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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13 December, 2016

1. The House met at 11.02 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 8 December, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Petitions**
(*i*) A petition from Comrade Solomon Adodo and 1 other, on behalf of Empowerment for Unemployed Youth Initiative, on a judgment of a Federal High Court awarding the sum of six billion, eight hundred million Naira against Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), and in favour of Chief Henry Omorodion, was presented and laid by Hon. Johnson Agbonayinma Ehiozuwa (*Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*); and

(*ii*) A petition from Omesue Godwin Chidiebere, on the termination of his appointment by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), was presented and laid by Hon. Onuigbo Samuel Ifeanyi (*Ikwunano/Umuahia North/Umuahia South Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the ***Committee on Public Petitions.***

4. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
(*i*) ***Need to Avert the Impending Strike Action by the Nigerian Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) in the First Week of January, 2017:***
Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso (*Orlu/Orsu/Oru-East Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it as one of urgent public importance.

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

Matter to stand over till Thursday, 15 December, 2016.

(*ii*) ***The Collapse of a Church Building in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State:***
Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok (*Ikot Abasi/Mkpat Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it as one of urgent public importance.

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

Matter to stand over till Thursday, 15 *December*, 2016, *pursuant to Order Eight, Rule* 4 (3).

5. Presentation of Reports

(*i*) ***Committees on Public Service Matters, Finance, Legislative Compliance, and Special Duties*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Public Service Matters, Finance, Legislative Compliance and Special Duties on Call for Lifting of Embargo on Foreign Training and International Travels by Public Servants (**HR. 56/2016**)" (*Hon. Sani Umar Bala — Tsanyawa/Kunchi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) ***Committees on Public Service Matters, and Governmental Affairs*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Public Service Matters, and Governmental Affairs on the Need to Investigate the Multiple Appointments being held by some Nigerians and the Unlawful Payment of Emoluments to them in Those Capacities (**HR. 69/2016**)" (*Hon. Sani Umar Bala — Tsanyawa/Kunchi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**

Report on the Petition by ASP Anthony Mgbeo Jirikwe:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by ASP Anthony Mgbeo Jirikwe against the Nigeria Police Force, on his unlawful suspension from the service of the Nigeria Police Force" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iv*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**

Report on the Petition by Kingdom Human Rights Foundation International:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Kingdom Human Rights Foundation International against the Federal Housing Authority for defrauding unsuspecting Imo People, using the Federal Housing Scheme" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) *Committee on Public Petitions*:
Report on the Petition by Akinyemi Olusegun Abimbola:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Akinyemi Olusegun Abimbola against the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), on the alleged unlawful termination of appointment" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) *Committee on Public Petitions*:
Report on the Petition by Effiom Edem Effiom:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Effiom Edem Effiom against the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPE) on alleged unlawful termination of appointment" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vii) *Committee on Public Petitions*:
Report on the Petition by Late Colonel Simon Daniel Ganya and Twenty-Nine Others:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Late Colonel Simon Daniel Ganya and Twenty-Nine (29) Others against the Nigerian Army on alleged wrongful retirement from service" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (Senate), a Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Strengthen the Membership of the Board and Ensure that Results and Scores Obtained by Candidates Seeking Admissions into Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria are Valid within Four Subsequent and Consecutive Academic Sessions and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish a Steering Committee to be Vested with the Responsibility of Centralizing the Management of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME), the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE) and the Senior School Certificate Examinations (SSCE) under a Single ICT Platform, to Reduce the Costs of Taking the Examinations and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 826, 131 and 849) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (Senate), a Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Strengthen the Membership of the Board and Ensure that Results and Scores Obtained by Candidates Seeking Admissions into Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria are Valid within Four Subsequent and Consecutive Academic Sessions and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act, Cap. J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish a Steering Committee to be Vested with the Responsibility of Centralizing the Management of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME), the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE) and the Senior School Certificate Examinations (SSCE) under a Single ICT

Platform, to Reduce the Costs of Taking the Examinations and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HBs.826, 131 and 849) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

7. **A Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies to Give Priority to Local Manufacturers and Indigenous Companies in the Procurement of Goods, Works and Services and to Prohibit the Exclusion of Locally Produced Goods in the Procurement Process and for Other Related Matters (HB. 828) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Surgeon General of the Federation (SGFGN) for the Purpose of Providing Professional Advice on Issues of Public Health, Medical and Health System to the President, Minister of Health, National Assembly and Other Officials in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 786) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the City Technical University, Kaduna and for Other Related Matters (HB. 768) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **Admittance into the Chamber**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House, do admit the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and his entourage for the purpose of presenting an address to a Joint Sitting of the National Assembly, pursuant to Order 19, Rule 8, on the 2017 Budget Estimates on Wednesday, 14 December, 2016 at 12.00 noon" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

11. **2017-2019 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on Tuesday, 4 October, 2016, forwarded a request to the House of Representatives for approval of the 2017- 2019 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP);

Aware that Section 11 (2) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, provides that the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) shall be considered for approval with such modifications, if any, as the National Assembly finds appropriate by a resolution of each House of the National Assembly;

Also notes that Section 11 (3) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, states that the Medium Term Expenditure Framework shall contain, among other things, a Macro-Economic Framework setting out the Macro-Economic projections for the next three financial years, the underlying assumptions for those projections and an evaluation and analysis of the Macro-Economic projections for the preceding three financial years;

Resolves to:

Commit the 2017 - 2019 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) to the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, National Planning and Economic Development, Legislative Budget and Research, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management to scrutinize and make recommendations to the House (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on Tuesday, 4 October, 2016, forwarded a request to the House of Representatives for approval of the 2017- 2019 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP);

Aware that Section 11 (2) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, provides that the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) shall be considered for approval with such modifications, if any, as the National Assembly finds appropriate by a resolution of each House of the National Assembly;

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Resolved to:

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12. **Need for the Completion of Jada Multipurpose Dam Project:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Jada Multipurpose Dam Project is located downstream of the confluence of River Mayo Ini and Mayo Gula and the contract for its construction was awarded to Messrs Anbecz Services Limited on the 8 November, 2010 at a contract price of ₦5,997,567,594.11 with a completion period of 36 months plus a 12 months defect liability period;

Also notes that the components of the project include the construction of the dam, the water supply scheme treatment and transmission, the social and environmental impact assessment, the irrigation scheme and finally the hydropower;

Informed that the dam project when constructed would meet the domestic, agricultural and hydropower needs of the people of the area which include, a reservoir surface area of 6.5 million square meters, storage capacity of 41 million cubic meters, embankment crest length of 367m amsl with a maximum height and length of 20.0m and 1.150m respectively, while the maximum storage level is 364 amsl;

Concerned that construction work commenced on 17 January, 2011, but stalled after about 12 months due to poor budgetary allocation, after minimal work had been done at the site, despite the contractor having received a total sum of ₦1,919,747,709.38;

Cognizant that in order to avoid further deterioration on the works done so far, and achieve the overall benefits for which the project was intended, there is an urgent need to complete it;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to include the completion of Jada Multipurpose Dam Project in the 2017 budget in order to ensure the supply of water for the people of the area, boost irrigation activities and create employment for the teeming youths; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Water Resources, and Appropriations to ensure implementation and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Abdulrazak Sa'ad Namdas — Mayo Belwa/Ganye/Jada/Toungo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 235/2016).

Motion referred to the ***Committees on Water Resources, and Appropriations****, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule* 9 (5).

13. **Call on the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to Rehabilitate the Irrua-Uromi-Illushi Road, Uromi-Agbor Road and the Ewohimi- Onicha Ugbo Road**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Irrua-Uromi-IllushiUromi-Agbor and the Ewohimi-OnichaUgbo Roads are major economic links between Esan North East/South Local Government Area of Edo State, Delta State and other neighboring States;

Also notes that the Irrua-Uromi-Illushi and the Uromi-Agbor Roads are connected to two major junctions, namely Angle 80 and Angle 90, which are exit routes and major intersections for commuters coming from other parts of the country, for business and other engagements;

Concerned that the deplorable state of these roads and the linking junctions has crippled economic activities and movement of goods from the farms and provided opportunities for bandits to rob commuters at will;

Believes that there is an urgent need for rehabilitation of these roads so as to boost economic activities in these areas, alleviate the hardships of communities, ease traffic and put a stop to the activities of bandits in the areas;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently carry out remedial works on the Angle 80 and Angle 90 junctions with the adjoining Irrua-Uromi-Illushi road and Uromi-Agbor Road;

(*ii*) also urge the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to undertake remedial works on the Ewohimi- Onicha Ugbo road without further delay; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to ensure implementation and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan West/Esan Central Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 236/2016).

Motion referred to the ***Committees on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)****, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule* 9 (5).

14. **Call for Investigation of the License Status of GOTV in the Provision of Digital Terrestrial Television Services in Nigeria**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Broadcasting Commission is empowered to, among other things, regulate the operations of Radio and Television stations, including Cable Television Services, direct broadcasting and any other medium of broadcasting in Nigeria;

Also notes that section 2 (1) (*g*) of the Act empowers the Commission to receive processes and consider applications for the establishment, ownership or operations of radio and television stations in Nigeria;

Further notes that section 2 (1) (*g*) of the Act specifically empowers the Commission to control and regulate the operations as well as upholding the principles of equity and fairness in the broadcasting industry;

Aware that in violation of section 2 (1) (*b*) of the Act, GOTV (a subsidiary of Multi-choice Nigeria started operations of Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) Broadcasting in April 2012 at Ibadan, Port Harcourt and Lagos without passing through the due process of bidding for the private signal distribution;

Concerned that GOTV does not possess the license to provide Digital Terrestrial Television Services in Nigeria as it was revealed that "Details Nigeria Limited" was the company which obtained a Digital Mobile TV (DSTV MOBILE) for ten Nigerian cities in 2007;

Also aware that the license granted to Details Nigeria Limited was converted by GOTV to provide Digital Terrestrial Television through a high-tech maneouvre without due process and in violation of the provisions of the law;

Also concerned that in spite of the provisions of section 2 (1) (*g*) of the Act which requires the upholding of the principles of equity and fairness in the broadcasting industry, Nigerians are being made to pay for what they do not consume through the monthly subscription scheme presently obtainable in the service charges of major Digital Television Broadcasting service providers like DSTV, Star times, GOTV, etc, as against the pay per view scheme obtainable in other countries like USA, UK, Brazil, France, and even South Africa;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to investigate the license status of GOTV in the provision of Digital Terrestrial Television Services in Nigeria and engage the National Broadcasting Commission with a view to its enforcing the pay -per view scheme on the Digital Television Broadcasting service providers for the benefit of Nigerians, and report back within eight (8) weeks, for further legislative action (*Hon. Jones Chukwudi Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Broadcasting Commission is empowered to, among other things, regulate the operations of Radio and Television stations, including Cable Television Services, direct broadcasting and any other medium of broadcasting in Nigeria;

Also noted that section 2 (1) (*g*) of the Act empowers the Commission to receive processes and consider applications for the establishment, ownership or operations of radio and television stations in Nigeria;

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Resolved to:

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15. **Need to Investigate the Joint Venture Agreement between the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) and StarTimes Communications Network Technology Company Limited**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) is an agency of the Federal Government primarily charged with the responsibility for the provision of television broadcasting in Nigeria;

Notes that in its bid to increase content, the NTA entered into a joint agreement on June 15, 2009 with Star Communications Network Technology Co. Ltd (SCNTCL) a wholly owned Chinese Company to, among others, build a terrestrial wireless digital television system and operate a pay TV service in Nigeria;

Aware that the agreement requires the NTA to provide the entire infrastructural platform for the operation of the partnership as well as patronage of Nigerians for the services to be provided while Star Television Network will provide only content;

Observes that the agreement led to the establishment of NTA-STAR NETWORK LTD with the business scope to engage in basic digital television, paid digital television, radio and television signal transmission, mobile television, handheld television, building advertising, advertisement and value-added services;

Concerned that the NTA, which provided the entire infrastructural platform for the joint venture, in addition to accepting the responsibility of "assisting" SCNTCL to implement almost all its responsibility in the agreement, was allotted only 30% of the shares while SCNTCL, despite its scant contribution, was allotted 70% of the shares;

Also concerned that the shareholding arrangement in the joint venture agreement is grossly lopsided against the NTA which also seeded the intellectual property rights of the joint ventures to StarTimes, thus engendering a kind of master/servant relationship between the NTA and StarTimes;

Further concerned about the allegation that some staff of NTA who participated in the negotiation of the agreement for the NTA are now working for SCNTCL for the implementation of the Agreement;

Equally concerned about the enormous revenues Nigeria may have been losing due to the lopsided and imbalanced nature of the agreement;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to investigate the Joint Venture Agreement between the Nigerian Television Authority and the Star Communications Network Technology Co. Ltd to ascertain whether the interests of Nigeria was well represented and is being protected, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen — Ijunu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Aware that the agreement requires the NTA to provide the entire infrastructural platform for the operation of the partnership as well as patronage of Nigerians for the services to be provided while Star Television Network will provide only content;

Observed that the agreement led to the establishment of NTA-STAR NETWORK LTD with the business scope to engage in basic digital television, paid digital television, radio and television signal transmission, mobile television, handheld television, building advertising, advertisement and value-added services;

Concerned that the NTA, which provided the entire infrastructural platform for the joint venture, in addition to accepting the responsibility of "assisting" SCNTCL to implement almost all its responsibility in the agreement, was allotted only 30% of the shares while SCNTCL, despite its scant contribution, was allotted 70% of the shares;

Also concerned that the shareholding arrangement in the joint venture agreement is grossly lopsided against the NTA which also seeded the intellectual property rights of the joint ventures to StarTimes, thus engendering a kind of master/servant relationship between the NTA and StarTimes;

Further concerned about the allegation that some staff of NTA who participated in the negotiation of the agreement for the NTA are now working for SCNTCL for the implementation of the Agreement;

Equally concerned about the enormous revenues Nigeria may have been losing due to the lopsided and imbalanced nature of the agreement;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to investigate the Joint Venture Agreement between the Nigerian Television Authority and the Star Communications Network Technology Co. Ltd to ascertain whether the interests of Nigeria was well represented and is being protected, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 238/2016**).

16. **Need for Intervention in the Payment of Local Vendors in the Oil and Gas Industry to Save the Local Contractors**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Call for Re-introduction of Agricultural Extension Workers to Guide Farmers on How to Apply Pesticides on Crops**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that before the discovery of oil, agriculture was the sector that earned foreign exchange for the country, but following the drop in the plies oil, the country is diversifying to agriculture to increase the foreign exchange, earnings;

Aware that farmers, owing to lack of training, are abusing the use of some pesticides, thereby exceeding the maximum pesticide residue limit in the agricultural produce, and are also using it for fishing, preserving dried fish and other food produce which are consume daily;

Also aware that some of our agricultural produce were being rejected in the world markets because of excess residue limit of pesticide in the produce, and also note that these pesticides are the major cause of cancer in the country at the present time;

Further aware that some pesticides like Organophosphate and Organochloride have been banned in most countries because they stay for more than 10 years in the soil and reach down to the water level that is the source of drinking and cooking food in the country;

Concerned that over-application of pesticides and wrong fertilizers in the soil is destroying the natural organisms that make the soil fertile;

Resolve to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to employ and post extension workers to the field before the 2017 planting season to guide farmers on how to apply pesticides on crops and ensure regular sensitization of farmers, on the requirement; and

(*ii*) call on the relevant agencies like National Agency for Foods and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC), the Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON) and the Nigeria Export Promotion Council, to ensure quality and due process in processing export products (*Hon. Ali Isa J. C. — Balanga/Billiri Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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18. **Need to Prevent the Importation and Sale of Plastic Rice in Nigeria**

Order read and deferred to enable the Sponsor of the Motion to provide the sample of the plastic rice before consideration on Thursday, 15 *December*, 2016 .

19. **Urgent Need to Implement the Provisions of the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Cap. F22, LFN, 2004)**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that the Federal Government, in 1992 established three Federal Universities of Agriculture by separation of the Campuses of Technology from the University of Lagos and University of Jos;

Also recalls that section 2 (3) of the Federal Universities of Agriculture set out the objectives of the Universities to be the training, development, research and extension of agriculture to the exclusion of all others;

Aware that section 4(1) (*a*) of the Act confers approval power over the establishment of all teaching and research units by the Universities on the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

Also aware that under the Act, the Pro-Chancellor of each University is to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development;

Surprised that in spite of these clear statutory provisions, the three Federal Universities of Agriculture have remained under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Education, thus defeating the purpose of their establishment;

Alarmed that as a result of this wrongful administrative placement; these Universities are now offering such programmes as Law and Human Medicine, etc. that are outside their core mandates;

Concerned that with the loss of focus, the intention of training and developing high level man-power for Agricultural advancement of the nation has been abandoned and unrealized;

Desirous of supporting the economic diversification efforts of the Federal Government through agriculture and preserving the superiority upholding the sanctity of our laws and due process.

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to give full and immediate effect to the provisions of the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, 1992 by placing all Federal Universities of Agriculture under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development,

(*ii*) also urge the President to ensure that the 2017 Budget estimates of the Federal Universities of Agriculture are included under the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Appropriations to ensure that the 2017 estimates of the three Federal Universities of Agriculture are considered under the budget of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture;

(*iv*) also mandate the House Committee on Rules and Business to effect necessary changes to the House Rules to bring the three Federal Universities of Agriculture under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions; and

(*v*) further mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Linus Okorie — Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Appropriations to ensure that the 2017 estimates of the three Federal Universities of Agriculture are considered under the budget of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture;

(*iv*) also mandate the House Committee on Rules and Business to effect necessary changes to the House Rules to bring the three Federal Universities of Agriculture under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions; and

(*v*) further mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 240/2016**).

20. Consideration of Reports

(*i*) ***Committee on Finance*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider 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 ₦126,414,300,000.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Fourteen Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira) only, out of which the sum of ₦55,000,000,000. 00 (Fifty-Five Billion Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, while the sum of ₦40,693,000,000.00 (Forty Billion, Six Hundred and Ninety-Three Million Naira) only, is for Over Head Costs and the Sum of ₦30,721,300,000.00 (Thirty Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira) only, is for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31 December, 2016 (HB. 750) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malunfashi Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(*Mr Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE FROM THE STATUTORY REVENUE FUND OF THE FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE THE TOTAL SUM OF ₦126,414,300,000.00 (ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX BILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAIRA) ONLY, OUT OF WHICH THE SUM OF ₦55,000,000,000. 00 (FIFTY-FIVE BILLION NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR PERSONNEL COSTS, WHILE THE SUM OF ₦40,693,000,000.00 (FORTY BILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE MILLION NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR OVER HEAD COSTS AND THE SUM OF ₦30,721,300,000.00 (THIRTY BILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 31 DECEMBER, 2016:

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: **Issue and appropriation of (₦126,414,300,000.00) One Hundred and Twenty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Fourteen Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira only from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service for the year ending on 31 December, 2016.**

(*i*) The Executive Chairman of the Service shall by warrant pay out of the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Service during the year ending on the 31 December, 2016, the sums specified by the warrants not exceeding in the aggregate (₦126,414,300,000.00) One Hundred and Twenty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Fourteen Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira only from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service for 2016.

(*ii*) The amount mentioned in subsection (*i*) shall be appropriated to heads of expenditures as indicated in the schedule to this Bill.

(*iii*) No part of the amount above mentioned shall be released from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service after the end of the year mentioned in the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: **Release of Fund from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service.**

All amounts appropriated under this Bill shall be released from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service only for the purposes specified in the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: **Virement.**

In the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Bill cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be effected with the prior approval of the National Assembly (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: **Release of Funds for implementation.**

The Executive Chairman/Chief Executive of the Federal Inland Revenue Service shall ensure that Funds appropriated under this Bill are released as and when due, provided that no funds for any Quarter of the Fiscal year shall be deferred without prior waiver from the National Assembly (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: **Quarterly Report.**

The Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Executive of the Federal Inland Revenue Service and the Directorate of Treasury, Federal Inland Revenue Service shall immediately upon the coming into force of this Bill furnish the National Assembly, on a Quarterly basis, the status of the records of the Federal Inland Revenue Service and statutory account (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 6: **Waiver not to incur expenditure.**

Where due to revenue short-fall, amount appropriated under this Bill cannot be funded, the Federal Inland Revenue Service shall seek from the National Assembly a waiver not to incur such (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: **Due Process Certification.**

The Department of Government charged with the responsibility of certifying that due processes have been complied with in the processing of implementation of projects shall ensure that all processes of approval are completed within the specified period as provided for in the Public Procurement Act (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: **Interpretation.**

For the Purpose of this Bill, the term:

"Schedule" includes the detailed estimates of expenditure attached hereto (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Service" means the Federal Inland Revenue Service (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: **Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Inland Revenue Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE BUDGET 2016

A.	**Personnel Costs (Main)**	
	Salary and Wages-General	32,885,370,758
	Allowances-General	22,114,629,242
	Total Personnel Costs	**55,000,000,000**

Question,
That the expenditure of Fifty-Five Billion Naira (₦55,000,000,000.00) only, for the purposes set out under the Personnel Costs (Main) for the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) stand part of the Revenue Expenditure for 2016 (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*) — ***Agreed to.***

B.	**Overhead Costs**	
	Travels and Transport-General	3,800,000,000
	Utilities-General	1,450,000,000
	Materials and Supplies-General	2,979,000,000
	Maintenance Services-General	2,901,000,000
	Training-General	3,350,000,000
	Other Services-General	8,883,000,000
	Consulting and Professional Services	5,440,000,000
	Financial-General	1,650,000,000
	Fuel and Lubricants-General	1,200,000,000
	Miscellaneous Expenses	6,710,000,000
	Grants and Contribution-General	1,780,000,000
	Social Benefits-General	550,000,000
	Total Overhead Cost	**40,693,000,000**

Question,
That the expenditure of Forty Billion, Six Hundred and Ninety-Three Million Naira (₦49,693,000,000.00) only, for the purposes set out under the Overhead Costs for the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) stand part of the Revenue Expenditure for 2016 (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*) — ***Agreed to.***

C.	**Capital Expenditure**	
	Transport Equipment-General	2,300,000,000
	Purchase of Furniture and Equipment-General	5,180,000,000
	Acquisition of Land and Building-General	5,586,300,000
	Rehabilitation/Repair of Offices-New Projects	415,000,000
	Infrastructures Others-General	375,000,000
	Construction of Offices-New Projects	300,000,000
	Rehabilitation/Repairs-General	4,028,000,000
	Other Infrastructure-ICT New Projects	275,000,000
	Other Infrastructure-Ongoing Projects	719,000,000
	Special Projects	10,760,000,000
	Total Capital Expenditure	**30,721,300,000**
	Grand Total	**126,414,300,000**

Question,
That the expenditure of Thirty Billion, Seven Hundred and Fourteen Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira (₦30,721,300,000.00) only, for the purposes set out under the Capital Expenditure Costs for the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) stand part of the Capital Revenue Expenditure for 2016 (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*) — ***Agreed to.***

Main Question,
That the expenditure of One Hundred and Twenty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Fourteen Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira (₦126,414,300,000.00) only, for the purposes set out under the Expenditure Costs for the Personnel Cost and Overhead Expenditure Costs of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) stand part of the Expenditure for 2016 (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi West Federal Constituency*) — ***Agreed to.***

Long Title:
a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service the Total Sum of ₦126,414,300,000.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Fourteen Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira) only, out of which the sum of ₦55,000,000,000. 00 (Fifty-Five Billion Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, while the sum of ₦40,693,000,000.00 (Forty Billion, Six Hundred and Ninety-Three Million Naira) only, is for Over Head Costs and the Sum of ₦30,721,300,000.00 (Thirty Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira) only, is for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31 December, 2016 (HB. 750) (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi West Federal Constituency*) — ***Agreed to.***

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered 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 ₦126,414,300,000.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Fourteen Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira) only, out of which the sum of ₦55,000,000,000.00 (Fifty-Five Billion Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, while the sum of ₦40,693,000,000.00 (Forty Billion, Six Hundred and Ninety-Three Million Naira) only, is for Over Head Costs and the Sum of ₦30,721,300,000.00 (Thirty Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira) only, is for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31 December, 2016 (HB. 750) and approved Clauses 1- 9, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*ii*) ***Committee on Air Force*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Air Force on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna to provide Technical Training for Personnel of the Nigeria Air Force and other services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, and Other African Countries and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 313) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

*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 AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KADUNA TO GIVE TECHNICAL TRAINING TO PERSONNEL OF THE NIGERIAN AIR FORCE, OTHER SERVICES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NIGERIA, NIGERIANS AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES; AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, STATUS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Institute.

(1) There is hereby Established an Institute to be known as the Air Force Institute of Technology.

(2) The Institute:

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

(*b*) may sue or be sued in its own name;

(*c*) own or dispose moveable and immoveable property.

(3) Shall be situated in Kaduna (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Objectives of the Institute.

The Objectives of the Institute shall be to:

(*a*) to create a technological research and development institute of a world class standard in all facets of engineering and technological endeavor including but not limited to aerospace and aeronautical engineering, mechanical, electrical, automobile and automotive engineering, marine engineering;

(*b*) expose each of its students to a broad and balanced curriculum;

(*c*) meet a higher level maintenance capability locally for aviation aerospace and allied specialties of the Nigerian Air Force, other Services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Government, Agencies and related organizations; Nigerians as well as other African Countries and people of other nationalities;

(*d*) expand the horizon for indigenous research and development efforts, through the provision of conducive atmosphere and infrastructure that will promote cooperation and collaboration with similar Institutions within and outside Nigeria;

(*e*) prepare Nigerian Air Force Personnel, those of the other sister Services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Nigerians and Military Personnel from other African Countries for brighter post-service employment as a means of enhancing their integration to civil society and broadening the technical manpower of the aviation industry;

(*f*) attract international researchers and stakeholders in the aerospace, aeronautics, aviation and, allied industries (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — POWERS OF THE INSTITUTE AND THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Committee Recommendation:

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

The Institute shall have powers:

(*a*) to establish such campuses, colleges, schools, extramural departments and other teaching and research units within the institute as may from time to time, be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission or the National Board for Technical Education as the case may be;

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

(*c*) to award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles; to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a Course of study approved by the Institute and have satisfied such other requirements as the Institute may lay down from time to time;

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

(*e*) to provide for the discipline and welfare of member of the Institute;

(*f*) to demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the institute for the purpose of instruction such fees as the institute may, from time to time, determine subject to the overall directive of the Governing Council;

(*g*) to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose off movable and immovable property wherever situate;

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

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

(*j*) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or thing necessary or suitable or convenient for any of the object of the Institute;

(*k*) to hold public lectures, produce periodic journals and to undertake printing, publishing and book-selling.

(*l*) subject to any provisions of this statute, to invest any money appertaining to the Institute by way of endowment, not being investments or securities or the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary any such investments and deposit any money for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account, not charge or surety;

(*m*) to borrow whether on interest or not if need be upon the security of any or all of the properties, movable or immovable, of the Institute, such monies as the Council may from time to time, in its discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or direct facilities;

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

(*o*) to arrange for the general welfare of children of members of staff;

(*p*) to comply with all extant laws regulating the activities of similar Institutions and to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by statute to do; and

(*q*) to do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects to the institute;

(*r*) the powers conferred on the Institute by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable by the Council in the manner, authorized by the statute (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: **Constitution of the Governing Council.**

(1) The Council shall consist of:

(*a*) a chairman who shall be the Chief of the Air Staff;

(*b*) Chief of Policy and Plans Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;

(*c*) Chief of Aircraft Engineering, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;

(*d*) the Air Officer Commanding, Training Command;

(*e*) Chief of Logistics and Communication, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;

(*f*) Chief of Accounts and Budgets, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;

(*g*) Director of Training, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;

(*h*) Director of Education, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;

(*i*) the Director Air Force Affairs, Ministry of Defence;

(*j*) the Commandant of the Institute;

(*k*) the Provost of the Institute;

(*l*) representative of Ministry of Science and Technology;

(*m*) representative of Civil Aviation Authority;

(*n*) representative of National Universities Commission;

(*o*) representative of National Board for Technical Education;

(*p*) the Registrar of the Institute shall be Secretary of the Council (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Visitor.

There shall be a Visitor for the Institute:

(*a*) the visitor shall be the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and shall be responsible for giving to the Council direction of a general character, as to discharge of its functions in relation to matters of public interest.

(*b*) intervening where there is a deadlock or crisis that goes beyond the powers of the Council (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: (1) The Governance of the Institute and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the Governing Council of the Institute (in the Act referred to as the Council).

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section and subject to this Bill the Council shall have the power to consider and approve:

(*a*) the strategic plan of activities of the Institute.

(*b*) the academic programme, courses and research to be undertaken by the institute.

(*c*) the annual budget of the Institute; and

(*d*) curricular and programmes taught in the Institute.

(3) The Council may, subject to the provision of this Bill, employ such number and category of officers as may be expedient for the proper running of the Institute.

(4) The Council may make staff regulation relating to schedule of the terms and condition of service of its civilian employees and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such regulations may provide for:

(*a*) the appointment, remuneration, promotion, tenure and discipline of civilian employees as are made under any instrument relating to the condition of service of officers and junior staff in the civil service of the federation or those in the National Universities structure shall be applicable with such modifications as may be necessary to the civilian employees of the Institute.

(*b*) until such regulations are made any instrument relating to the condition of service of officers and junior staff in the civil service of the federation or those in the National Universities structure shall be applicable with such modifications as may be necessary to the civilian employee.

(*c*) the Council shall have power to create any office or department, necessary for the efficient running of the Institute.

(5) The decision of the Council on all matters pertaining to training, assessment, and certificate, award of degrees, academic titles, fellowship and discipline of participants shall be final (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Meetings.

The Council shall meet as at and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill, and shall meet at least twice a year in accordance with the provisions of this Bill as contained in the schedule (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — ACADEMIC BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE AND THE SCHOOL BOARD

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: The Academic Board.

(1) There shall be an Academic Board which shall have control of the academic affairs of the Institute and, subject to the powers of the Governing Council, the Academic Board shall have the following functions, that is to:

(*a*) organize and control the teaching of academic courses and the examination thereto;

(*b*) determine the passes and failures of all courses in accordance with the criteria for passing as laid down in the academic assessment policy;

(*c*) deal with matters relating to admission into departments and schools;

(*d*) recommend to the Governing Council persons to be appointed as external examiners for the Diplomas, Degrees and Higher Degrees examination;

(*e*) deal with matters relating to research and development projects;

(*f*) any other functions assigned or delegated to it, from time to time, by the Governing Council.

(2) The Academic Board shall consist of:

(*a*) the Institute Provost, who shall be the Chairman;

(*b*) the Deans of schools;

(*c*) the Heads of Academic Department;

(*d*) all Professors, whether Heads of Departments or not;

(*e*) two military members of the Institute to be appointed by the Commandant; and

(*f*) the Librarian of the institute

(*g*) the Institute Registrar, who shall be the Secretary (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: School Board.

(1) There shall established for the institute, schools in. line with the various disciplines and departments under them as may be required.

(2) There shall be establish in respect of each School, a School Board which, subject to the provision of this statute and to the directions of the Institute Provost shall;

(*a*) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the school;

(*b*) deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute, or by the Institute Provost or by the Academic Board; and

(*c*) advise the Institute Provost or the Academic Board on any matter referred to it by the Institute Provost or by the Academic Board.

(2) Each school shall be divided into such number of departments as may be prescribed.

(3) Where a School consists of two or more departments, each department shall have its own board of studies, which shall be responsible to and be under the control of the Academic Board.

(4) Each school Board shall consist of:

(*a*) the Dean of the School;

(*b*) the persons severally in charge of the Departments of the school;

(*c*) such numbers of lecturers assigned to the School and having prescribed qualifications as the school Board may determine; and

(*d*) such numbers of persons whether or not members of the Institute as the School Board may with general or special approval.

(5) The quorum of the school Board shall be two third of the members of the school Board, and subject to the provision of this statut ~ yll1d any provision made by regulations on this behalf, the School Board may regulate its own procedure (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: **Dean of the School.**

(1) The Dean of the School shall be appointed in such manner and hold office for such a time and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed by regulations.

(2) If there is no Professor in the School, the office of the Dean of the School shall be held by a member of the School holding the rank of reader or senior lecturer or senior military officer of comparative academic experience, on the basis of seniority as may be determined by the School Board.

(3) The Dean shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the School Board when he is present and he shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the school and when the Dean is absent from any meeting, the most senior member present shall preside in the meeting.

(4) The Dean of the school shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the school, and it shall be the function of the Dean to present graduants for the conferment of Certificates, degrees, after having qualified at examinations held in the department.

(5) The Dean of the school may be removed from office by the Commandant for good cause and in event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Commandant provided that arrangement shall be made for a new Dean to be appointed in the manner prescribed within a period of three months from the date when the acting Dean assumed office.

(6) For the purpose of subsection (5) of this section- "good cause" shall mean:

(*a*) suspected for any offence which the Commandant considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or

(*b*) any physical or mental incapacity which the Commandant, after obtaining medical advice, consider to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or

(*c*) conducts which are of disciplinary nature such as scandalous or disgraceful and other offences, which the Commandant considers as what will render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or

(*d*) conducts which the Commandant considers to be such as failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the function of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of service; or

(*e*) conducts which the Commandant considers to generally or such nature as to render the continuous appointment or service of the person concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the Institute (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Appointment of the Commandant.

(1) There shall be appointed for the Institute, a Commandant, whose appointment and removal from office shall be in accordance with military posting, and who shall be responsible to the Governing Council for:

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

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

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

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

(*a*) the executive control over the military and civilian staff of the Institute;

(*b*) the supervision of accounts and records;

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

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

(*e*) the making of any recommendation on members of staff to the Governing Council; and

(*f*) the establishment of organizational structures committee and definitions of duties;

Provided that nothing in this Bill shall be deemed to detract from the military powers of command of the Commandant, which shall include trial powers to try service personnel in accordance with the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, LFN, 2004 (as amended).

(4) The Commandant shall in the exercise of his disciplinary powers have similar powers to that of an Air Officer Commanding or its equivalent in the conduct of summary trial or convening a court martial under the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, LFN, 2004 (as amended) (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: **Appointment of Principal Staff Officer Coordination.**

There shall be appointed for the Institute a Principal Staff Officer Coordinator, whose appointment and removal from office shall be in accordance with military posting, and wb6 shall assist the Commandant in the running of the Institute in accordance with the provision of this Bill (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: **Appointment of the Provost.**

There shall be appointed an Institute Provost (in this Bill referred to as "the Provost") who shall be responsible to the Commandant for the coordination of all academic activities of the Institute, be the head of Academic Branch and shall perform such other functions as the Governing Council or the Commandant as the case may be, shall assign to him from time to time. The provost shall have not less than a PhD in Engineering and at least eight (8) years cognate working experience (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: **Appointment of Institute Registrar.**

There shall be Institute Registrar, who shall be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administrative work of the Academic Branch. The Registrar shall possess not less than a first degree or its equivalent in Engineering, Membership of a professional body shall be an advantage (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: **Appointment of Institute Librarian.**

There shall be an Institute Librarian who shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the library services in the Institute and its Schools and Departments (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: **Appointment of Principal Officers of the Institute.**

(1) When a vacancy exists in the offices of the Registrar and the Librarian of the Institute, HQNAP will fill the vacancies accordingly whilst Appointment of Principal Officers of the Institute, Heads of non- academic positions, a selection committee shall be constituted consisting of:

(*a*) the Commandant;

(*b*) the Principal Staff Officer Coordination;

(*c*) the Provost; and

(*d*) two members appointed by the Academic Board.

(2) The selection Committee after making such inquires as it thinks fit shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant post and after considering the recommendation of the selection committee, the Council may make an appointment to that post (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Appointment of other Non-Academic staff of the Institute.

(1) Panel to interview candidates, not above the grade of a senior lecturer or equivalent shall be constituted consisting of:

(*a*) the institute Provost who shall be the Chairman;

(*b*) the Deans of the relevant School;

(*c*) the Heads of the Departments concerned, except that if the Head of Departments is himself a candidate, he shall not serve on the interview panel;

(*d*) the Institute Registrar, who shall be the secretary of the interview panel;

(*e*) at least two persons recommended by the Dean to the provost and such persons must have knowledge of the subject or field in respect of which candidates are being assessed or interviewed, and must not be of lower status than that of the post being interviewed for.

(2) For the purpose of filling vacancies occurring in the post of Professor or Reader, an Academic committee set up under subsection (3) of this section, shall sit as a selection board, to select and recommend to the Institute Governing Council, suitable persons to fill the vacant posts.

(3) The Academic committee, when sitting as a selection board, under sub-section (2) of this section, shall consist of:

(*a*) the Commandant;

(*b*) the Provost;

(*c*) the Dean of the School concerned;

(*d*) two members of the Committee appointed by the Governing Council, one of who shall be a member of staff of the School or academic unit concerned.

(*e*) two other persons who are not members of the academic staff, appointed from time to time, by the Governing Council; and

(*f*) the Registrar who shall be the Secretary.

(4) The Governing Council shall have the power to interview candidates directly (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Other Staff.

(1) The Nigerian Air Force shall have power to post officers and Airmen from time to time to fill administrative, teaching and other military or academic vacancies in the Institute.

(2) The Governing Council may appoint such persons as civilian members of the academic staff of the Institute for teaching, research, academic and administration as it considers necessary and may approve terms and conditions of service including provisions for the payment of pensions.

(3) Members of staff of the Institute shall, unless exempted by the Chairman of the Council, take oaths of secrecy on assumption of duty and as may be determined from time to time.

(4) No civilian personnel employed in any capacity, whether or not a member of a trade union shall engage or take part in any strike (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV— FINANCIAL PROVISION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 19: Management of the Institute Fund.

The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund, the management and control of which shall be in the hands of the Governing Council and into which shall be paid:

(1) all monies received by the Council pursuant to this Bill.

(2) such monies as may be provided by the Federal Government to the institute by way of grant, gift or otherwise.

(3) all fees and other moneys payable to the Institute pursuant to subsection (1) of this section (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: Expenditure.

There shall be paid out of the fund of the institute —

(1) all expenditures incurred by the council in the discharge of its functions under this Bill.

(2) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other employee of the Institute.

(3) such reasonable traveling and subsistence allowance of the members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the duties of the Institute, as Management of Institute fund.

(4) the Council may, from time to time honour money for the purpose of the Institute and any interest payable on moneys so borrowed shall be paid out of the fund.

(5) the Institute shall keep accounts in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts to be audited by an auditor appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidance supplied by the Auditor- General of the Federation.

(6) the auditor appointed for the purpose of this section, shall not be a member of the Council (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — GENERAL PROVISION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Method of Resignation.

(1) Any officer referred to in the provisions of this Bill may resign his/her office in line with the terms and conditions in the Civil Service or National Universities with such modifications as may be necessary to the civilian employee:

(*a*) in line with military tradition; or

(*b*) if civilian, by notice to the Governing Council, through the Commandant.

(2) Subject as may be otherwise specified, a person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct, shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise require-

"Council" means the council established as the Governing Council of the Institute (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

"Fee" includes registration fees (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means the Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

"Members" includes member of the Governing Council of the Institute (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

"Registrar" means the registrar appointed pursuant to the provision ofthe Bill (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commandant" means the Commandant appointed pursuant to the Provision of this Bill (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 23: **Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Air Force Institute of Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

Section 6 (4)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

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

(2) The quorum of the Council shall be the Chairman and six (6) other members and the quorum of any committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.

(3) The Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman required it to do so by the notice given to him by the Commandant or Registrar of the Institute, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from date on which the notice is given.

(4) The Chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Council, in the event of his absence he shall delegate any member of the council to represent him and carry out the responsibilities of the Chairman at that particular meeting or meetings subject to the mandate given by the Chairman.

(5) Where the Council wishes to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co- opt him as a member for such period as it thinks fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this subsection shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and not count towards a quorum.

Committees

(6) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Council, such of its function as the Council may determine.

(7) A Committee appointed under sub-section (6) of this section shall consist of such number of person as may be determined by the Council and not more than one third of those persons who are members of the Council; a person other than a member of tile Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with terms of the instrument of his appointment.

(8) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is ratified by the Council.

(9) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authorized by the signature of the Chairman or some other member authorized generally or specially by the Council (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Establish the Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna to Give Technical Training to Personnel of the Nigerian Air Force, Other Services of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, Nigerians and Other African Countries; and for Matters Connected Therewith (Hb. 313) (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Air Force on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna to provide Technical Training for Personnel of the Nigeria Air Force and other services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, and Other African Countries and for Other Connected Purposes, (HB. 313) and approved Clauses 1 - 23, 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*) ***Committee on Nigeria-Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship and Hajj Affairs:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Nigeria - Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship and Hajj Affairs on the Visit to Majlis Ash-Shura Council led by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. SulaimonYussuff Lasun from 2 - 3 October, 2016, and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

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)

Recommendation (i):
"Commend the long standing bilateral and strategic relationship, partnership and brotherhood between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):
"Condemn terrorism in all its forms and salute the memory of all victims of terrorism all over the world" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):
"Urge the two countries to activate the agreements on reciprocal investments, promotion and protection to foster increased trade in the interest of both countries" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):
"Encourage governments of both countries to fast track the negotiation of:

(*a*) revised Bi-lateral Air Service Agreement (BASA);

(*b*) protocol on investment promotion, labor relations;

(*c*) Memorandum of Understanding and commitment to improve balance of trade;

(*d*) the MoU between both countries on bi-lateral initiatives to control the flow of illegal drugs restrict international money laundering activities and obliterate fraudulent business traditions submitted in 1986;

(*e*) the agreement regarding the sharing of forfeited assets and equipment fund submitted in 1996;

(*f*) the MoU on Political consultation between the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs submitted in June 2002" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):
"To collaborate more effectively on desertification and climate change in both countries" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):
"To create a permanent consultative framework between the two parliaments" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):
"To collaborate more effectively on consular issues and the general welfare of over 500 Nigerian professionals as well as skilled and unskilled persons working in the Kingdom" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Nigeria - Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship and Hajj Affairs on the Visit to Majlis Ash-Shura Council led by the Deputy Speaker, Hon. SulaimonYussuff Lasun from 2 - 3 October, 2016, and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*vii*) of the Report.

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

(*iv*) ***House Delegation to the 2016 Hajj:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the House Delegation to the 2016 Hajj from 10 August- 16 September, 2016 and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

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)

Recommendation (i):
"Commend the Federal Government and NAHCON for the excellent preparations put in place for the smooth airlift of pilgrims in Phases I and II" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):
"Urge NAHCON to sustain the tempo and begin in earnest preparations for the 2017 Hajj exercise to achieve a vantage position by states, NAHCON and Tour Operators in addressing forseable challenges and hurdles as they arise to save time, cost and mitigate hardship that may be experienced by all stakeholders" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):
"Prioritise Medical Screening of all intending pilgrims at the very initial stage. This can be achieved with the cooperation of all stakeholders" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):
"Ensure that the Ratio of 9-1 (90% first timers and 10% returning pilgrims) is enforced by NAHCON and SPWB to tackle health challenges, and give opportunity for others to embark on the journey at least once in their lifetime" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):
"Urge NAHCON to keep a database record of past pilgrims to enable it monitor those that perform hajj every year in order to discourage them and give opportunity to first timers" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):
"The e-Wristband project must be given a chance by all stakeholders to succeed, its charging system should be improved to last longer, at least for a duration of five days" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out Recommendation (*vi*) (*Hon. Leo Ogor —Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made —Agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):
"The NAHCON should obtain from Saudi Authorities not only a nod of approval for the e-Wristband project but a document clearly conveying their consent for its use during the Hajj exercise" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out Recommendation (*vii*) (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Recommendation (viii):
"The rail project within the Mushaeer area of Mina, Arafat and Muzdalifah currently restricted for use by citizens of Saudi Arabia, Gulf Cooperation States, and some Asian countries, should be extended to Nigerians as well as other pilgrims. A line of communication in this regard should be establish between Nigerian Officials and Saudi Authorities at the highest level" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ix):
"Refurbish and rebuild of Hajj Camps across the country that are in dilapidated conditions, provide better facilities such as beddings, water, electricity and adequate toilets and feeding as some pilgrims are kept in Hajj camps for more than a night before departure to the Holy land" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (x):
"NAHCON is strongly urged to ensure that future Makkah accommodation of Nigerian Pilgrims are within the area between the Haram and two bridges of Mesfalah and Shari Mansur and not beyond" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xi):
"All designated centers should have their airports standardized and published ab initio, to encourage timely departures and smooth aviation procedures" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xii):
"The selection of national air carriers should be centralized for accountability in order to improve on the excellent job that NAHCON is currently doing in this respect" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xiii):
"In-flight feeding of pilgrims should be improved upon and extra comfort like blankets also be made available to all pilgrims onboard" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xiv):
"The Delegation recommends the use of meal coupons by pilgrims during the entire hajj excercise as well as the engagement of better catering companies to provide quality food with special dietary requirements" (*Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the House Delegation to the 2016 Hajj from 10 August- 16 September, 2016 and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*v*), rejected Recommendations (*vi*) and (*vii*), and approved Recommendations (*viii*) - (*xiv*) of the Report.

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

21. Adjournment
That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 14 December, 2016 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.08 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker