case.

(3) The powers referred to in subsection (2) of this section shall include the:

(*a*) executive control over the Military, Security and Civilian staff of the Administration;

(*b*) supervision of accounts and records;

(*c*) preparation for approval of programmes and plans as are necessary to carry into effect approved policy or any directive of the Council;

(*d*) interpretation of such policy to other staff of the Administration;

(*e*) making of any staff recommendations to the Council; and

(*f*) establishment of organisational structures, committees and definitions of duties (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 11: Appointment and functions of the Deputy Chief of Defence Space Administration.

(1) There shall be appointed for the Administration, a Deputy Chief of Defence Space Administration (DCDSA), drawn from any of the Services on rotational basis, of the rank of a serving Major General or its equivalent in the other services whose appointment and removal from office shall be in accordance with Military posting, on the recommendation of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and Council approval, must be knowledgeable in space science and have demonstrated experience in engineering, information technology or science and technology;

(2) The DCDSA shall assist the CDSA in the day to day administration of the Agency and in any other responsibility as may be assigned by the CDSA (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: Appointment of other Principal Officers of the Administration.

(1) There shall be appointed for the Administration, Directors for the Defence Space Administration, drawn from all the Services not below the rank of Brigadier General and not above the rank of Major General or its equivalent in other services whose appointment and removal from office shall be in accordance with Military posting as stated in Schedule 3. They shall assist the "Chief" in running the affairs of the Administration in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

(2) Appointment and removal of all other officers and men other than principal Officers shall also be by Military posting for the Defence Space Administration, drawn from all the Armed Forces by the Chief of Defence Space Administration (CDSA) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 13: Functions of the Secretary to the Council.

(1) The CDSA shall be the Secretary to the Council and shall be in charge of the Secretariat of the Council.

(2) The Secretary of the Council shall carry out such function(s) and duties as the Council may assign including functions specified in subsection (3) (*a*)-(*d*) of this section.

(3) The Secretary of the Council shall, in addition to such other functions and duties as the Council may assign to him:

(*a*) prepare the minutes of meetings of the Council and its Committees;

(*b*) keep and secure the records of the Council;

(*c*) issue notices of meetings of the Council and other correspondences as may be directed by the Hon. Minister of Defence; and

(*d*) ensure proper dissemination of the decisions of the Council to the appropriate persons, institutions or authorities (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 14: Posting of staff to the Administration.

(1) The Nigerian Army, Navy and Air Force shall post Military Officers, Soldiers, Ratings and Airmen from time to time, to fill administrative, command, teaching and other military vacancies in the Administration.

(2) The Council shall appoint such persons as employable highly skilled Retired Officers from the Armed Forces or other Security Agencies or Civilian Members of staff for the Administration for teaching, research and general administration as it considers necessary and shall approve terms and conditions of service including provision for the payment of pensions.

(3) Newly appointed members of staff of the Administration shall, unless exempted by the Minister of Defence, take such oaths as to secrecy and other matters as the Minister of Defence may, from time to time, direct (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 15: Tour of duty duration.

For continuation in projects, Personnel who are trained space specialists posted to the Administration should have a minimum of 3 years tour of duty to enable them acquire requisite training, experience and application in Space Science and Technology (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 16: **Establishment, etc. Of the Defence Space Development Fund.**

(1) There is established a fund, which shall be known as the Defence Space Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Fund").

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

(*a*) grants-in-aid and assistance from bilateral and multilateral agencies;

(*b*) all other sums accruing to the Fund by way of gifts, endowments, bequest or other voluntary contributions by persons and organisations: Provided that the terms and conditions attached to such gifts, endowments, bequest or contributions will not jeopardize the functions of the Administration;

(*c*) such monies as may be appropriated for the Fund by the National Assembly;

(*d*) foreign aids and assistance from bilateral and multilateral agencies; and

(*e*) all other sums accruing to the Fund by way of gifts, endowments, bequest or other voluntary contributions by persons and organisations (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 17: **Expenditures of the Administration.**

The Administration shall apply funds to:

(*a*) the training of members of staff of the Administration and provision of scholarships and awards for specialized training of personnel;

(*b*) pay the civilian personnel, overhead allowances, benefits and other administrative costs of the Administration; and

(*c*) pay all personnel involved in space programme(s) a special allowance called Radiation Hazard Allowance (RHA), Special Skill Allowance (SSA), Shift Allowance (SA) and Plain-Clothing Allowance (PCA) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 18: Exemption from payment of tax.

All incomes derived by the Administration from the sources specified in Section 23 of this Bill and all contributions to the Fund of the Administration shall be exempted from tax (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 19: **Audit and Accounts.**

(1) The Accounts of the Administration shall be audited not later than 6 months after the end of the year to which they relate by auditors appointed by the Administration from the list of auditors supplied and in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

(2) An auditor appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall have access to all accounts and other records relating to such accounts as are kept by the Administration and shall have the power to request from any staff of the Administration such information and explanation as in the Auditor's opinion are necessary for the purpose of the audit (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 20: **Annual Report.**

The Administration shall prepare and submit to the Council not later than 30th June in each year, a report on the activities of the Administration, the audited accounts of the Administration and the Auditors' Report for each year preceding the report (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 21: **Power to borrow.**

The Council may, with the consent of or in accordance with the general authority given to it by Government, borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source or money required by the Administration for meeting its obligations in the discharge of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 22: **Power to accept gifts.**

The Administration may accept gift of land, money, property or loan, upon such terms and conditions if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift provided that the conditions attached by the person making the gifts are not inconsistent with the objects of the Administration and the Federal Government policy (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART VI — TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Clause 23: **Implementation of Policies.**

The Administration shall ensure the implementation of all policies in the attainment of its goals and objectives. The policies shall be in line with the National Space Policy and Program as well as Defence Policy of the nation. The implementation of such policies shall be under the direct responsibility of the Chief of Defence Space Administration and his Team (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 24: **Restriction on the disposal of landed property.**

All landed property of the Administration shall not be disposed of or charged except with the resolution of the Council (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 25: **Establishment of Committees.**
Bodies established under this Bill, shall have power to constitute Committees consisting members of such Bodies and, subject to the provisions of sections 5 and10 of this Bill, authorize a Committee established by it to exercise on its behalf, such functions as may be delegated to the Committee (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 26: **Interpretation.**
In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"AFN" means Armed Forces of Nigeria (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Centre" means Development Centres of the Administration established under Section 10 of this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Chief" means the Chief/Head of the Defence Space Administration (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"CDS" means Chief of Defence Staff (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"CDSA" means Chief of Defence Space Administration (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"CEO" means Chief Executive Officer (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"DCDSA" means Deputy Chief of Defence Space Administration (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"DSS" means Defence Space School (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Dual-purpose technologies" means Space Technologies which can contribute to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Dual-purpose technologies" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Facility" means any place, premises, structure or installation designed, adapted or equipped for the performance of any space or space-related process or activity (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Fund" means the Fund of the Administration or Defence Space Development Fund established under Section 23 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Government institutions" means any:

(*a*) body or company established by or under any law; or

(*b*) other institution or body recognized by the Minister by notice in the Gazette (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Government institutions" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Launching" means the placing or attempted placing of any spacecraft into a sub-orbital trajectory or into outer space, or the testing of a launch vehicle or spacecraft in which it is foreseen that the launch vehicle will lift from the earth's surface (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Launch vehicle" means any device manufactured or adapted to launch a spacecraft (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Launch vehicle" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Licence" means a licence issued to the Defence Space Administration by the regulatory Space Agency or proprietary body (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Licensee" means any person who is the holder of a licence (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Member" means a member of the Council (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Misconduct" means immoral, unethical or unprofessional behaviour (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"MOD" means "Ministry of Defence (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Other Security Agencies" means the Nigeria Police Force, the Department of State Security Services, the National Intelligence Agency, Nigerian Customs Service, Nigerian Immigration Service, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Other Security Agencies" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Outer space" means the space above the surface of the earth from a height at which it is in practice possible to operate an object in an orbit around the earth (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Outer space" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Premises" means any place where any facility, installation or structure is situated or being erected, and where any space or space-related activity is performed or the performance thereof is contemplated (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Prescribed" means prescribed by regulation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Principal Officer" means the Chief, Deputy Chiefand Directorates Directors, Centres Director and Commandant of DSS appointed under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Principal Officer" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Regulation" means any regulation made under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Secretary" means the Secretary of the Council appointed under Section 14(1) of this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Space activities" means the activities directly contributing to the launching of spacecraft and the operation of such craft in outer space (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Space activities" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Spacecraft" means any object launched with the purpose of being put and operated in outer space (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Space industry" means any industry utilizing space technologies (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Space industry" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Space-related activities" means all activities supporting, or sharing mutual technologies with, space activities (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Space-related activities" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Space technologies" means technologies specifically developed with a view to, or which are related to, or are utilized in, space activities (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Space technologies" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Suborbital trajectory" means the trajectory of any object which leaves the surface of the earth due to a launch, but returns to the surface of the earth without completing an orbit around the earth (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Suborbital trajectory" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Technical officer" includes scientists, engineers and lawyers working in the Administration (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Technical officer" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Technological assets" means any capital assets, patents, designs, data, equipment and computer software specifically related to space technologies (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Technological assets" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"This Bill" includes any regulation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Weapons of mass destruction" means weapons of mass destruction as defined in the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act, 1993 (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Weapons of mass destruction" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

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

Clause 27: **Short Title.**
This Bill may be cited as the Defence Space Administration Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

SCHEDULES

First Schedule

[*Section* 17 (*f*), (*g*), and (*j*)]

Business which section 17 (*f*), (*g*) and (*j*) refers to:

(*i*) all Information and Communications Technology (ICT);

(*ii*) Oil and Gas;

(*iii*) Telecommunication companies (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Second Schedule

[*Section* 9]

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE AGENCY

1. Director of Earth Observation

2. Director of Communications Satellite

3. Director of Navigation, Positioning and Timing

4. Director of Launch Services and Space Operations

5. Director of Cyber Security

6. Director of Policy, Planning & Research

7. Director of Support Services

8. Director of Finance and Accounts

9. Director of Procurement

10. Any other Directorate that may be created by the Council from time to time

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

No Subsidiary Legislation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Establish the Defence Space Administration, Develop Satellite Technology, ensure Security of the Nation's Cyber Activities and for Other Related Matters (HB. 816) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Establish the Defence Space Administration, Develop Satellite Technology, Ensure Security of the Nation's Cyber Activities and for Other Related Matters (HB. 816), and approved Clauses 1 - 3, approved Clause 4 as amended, approved Clauses 5 - 27, the Schedules, 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 Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes*** **(HB. 702)** **(*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 National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 702) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED PURPOSES (HB. 702)

Clause 1: **Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment.** There is hereby established the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: **Objectives and functions of the Institute.**

(1) The Institute shall have the following as functions:

(*a*) to provide national leadership in cancer research, control and treatment;

(*b*) to guide scientific improvements to cancer prevention, treatment and care;

(*c*) to coordinate and liaise between the wide range of groups and health care providers with an interest in cancer;

(*d*) to make recommendations to the Government about cancer policy and priorities;

(*e*) to oversee a dedicated budget for research into cancer;

(*f*) to assist with the implementation of Government policies and programs in cancer control;

(*g*) to provide financial assistance, out of money appropriated by the National Assembly, for research and treatment as mentioned in paragraph (e) and for the implementation of policies and programs mentioned in paragraph (*f*).

(2) The Institute may carry out such other activities as are necessary or expedient for the full discharge of any of the functions of the Institute under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: **Establishment of the Board.**

(1) There is hereby established a Board to be known as the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment Board (in this Bill referred to as the "Board").

(2) The Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: **Membership of the Board.**
The Board shall consist of:

(*a*) a Chairman to be appointed by the President;

(*b*) Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health;

(*c*) a representative each of:

(*i*) Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria;

(*ii*) Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria;

(*iii*) National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives;

(*iv*) eight persons with relevant qualificationsand experience who shall represent each of the following groups: Radiologists, Medical Laboratory Scientists, Physiotherapists, Nigerian Cancer Society, Civil Society Organizations, A Cancer Survivor living free of Cancer for a minimum of 5 years, National Complementary and Alternative Medical Association (NACAMA) and National Association of Nigeria Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP);

(*d*) the Director of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 5: **Tenure of office of members.**

(1) Subject to the provision of this section, a member of the Board shall hold office for four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of four years and no more.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the President may at anytime remove a member from the Board.

(3) Any member may, in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister at anytime.

(4) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant if:

(*a*) the period of his appointment has expired;

(*b*) he absents himself without leave of the Board from three consecutive meetings of the Board and without reasonable excuse for so doing;

(*c*) he is guilty of misconduct in his office as a member and a resolution of the Board approves the termination of his membership;

(*d*) he dies, resigns or is removed from office.

(5) Soon after the office of a member of the Board becomes vacant, the authority by whom he was appointed shall appoint another person in his place in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

(6) Members of the Board, other than *ex-officio* members, shall be paid out of money at the disposal of the Board, such remunerations and allowances as the Minister may, with the approval of the President determine.

(7) The provisions contained in the schedule proceedings to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained therein (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 6: **Power of the Board.**
The Board shall have power to:

(*a*) erect, provide equip and maintain research, centre, training schools with state of the art facilities as are necessarily suitable for the or required for any of the objects of the Institute;

(*b*) encourage and provide for research at the Institute;

(*c*) accept gifts, legacies and donations which are consistent with the objects of this Institute;

(*d*) enter into contract;

(*e*) acquire and hold movable and Immovable property;

(*f*) with the approval of the Minister:

(*i*) subject to the land use Act sell, mortgage, transfer or otherwise deal with movable or immovable property;

(*ii*) borrow at interest on the security of land or movable property of the Board such moneys as the Board may, from time to time require for the purpose of this Bill;

(*iii*) invest the funds of the Board as it thinks fits;

(*g*) do anything which in its opinion, may advance the objects of which the Institute was set up (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 7: **Director and other staff of the Institute.**

(1) There shall be a director of the Institute who shall be appointed by the President, on the recommendations of the Minister.

(2) A person shall not be qualified to be appointed as a Director, unless he is an Oncologist with 10 years research experience and preferably a Professor with administrative experience.

(3) The Board shall not exercise any disciplinary control over the director, without the approval of the Minister.

(4) Subject to the provision of this Bill and the control of the Board over the matters affecting finance of the Institute, the director shall be the chief executive of the Institute and shall be charged with the general responsibility for the management and administration of the affairs of Institute and in particular:

(*a*) direct and regulate the programme of work at the Institute;

(*b*) promote research within and outside of the Institute;

(*c*) keep safe custody of all records of the Institute;

(*d*) demand and receive from any person attending training or courses at the Institute fees as the Board may, from time to time determine;

(*e*) prepare and present to the Board annual and other reports on the progress of work at the Institute and on the expenditure or liabilities by the Institute;

(*f*) be responsible for the day to day running and management of the Institute;

(*g*) exercise such powers and performs such duties as may be determined from time to time by the President;

(*h*) create a Central Online data base for statistical analysis to create access by both public and private individuals with a view to attracting donor agencies;

(*i*) establish a department of telemedicine for collaboration with peers both within and outside the country;

(*j*) responsible for establishing a Cancer preventive protocol according to age and family history of every Nigerian with a view to carrying out a public awareness campaigns for screening right from the primary health centre to the secondary and tertiary hospitals with the ultimate referral centre for everything cancer being the Institute is aimed at eradicating medical tourism by the theme "Operation know your Health Centre and Referral Point" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 8: Appointment of the Secretary and other staff.

(1) There shall be for the Institute an administrative secretary who shall be appointed by the Board to perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board.

(2) Subject to section 7 of this Bill, the Board may appoint such other staff for the Institute as it may determine and pay to its staff such remunerations and allowances as payable to persons on equivalent in the Civil Service of the Federation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: **Pension Reform Act, 2004.**

(1) Service in the Institute shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004.

(2) Officers and employees in the Institute shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed in the Pension Reform Act 2004, so however that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which or other retirement benefit in respect of that office (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 10: **Financial Provision.**

(1) The Board shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed with the general or specified approval of the Minister in any case, all expenditure incurred by the Board.

(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 provided by the Federal Government or a State Government for payment into the fund;

(*b*) all moneys raised for the general purposes of the Institute;

(*c*) all moneys accruing to the Board on behalf of the Institute by any means, including grants -in- aid, endowments and donations;

(*d*) all charges, dues, fees for services rendered by the fund.

(3) The Board shall establish Public Private Partnership (PPP) wherever possible for providing clinical services using PPP model to defray costs and maximize efficiency (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 11: **Account and Audit.**

(1) The Board shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause to be prepared in each year:

(*a*) a statement showing the income and expenditure of the Institute for immediately preceding year; and

(*b*) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Institute as at the last day of the immediately preceding year.

(2) The Board shall cause every statement prepared under this section to be audited within six months after the end of the year to which the statement relates by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor General for the Federation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: **Annual estimates.**
The Board shall cause to be prepared not later than 1st June in each year an estimate of the expenditure necessary to carry out the programme approved by the Board during the immediately preceding year, and shall not later than 31st October in each year, submit to the Minister the estimate of expenditure and that of its income during the next succeeding year (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 13: **Annual Report.**
The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister once every 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 the report a copy of the credited accounts of the center for that year and the auditor's report thereon (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 14: **Power to give Directives.**
The Minister may give directives of a general nature with regard to the carrying out the objects of the Institute under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Institute to comply with such directives (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 15: **Regulation.**
The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations generally for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill and due administration of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 16: **Interpretation.**
In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires:

"Board" means the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment Board established under section 3 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Cancer" means the uncontrolled growth of the cells in the human body and the ability of these cells to migrate from the original site and spread to distant sites and includes but is not limited to skin cancer, lung cancer, colon cancer, breast cancer (in women), and prostate cancer (in men), cancer of the kidneys, ovaries, uterus, pancreas, bladder, rectum, and blood and lymph node cancer (leukemias and lymphomas) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Director" means the Director of the Institute appointed under section 7(1) of this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Institute'' means the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment established by section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for matters relating to Health (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Power" includes duties and functions (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

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

Clause 17: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

SCHEDULE

Section

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD, ETC

1. Subject to this Bill and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders to regulate the proceedings of the Board or any committee thereof.

2. (1) The Board shall meet not less than two times in every year for the exercise of its functions under this Bill and at such times and places as the chairman may, from time to time appoint.

(2) The chairman shall, if required to be so by notice in writing by not less than five other members, call a special meeting of the Board to be held within 28 days from the date on which the notice is given.

(3) Any notice given under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph shall state the matters to be discussed at the special meeting and any matter not so stated shall not be discussed at the meeting.

(4) At every meeting of the Board, the chairman shall preside and in his absence the members present shall appoint one of their numbers to preside at that meeting.

3. The quorum of the Board shall be four and the quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.

4. Minutes of every meeting of the Board shall be regularly entered in a book to be kept for the purpose and shall, after approval by members, be signed by the chairman at the next ensuing meeting.

5. The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the fact that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

6. (1) The seal of the Board shall not be used or affixed to any document, except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Board.

(2) The fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of chairman or the director or of some other member authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board.

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

(4) Any document purporting to be document duly executed under the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

7. Members of the Board who are not public officers shall be paid out of the money at the disposal of the Board such traveling and other allowances, in accordance with such scales as may be approved, from time to time, by the Minister.

8. Any member of the Board or a committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or purposed to be considered by the Board or a committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Board or committee and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila House Leader*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 702) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment, and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 702), and approved Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, 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 Establish the Nigerian Institute of Soil Science and for Other Related Matters*** **(HB. 703)** **(*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 Nigerian Institute of Soil Science and for Other Related Matters (HB. 703) and approve the recommendations therein (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF SOIL SCIENCE AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 703)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF INSTITUTE

Clause 1: **Establishment of the Institute.**

(1) There is established for the profession of Soil Science, an Institute to be known as the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (in this Bill referred to as "Institute").

(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued in its corporate name and shall have power to own, hold and dispose of property whether movable or immovable (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: **Functions of the Institute.**
The functions of the Institute are to:

(*a*) prescribe and regulate the standards of academic qualification and practical skills to be attained by persons seeking to become registered as Members. Associates or Fellows of the Institute, as the case may be;

(*b*) regulate the practice of the profession for Soil Scientists;

(*c*) establish, update and maintain a register of Soil Science Practitioners under this Bill according to their various ranks and to regulate the prerogatives and privileges pertaining to those ranks;

(*d*) ensure that Soil Science Practitioners in Nigeria uphold the ethics of the profession and guarantee the sustainability of high quality soil;

(*e*) advance the education, science, technology and art of Soil Science and Crop production in collaboration with Zonal Coordinating Research Institutes;

(*f*) promote Soil quality Management;

(*g*) promote rapid sustainability of high quality soil through scientific methods, and regulate all issues pertaining to soil management in Nigeria;

(*h*) advise and encourage the enactment and the enforcement of laws that will guarantee efficient production and consistent supply of high quality food to Nigerians;

(*i*) educate the public on Soil Science activities; and

(*j*) co-operate or affiliate with any relevant association and Soil Science either locally or internationally (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Powers of the Institute.

The Institute shall have power to :

(*a*) establish and promote Soil and fertilizer testing facilities to support farmers on efficient fertilizer use;

(*b*) establish such offices, departments, units and branches of the Institute as may be required for the proper administration and operation of the Institute;

(*c*) subject to such terms and conditions as the Institute may approve, engage staff, agents and other workers as the Institute may from time to time require for the performance of its functions under this Bill;

(*d*) establish necessary organization for the proper and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Institute;

(*e*) provide staff regulations for all staff of the Institute and provide pension and welfare schemes for the staff; and do such other acts and things as may be necessary for the performance of the functions of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Establishment of the Council.

(1) There shall be established for the Institute a Governing Council to be known as the Council of the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (in this Bill referred to as the "Council").

(2) The Council shall consist of:

(*a*) the President;

(*b*) the Vice President;

(*c*) the Registrar;

(*d*) five representatives who shall be elected by the Soil Science Society of Nigeria to the Institute;

(*e*) one representative from the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR & T);

(*f*) the Minister of Agriculture or his representative;

(*g*) the Minister of Education or his representative;

(*h*) the Minister of Environment or his representative;

(*i*) the Minister of Science and Technology or his representative;

(*j*) one representative of the Nigerian Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture to be elected by the Chamber;

(*k*) one representative to be nominated by Agro-allied division of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN); and

(*l*) immediate Past-President of the Society (*Ex-officio*) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 5: **Election of members of Council.**
The President, the Vice-President and other members of the Council mentioned in paragraphs (*c*), and (*d*) of subsection (2) of section 4 of this Bill, shall be elected by the Soil Science Society of Nigeria from amongst the Members, at an annual general meeting of Soil Science Society of Nigeria (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 6: **Tenure of office.**
(1) The term of office of a member of the Council other than an ex-officio member shall be three years but such member shall at the end of that term be eligible for re-election, for one more term only.

(2) The office of a member of the Council shall become vacant if the member:

(*a*) resigns his office, by a written notice to the Council;

(*b*) is removed from office by the Council, by reason of his professional misconduct or physical or mental infirmity; or;

(*c*) without leave of the Council, absents himself from 3 consecutive meetings of the Council (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 7: **The functions of the Council.**
The functions of the Council shall be to:

(*a*) carry into effect the functions and powers of the Institute;

(*b*) govern the affairs of the Institute;

(*c*) effect proper management of the Institute; and

(*d*) undertake other activities as the Council may consider necessary for carrying out the functions and powers of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 8: **Funds.**
The funds of the Institute shall consist of:

(*a*) contributions, levies, subscriptions, fees and other dues paid by the Members;

(*b*) revenue accruing to the Institute from its investments, activities and services;

(*c*) grants, endowments and donations from Governments, agencies, organizations, benefactors and other donors;

(*d*) revenue accruing to the Institute from any other source approved by the Council (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: **Bank account.**
The funds of the Institute shall be paid into an account in a reputable bank approved by the Council and no instrument for the withdrawal of any money from that account shall be valid unless it is authenticated by the signatures of the President and the Registrar or by the signatures of such officers of the Institute as may from time to time be approved by the Council (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 10: **Investment.**
The Institute may from time to time subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may approve, invest any part of its funds in any securities and may at any time dispose of such securities (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 11: **Power to borrow money.**
The Institute may from time to time, subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may approve, borrow such money as the Council may require for carrying out any of the functions of the power of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: **Accounts of the Institute.**
(1) The Institute shall keep and maintain proper accounts of its income and expenditure and shall by the 30th day of September of each year submit such accounts to be audited by any auditor approved by the Accountant-General of the Federation.

(2) The audited accounts of the Institute and the auditor's report thereon shall, not later than the 31st day of December of each year, be submitted by the Institute, to the Council (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART II — REGISTRAR AND REGISTRATION

Clause 13: Appointment of Registrar.

(1) There shall be appointed by the Council, a fit and proper person to be the Registrar of the Institute.

(2) The Registrar shall, subject to the overall control of the Council:

(*a*) be the Secretary to the Council;

(*b*) keep custody of the Register of the Institute and make such entries in the Register as the Council may from time to time by resolution, direct;

(*c*) keep custody of the common seal of the Institute and affix same to such documents as the Council may direct; and

(*d*) carry out other duties as the Council or the President may from time to time direct (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 14: Register of the Institute.

The Institute shall keep and maintain a register of all the Members including the Associates, Fellows and Honorary Fellows (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 15: Registration of Members.

The Institute may subject to the provisions of this Bill, and such rules as the Council may make in that regard, admit and register any person as —

(*a*) a Member;

(*b*) an Associate;

(*c*) a Fellow; or

(*d*) an Honorary Fellow (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 16: Eligibility for membership.

A person shall be eligible to be admitted and registered as a Member if that person is:

(*a*) at least a holder of a first degree or equivalent qualification in Soil Science or Agronomy from any accredited institution and has duly completed the mandatory one year NYSC scheme with proof of participation;

(*b*) a member of any equivalent Soil Science body or Institute, recognized by the Council (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 17: **Associates.**

(*a*) That person has by research efforts, publications and experience in any area of Soil Science, contributed significantly to the growth and development of Soil Science or related areas; and

(*b*) The Council is satisfied that the Member is a fit and proper person to be elevated to the rank of Associate (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 18: **Fellows.**

A person who is a Member or Associate shall be eligible to be registered as a Fellow if:

(*a*) that person has by research efforts, publications and experience in any area of Soil Science, contributed significantly to the growth and development of Soil Science or related areas;

(*b*) the Council is satisfied that the Member is a fit and proper person to be elevated to the rank of Fellow;

(*c*) the person holds the minimum academic qualification that admits ordinary members (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 19: **Honorary.**

A person may be registered as an Honorary Fellow if:

(*a*) that person is distinguished in any area of Soil Management or related industry; and

(*b*) the Council is satisfied that the person is a fit and proper person to be elevated to the rank of Honorary Fellow (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 20: **Certificates and Honours.**

The Council may subject to its rules in that regard award distinctive certificate and other honours Certificate to any person, Member, Associate, Fellow or Honourary Fellow as the case may be, for any distinctive Honours, achievement in any discipline or area of agriculture (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART III — ACCREDITATION OF SOIL ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES

Clause 21: **Accreditation.**

(1) The Council shall delegate a Committee of the Council to undertake inspection of Soil Analytical Laboratories in Nigeria for the purpose of accreditation.

(2) Subject to this Bill a person who has not obtained his first degree or equivalent academic qualification from an accredited institution shall not be eligible to be registered as a Member (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Clause 22: Professional Misconduct.

In this part, "professional misconduct" means any conduct considered by the Council to be professional misconduct and includes professional indiscipline, unjust enrichment of any person, abuse of office and corrupt practice in the conduct of a member in the public service (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 23: Disciplinary Misconduct.

(1) There shall be established for the Institute a Disciplinary Tribunal to be known as the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as the "Tribunal").

(2) The Tribunal shall hear and determine any case of professional misconduct against any Soil Scientist in the discharge of his official duties as a professional Soil Scientist.

(3) The Tribunal shall consist of the President and six other Members to be appointed by the Council (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 24: Investigating Panel.

(1) There shall, for the purpose of the proceedings before the Tribunal be established a panel to be known as the Investigating Panel of the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (in this Bill referred to as the "Panel").

(2) The Panel shall:

(*a*) conduct preliminary investigations into any allegation of complaint of professional misconduct against any member, Associate or Fellow of the Institute; and

(*b*) decide whether or not such member, Associate or Fellow has a case to answer before the Tribunal and where applicable to refer such case to the Tribunal for hearing and determination.

(3) The Panel shall consist of a Chairman and 4 other members to be appointed by the Council (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 25: Tribunal Rules. Schedule.

The Council may make rules to regulate the proceedings of the Tribunal and the Investigating Tribunal Panel, but until such rules are made the rules contained in the Schedule to this Bill are applicable (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 26: **Penalties.**
Where:

(*a*) a member is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of professional misconduct;

(*b*) a member is convicted of an offence by any court in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to sentence an offender to imprisonment (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) and the offence in the opinion of the Tribunal derogates from his membership in the Institute; or

(*c*) the Tribunal is satisfied that any person has been fraudulently registered in the Register of Members, the Tribunal shall give directions to the Registrar either to reprimand that Member or to strike that Member's name off the Register and the Registrar shall comply with such directions (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART V — MEETINGS

Clause 27: **Convening of Council Meetings.**
The Council shall hold not less than 4 Council meetings every year, but the President shall upon the requisition of not less than 5 members convene an emergency Council meeting to transact the business Council specified in the notice of that emergency Council meeting (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 28: **President at Council Meetings.**
The President shall preside at any meeting of the Council, and in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside. But where both the President and the Vice-President are absent, members of the Council present shall elect one of their members to preside at such a meeting (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 29: **Validity of Proceedings.**
The proceedings of the Council shall not be affected by the absence of any member of the Council or any defect in the election or appointment of any member or by reason that a person not entitled to Proceedings, has taken part in such proceedings (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 30: **Standing Orders.**
The Council may make standing orders to regulate its proceedings and those of any of its committees (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 31: **Annual General Meetings of Institute.**
(1) The Institute shall every year hold an annual general meeting of the Members.

(2) The President shall preside at any annual general meeting of the Institute; and in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside, and where both the President and the Vice-President are absent, the members present shall elect one of their members to preside at such meeting (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 32: **Regulations.**

(1) The Council may make regulations to carry into effect any of the provisions of this Bill.

(2) Without prejudice to Subsection (1), the Council may make regulations to:

(*a*) prescribe the fees, dues and subscriptions payable by the Members;

(*b*) prescribe the forms of the licenses and certificates, to be issued to Soil Scientists;

(*c*) prescribe the date, procedure and agenda of the annual general meeting of the Institute; and

(*d*) specify the offices and duties of the officers of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 33: **Interpretation.**

In this Bill:

"Council" means Council established by Section 4 (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Institution" means Faculty, College or University of Agriculture (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Member" means member of the Institute and includes an Associate and a Fellow of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"President" means President of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Ranks" means status of members, Associates or Fellows (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Register" means Register created and maintained under Section 14 (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Tribunal" means Tribunal established under Section 23 (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Vice-President" means the Vice-President of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"*Ex-officio*" means the immediate past President of the Institute (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

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

Clause 34: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

SCHEDULE

NIGERIA INSTITUTE OF SOIL SCIENCE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL RULES

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL

Parties

1. (1) The parties to any proceedings of the Tribunal shall be:

(*a*) the complainant;

(*b*) the respondent; and

(*c*) any other person required by the Tribunal to be joined, or joined by leave of the Tribunal.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this rule, parties to the proceedings may enter an appearance in person, or by their respective legal practitioners acting as counsel.

(3) The Tribunal may require the attendance of the complainant or respondent in person if that is necessary in the interest of justice.

Notice of Hearing

2. (1) When a complaint is referred by the panel to the Tribunal, the Registrar shall, after consultation with the Chairman, appoint a time and place for the hearing; and shall in the form in the Schedule hereto, give notice to all interested parties (including members of the Tribunal and the assessor) as directed or required by the Chairman.

(2) If directions are for any reason not so given, it shall be sufficient compliance with this rule if the notice is:

(*a*) handed to the party concerned or affected, personally; or

(*b*) sent by registered post to the last known place of abode of the party.

Hearing in absence of parties

3. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, the Tribunal may hear and determine a case in the absence of any party.

(2) Any party to any proceeding before a Tribunal who fails to appear or be represented may apply within one month after the date when the pronouncement of the findings and directions of the Tribunal were given, for a rehearing on the ground of want of notice or other good and sufficient reason; and the Tribunal, in appropriate cases may grant the application upon such terms as to costs or otherwise as it thinks fit.

Hearing of witnesses

4. The Tribunal may in the course of its proceedings hear witnesses and receive any documentary evidence necessary in its opinion to assist it in arriving at a conclusion as to the truth or otherwise of the allegation of misconduct in the complaint referred to it by the panel; and in the application of this rule, the provisions of the Evidence Act shall apply in any such proceedings.

Amendment of Complaint

5. If in the course of the proceedings it appears to the Tribunal that the complaint before it requires to be amended in any respect, the Tribunal may, on such terms as it thinks fit, allow the amendment to be made and the complaint as amended shall thereupon be dealt with accordingly.

Proceedings be in public

6. The proceedings of the Tribunal shall be held, and its findings and directions shall be delivered in public unless otherwise directed by the Tribunal.

Finding and Costs in certain cases

7. The Tribunal may, on its own motion, or upon the application of any party, adjourn the hearing, on such terms as to cost or otherwise as the Tribunal thinks fits.

False evidence

8. If any person willfully gives false evidence on oath before the Tribunal during the course of any proceedings, or willfully makes a false statement in any affidavit sworn to for the purpose of such proceedings, the Tribunal may refer the matter to the Attorney-General of the Federation for such action as the Attorney-General may think fit.

9. If after the hearing, the Tribunal adjudges that the charge of professional misconduct has not been proved, the Tribunal:

(*a*) shall record the findings that the respondent is not guilty of such misconduct in respect of which the charge was preferred; and

(*b*) may nevertheless order any party (except the complainant) to pay the costs of the proceedings, having regard in his conduct and to all the circumstances of the case.

Publication of Finding

10. Any finding made or direction given by the Tribunal shall be published in the Federal Gazette immediately after such finding or direction, as the case may be.

11. The Chairman shall during the hearing, take the minutes of the proceedings which shall be open to inspection by the parties and shall be made available to any party upon the payment of such charges as the Registrar may by instrument published in the Federal Gazette, fix.

Miscellaneous powers of Tribunal

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

Powers to retain exhibit pending appeal

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

Appointment and duties of Assessors

14. (1) An Assessor, shall be appointed by the Council by instrument, and the assessor shall hold and vacate office as provided in his instrument of appointment, and where the appointment is not a general one, it shall have effect only in respect of a particular proceeding of the Tribunal.

(2) Subject to the terms of his appointment, an assessor shall attend the proceedings of the Tribunal whenever required to do so by notice in writing given to him by the Registrar not later than 3 days, before the date fixed for the hearing of such Proceedings; and he shall advise the Tribunal on questions of law only.

Miscellaneous

Interpretation

15. In these Rules:

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

"Respondent" means the persons required to answer to any charge of Professional misconduct.

Citation

16. These rules may be cited as the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Disciplinary Tribunal) Rules (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Soil Science and for Other Related Matters (HB. 703) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Soil Science, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 703), and approved Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, 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.

18. Adjournment
That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 1 *November*, 2016 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.01 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker