



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13 March, 2018

1. The House met at 11.22 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 8 March, 2018.
The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read the following message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

8th March, 2018

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

Dear Rt. Hon. Y. Dogara,

PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DECLINE ASSENT TO THE ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

Pursuant to Section 58 (4) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended). I hereby convey to the House of Representatives my decision, on (3rd March, 2018) to

decline Presidential Assent to the Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2018 recently passed by the National Assembly.

2. Some of my reasons for withholding assent to the Bill include the following:

- (a) The amendment to the sequence of the elections in Section 25 of the Principal Act may infringe upon the constitutionally guaranteed discretion of the Independent National Electoral Commission to organize, undertake and supervise all elections provided in Section 15 (a) of the Third Schedule to the Constitution;
- (b) The amendment to Section 138 of the Principal Act to delete two crucial grounds upon which an election may be challenged by candidates unduly limits the rights of candidates in elections to a free and fair electoral review process; and
- (c) The amendments to Section 152 (3) - (5) of the Principal Act, may raise constitutional issues over the competence of the National Assembly to legislate over local government elections.

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

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. **Announcements**

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

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Saints' Mary and Alfred Nursery, Primary and College*, Games Village, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Early-Life Schools, Nursery, Primary and Secondary*, Lugbe, Abuja;
- (iii) Staff and Students of *New Hope International School*, Kuje, Abuja;
- (iv) Staff and Students of *Adonai International School*, Gwagwalada, Abuja; and
- (v) Staff and Students of *Nigerian Tulip International College*, Wuse II, Abuja.

(b) **Letter of Apology:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin (*Bebeji/Kiru Federal Constituency*) expressing his apology in compliance with decision of the House in the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 28 September, 2016, on his suspension from the House for 180 legislative days, and notice of his intention to resume legislative duties.

Mr Speaker directed that having complied with the decision of the House, Hon. Abdulmumin Jibrin could resume legislative duties.

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

- (i) *Need to Provide Relief Materials for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Sardauna and Gashaka Local Government Areas (LGAs) who are Victims of Herdsmen Attack, and the Need to Establish Unit of Mobile Police Stations in Gembu Sarduana LGA and Abong in Kurmi LGA in Taraba State:*

Hon. Hosea Danasabe Charles (*Gashaka/Kurmi/Sarduana 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 Provide Relief Materials for IDPs in Sardauna and Gashaka Local Government Areas (LGAs) who are Victims of Herdsmen Attack, and the Need to Establish Unit of Mobile Police Stations in Gembu Sarduana LGA and Abong in Kurmi LGA in Taraba State:

The House:

Notes the repeated clashes between herdsmen and the inhabitants of Mambila Plateau that has led to destruction of both human lives and property;

Aware that there was a clash in June 2017 which attracted the attention of the Federal Government as a result of which a delegation led by the Minister of Interior visited the area;

Worried that after the visit, the area still remained hostile and the State Governor warned of imminent further attack;

Disturbed that despite the alarm raised by the Governor and the subsequent visit of Mr President, peace has not fully returned to the area;

Also disturbed that the people of Mambila including Fulanis had co-existed peacefully in the past until the peace hitherto being enjoyed was threatened through external aggression and in the same vein such cases are being reported in Kurmi LGA of Taraba State;

Worried that these Local Government Areas share common international boundary with the Republic of Cameroun. The current porous nature of our international border with inadequate security personnel has made it easier for the invading foreign nationals who always come to the area for dry season pasturing/invasion to penetrate easily. These clashes have rendered many homeless and are being camped in unconducive environments in Gashaka, Nguroje, Gembu and other towns in Sardauna LGA, who are left with nothing to feed and to carter for their daily needs;

Concerned that the rainy season has already set in and people are exposed to lots of hardship;

Also concerned that with the rainfall already being experienced in the area, people cannot go about their normal farming activities as they are being attacked and killed by the invading herdsmen;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge NEMA to provide the people with relief materials to bring succour to them; and
- (ii) also urge the Inspector General of Police to establish mobile police station in Gembu and Abong towns to curtail early symptoms and signs of imminent crisis within the area, considering the difficult terrain of the area and ensure a workable and lasting peaceful solution for the people (*Hon. Danasabe Charles Hosea — Gashaka/Kurmi Sardauna Federal Constituency*)

*Debate.**Agreed to.*

The House:

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(ii) ***Need to Arrest the Wanton Incessant Killings/Attacks in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State:***

Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren (*Mangu/Bokkos 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 Arrest the Wanton Incessant Killings/Attacks in Bokkos Local Government of Plateau State:

The House:

Notes the wanton killings and attacks on innocent citizens by suspected herdsmen in Daffo District, Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State. It was in this same area that the Paramount Ruler of Bokkos, Da Saf Laazarus Agai was gruesomely murdered alongside three others. Unfortunately, no single arrest has been made hitherto, despite the heavy presence of Operation Save Haven in the State;

Also notes that in January 2018 no fewer than 4 persons were brutally killed with several others injured and properties worth millions of Naira destroyed by the suspected herdsmen leaving hundreds of people displaced;

Further notes that on the 7th and 8th of March, 2018 just at the heels of the President's visit to Plateau State, another gruesome attack was unleashed on the law abiding citizens of Daffo District which led to the destruction of five villages namely: Josho, Ngha Kudung, Ganda, Hotom Woreng and Mbok. About 50 persons have so far lost their lives, several others were injured and over 10,000 people had been displaced;

Informed that in all these, there have been little or no deliberate measures taken to either stop further attacks or bring the perpetrators of these mayhem to book;

Concerned that the attack by herdsmen on innocent citizens has remained a recurrent decimal. Regrettably, this has been treated with kids-glove by the authorities. The continued proliferation of fire arms and ammunition in the hands of unscrupulous citizens is alarming thus posing serious threat to the security of lives and properties;

Also concerned that the wanton destruction of innocent lives and properties as perpetrated by herdsmen across the nation is barbaric, inhuman, disgusting and unacceptable;

Worried that if such heinous acts are allowed unabated, it may escalate and could lead to total collapse of peace and security in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to direct all relevant security agencies to deploy security men to the area to forestall breakdown of law and order;

- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the internally displaced persons and rebuild the affected communities; and
- (iii) constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the matter and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative inputs (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency and 4 Others*)

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (iii) (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the internally displaced persons and rebuild the affected communities (HR. 95/03/2018).

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

Agreed to.

- (iii) ***Need to Provide Shelter and Relief Materials to Victims of Bomb Blast and Multiple Fire Disasters in Dikwa/Mafa/Konduga Federal Constituency, Borno State:***

Hon. Mahmud Lawan Maina (Dikwa/Mafa/Konduga 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 Provide Shelter and Relief Materials to Victims of Bomb Blast and Multiple Fire Disasters in Dikwa/Mafa/Konduga Federal Constituency, Borno State:

The House:

Notes that Oikwa/Mafa/Konduga Federal Constituency is among the hardest hit areas by the Boko Haram insurgency in Borno State, and by this the whole population of these areas are affected;

Recalls that there was a bomb blast at the Fish Market in Konduga Town on 23rd February where about twenty (20) people lost their lives while about forty (40) others sustained various degree of injuries. There was also a fire outbreak in IDPs Camp B in Government Girls Secondary School, Mafa on Tuesday, 6 March, 2018, where about four hundred (400) households were razed down by the fire. Though no life was lost, the habitations and all their belongings were burnt. There was also another fire incident in Yawuri settlement of Oalori on Saturday, 10 March, 2018, where the whole settlement was razed down;

Concerned that almost all the victims of the bomb blast are the bread winners of their respective families, and as such they are now incapacitated, while the fire victims are IDPs that were hitherto in a dire situation of need, and with these incident the facilities in the Camp are inadequate and overstretched;

Worried that all the victims of these unfortunate incidents are at risk of hunger and malnutrition, and lack of shelter for the victims of the fire incidents;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Presidential Committee on North East Initiatives (PCNI) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide shelter and adequate relief materials and other consumables to cater for the needs of all these traumatized people; and

- (ii) mandate the relevant Committees to liaise with these agencies and ensure compliance in the provision of these items (*Hon. Mahmud Lawan Maina — Dikwa/Mafa/Konduga Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Recalled that there was a bomb blast at the Fish Market in Konduga Town on 23rd February where about twenty (20) people lost their lives while about forty (40) others sustained various degree of injuries. There was also a fire outbreak in IDPs Camp B in Government Girls Secondary School, Mafa on Tuesday, 6 March, 2018, where about four hundred (400) households were razed down by the fire. Though no life was lost, the habitations and all their belongings were burnt. There was also another fire incident in Yawuri settlement of Oalori on Saturday, 10 March, 2018, where the whole settlement was razed down;

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- (ii) mandate the relevant Committees to liaise with these agencies and ensure compliance in the provision of these items (**HR. 96/03/2018**).

6. **Petition**

A petition from Emmanuel S. Odugbemi, on the alleged tax evasion by the Bi-Courtney Aviation Services, was presented and laid by Hon. Chika Adamu Abubakar (*Shiroro/Rafi/Munya Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Fisheries Research Institute of Nigeria, NGO, for Fisheries Research, Education and Cooperative Training in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1310) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Fisheries Research Institute of Nigeria, NGO, for Fisheries Research, Education and Cooperative Training in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1310) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie — Andoni-Opobo/Nkoro 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

9. **Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to Provide Relief Materials to Bassa-Kwomu and Ebira People of Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Bassa-Kwomu and Ebira speaking people of Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State have lived peacefully for generations across the six (6) wards out of the ten (10) Electoral Wards of Bassa Local Government Area;

Also notes that on 28 November, 2016, violent crisis erupted at Kpanche in Ozongolo ward in Bassa-Kwomu district of the Local Government Area which disrupted the peace and harmony between the two districts and consequently led to destruction of lives and properties, a development that has aggravated the magnitude of suspicion, hatred and tizzy among the Communities;

Cognizant that so much can be done by the government to ameliorate the situation that has resulted into confusion, fear, frustration and agony with a view to averting a recurrence of the incident;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to embark on an on-the-spot assessment of the area in order to ascertain the level of destruction and provide relief materials and aid to those who lost their houses and other properties during the crisis; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation (*Hon. Benjamin Ikani Okolo — Bassa/Dekina Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 97/03/2018).

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

10. Need to Investigate the Illegal Withdrawal of the Sum of ₦10 Billion from the "Insured Persons" Fund of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) was established under the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 with the objectives of ensuring that every Nigerian has access to good healthcare services and to protect families from financial hardship of medical bills;

Also notes that for the purpose of carrying out the mandate of the Scheme, a Fund made up of 5% (percent) contribution by each insured person is maintained with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) under the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy for the administration of the Scheme;

Aware that withdrawal of monies from such designated accounts under the Treasury Single Account (TSA) at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) by any government agency is based on request of the Chief Accounting Officer of the Agency;

Also aware that a recent oversight inspection of the Agency by the Committee on Healthcare Services revealed that two suspicious withdrawals of ₦5 Billion each (totaling ₦10 Billion) were made from the "Insured Persons" Funds account with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on 28 December, 2016 and 11 January, 2018 respectively when the Executive Secretary of the Scheme was still under suspension;

Further aware that upon inquiry, the Executive Secretary informed the Committee that neither him nor any staff of the Agency made any request for either of the two withdrawals stating that the withdrawals were authorized by the Honourable Minister of Finance without the input of the Agency and in contravention of the laws and regulations governing such actions;

Cognizant that such practices, if not checked, will erode public and international confidence in the Scheme and make a mockery of the anti-corruption stance of the present government;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services and Anti-Corruption to investigate the withdrawal of ₦10 Billion from the account of the National Health Insurance Scheme and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Chike Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, immediately after the word "Services", insert the words "Finance" (*Hon. Johnson E. Oghuma — Etsako East/Etsako West/Etsako Central Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) was established under the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 with the objectives of ensuring that every Nigerian has access to good healthcare services and to protect families from financial hardship of medical bills;

Also noted that for the purpose of carrying out the mandate of the Scheme, a Fund made up of 5% (percent) contribution by each insured person is maintained with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) under the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy for the administration of the Scheme;

Aware that withdrawal of monies from such designated accounts under the Treasury Single Account (TSA) at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) by any government agency is based on request of the Chief Accounting Officer of the Agency;

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Cognizant that such practices, if not checked, will erode public and international confidence in the Scheme and make a mockery of the anti-corruption stance of the present government;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, Finance, and Anti-Corruption to investigate the withdrawal of ₦10 Billion from the account of the National Health Insurance Scheme and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 98/03/2018).

11. Need to Ensure that all Eligible Voters are Registered and Issued with Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in its preparation towards the 2019 General Elections, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is carrying out Continuous Voters Registration all over the country to enable eligible Voters register and collect Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs);

Aware that many Nigerians who have attained the age of 18 years or more have presented themselves at various registration centres of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in different parts of the country but have neither been registered nor issued with the Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs);

Also aware that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has not been able to effect the transfer of many persons from the places where they were originally registered and given Voter's Cards to their current places of residence despite their having the necessary requirements;

Concerned that if the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) does not intensify its efforts and correct all the inadequacies and lapses in the on-going Continuous Registration of Voters, many Nigerians would be disenfranchised during the 2019 General Elections;

Convinced that one of the ways of making the 2019 General Elections credible is by allowing eligible voters to register and vote in the elections, thereby enhancing the stability and growth of Nigeria's democracy;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to adopt all necessary measures to ensure that all eligible voters are registered and issued with Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs) without further delay; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ayeola Abayomi Abdul-Kabir — Ibeju-Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

"that the Committee on Electoral Matters should provide a detailed report on the status of the voters registration, issues on transfer of registered voter cards and those whose cards remain uncollected that were not collected from the last registration exercise" (Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that in its preparation towards the 2019 General Elections, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is carrying out Continuous Voters Registration all over the country to enable eligible Voters register and collect Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs);

Aware that many Nigerians who have attained the age of 18 years or more have presented themselves at various registration centres of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in different parts of the country but have neither been registered nor issued with the Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs);

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- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to provide a detailed report on the status of the voters registration, issues on transfer of registered voter cards and those whose cards remain uncollected that were not collected from the last registration exercise (HR. 99/03/2018).

12. **Consideration of Report**

Committee on Industry:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria, a body charged with Responsibility to Regulate the Practice and Profession of Training and Development; and for Related Matters (HB. 401):

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria, a body charged with Responsibility to Regulate the Practice and Profession of Training and Development; and for Related Matters (HB. 401) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA (A BODY CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE AND PROFESSION OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT); AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 401)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria, functions and Membership.

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as the "Institute") which:
- (a) shall be a body corporate with:
 - (i) perpetual succession, and
 - (ii) a common seal;
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) may subject to the Land Use Act, acquire, hold and dispose of any property, movable or immovable which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may direct.
- (2) The Institute shall have the general duties of:

- (a) determining the standard of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons seeking to become training and development practitioners and raising the standards from time to time as circumstances may dictate;
 - (b) securing, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of a register of members of the Institute and publish from time to time the list of those persons or organizations;
 - (c) conducting, encouraging and sponsoring research in the field of training and development and publish the outcome of such research findings;
 - (d) organizing, conducting and regulating the standard of education of the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria; and
 - (e) performing, through the Council established under this Bill, the functions conferred on it by this Bill
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, members or organizations admitted to the Institute shall be enrolled in the following categories:
 - (a) Individual Members:
 - (i) Fellows,
 - (ii) Members,
 - (iii) Associates,
 - (iv) Graduate Members,
 - (v) Students; or
 - (b) Corporate Members.
- (4) A person accorded by the Council under this Bill status as a training and development practitioner shall be entitled to the use of appropriate de-signatory letter as approved by the Council from time to time.
- (5) A person registered under this Bill shall be enrolled or upgraded as:
 - (a) fellow FCITD if:
 - (i) at the commencement of this Bill he was a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Training and Development, or
 - (ii) he possesses and have completed requisite courses as prescribed by the Governing Council and has spent, at least 10 years in the grade of a Member;
 - (b) a Member, MCITD if:
 - (i) at the commencement of this Bill, he was a member of the Nigerian Institute, or

- (ii) he is adjudged by the Council to possess an adequate knowledge of training and development and has spent at least 5 years in the grade of an Associate,
 - (iii) have completed prescribed courses as prescribed by the Governing Council and have spent at least five years as an Associate Member;
- (c) an Associate, ACITD if:
 - (i) at the commencement of this Bill, he was an Associate of the former Institute, or
 - (ii) he possesses qualifications which, in the view of Council, are adequate, or shall have completed a course of training approved by the Council under this Bill and shall be actively engaged in training and development,
 - (iii) have completed prescribed courses as prescribed by the Governing Council and have spent at least five years as a graduate;
- (d) a Graduate Member if:
 - (i) at the commencement of this Bill, he was a Graduate Member of the former Institute, or
 - (ii) he possesses a University degree or any other qualification acceptable to the Council and satisfies the requirements for election to the grade of a Graduate Member stipulated in the rules made under this Bill;
- (e) a Student if:
 - (i) at the commencement of this Bill, he was a Student of the former Institute, or
 - (ii) a PGD student of any recognized Institution of higher learning by the Council and who is undertaking relevant courses which the Council considers on persons completing it, sufficient knowledge and skill for admission to the Institute, or
 - (iii) he possesses acceptable qualifications to the Council and is engaged in courses of study run by the Institute which are designed to confer on persons completing it, sufficient knowledge and skill for admission to the Institute.
- (6) A corporate body incorporated or registered in Nigeria shall be enrolled as Corporate Member if its main object is training and development and has in its fulltime staff at least one financial member of the Institute in the grade of an Associate, Member or Fellow.
- (7) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, organisations admitted to the Institute as corporate members shall be enrolled in the following categories:

- Category A — Gold (Multinationals and Blue Chips Organisations)
- Category B — Silver (Tertiary Institutions, Parastatal, Agencies)
- Category C — Bronze (Consultancy firms, Small and medium outfits, etc.)
(Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

PART II — ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENTS AND
NATIONAL TREASURER OF THE INSTITUTE

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Election of President, Vice President and National Treasurer of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be a President of the Institute who shall be a financial member in the grade of Fellow of the Institute.
- (2) There shall be:
 - (a) a First Vice President and Second Vice President of the Institute who shall be financial members in the grade of Fellow of the Institute;
 - (b) a National Treasurer of the Institute who shall be a financial member of not less than the grade of Member of the Institute.
- (3) The President, First and Second vice-Presidents and National Treasurer of the Institute:
 - (a) shall be elected at the Annual General Meetings of the Institute;
 - (b) shall hold office for a term of two years only;
 - (c) anyone contesting for any of president or vice-President's office shall not hold less than a grade of fellow and serve two committees of council as chairman for a minimum of 3 consecutive years.
- (4) The President shall be the Chairman at the meetings of the Institute but in the event of death, incapability or for any reason, the First Vice-President, or in his absence, the second Vice-President shall act in his place for the unexpired portion of the term of office or as the case may require, and references in this Bill to the President shall be construed accordingly.
- (5) If the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, or National Treasurer ceases to be a member of the Institute, he shall cease to hold the offices designated under this section (Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

PART III — MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 3: Governing Council.**

- (1) There shall be a governing Council of the Institute (in this Bill referred as the 'Council') charged with the responsibility of setting out policy guidelines, control, targets and appraisal for the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of the following members, being financial members in the grades of Associate, Member or Fellow of the Institute, nominated or elected as follows:
 - (a) elected members consisting of:
 - (i) President of the Institute who shall be the Chairman
 - (ii) First Vice President of the Institute,
 - (iii) Second Vice President of the Institute,
 - (iv) National Treasurer, and
 - (v) 6 other persons elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute;
 - (b) non-elected members consisting of:
 - (i) Registrar and Chief Executive who shall be the Secretary to the Council,
 - (ii) 1 immediate past president,
 - (iii) the Chairman, Board of Fellows,
 - (iv) 6 State Chapter Chairmen on zonal rotation and 3 representatives of Chapter members who must be active and supportive of the institute; and
 - (v) the institute's standing committee chairmen as provided for in schedule 1.
 - (c) co-opted members consisting of:
 - (i) representative of relevant ministries: Federal Ministry of Education, Federal ministry of Labour, National Planning Commission and Industrial Training Fund (ITF).
- (3) The provisions of the first Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and other matters therein mentioned (*Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 4: Appointment of Board of fellow.**

- (1) There shall be appointed by the Council, a Board of Fellows who shall play advisory role to the Council.
- (2) The Board of Fellows shall consist of persons who have been duly elected as Fellows of the Institute (*Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 5: Management of the Institute's Fund.**

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund, the management and control of which shall be in the hands of the Council and into which shall be paid
 - (a) all monies received by the Council in pursuance of the Act including all monies held by the previous Institute on its ceasing to exist as provided in section 19 of this Bill such as subscription fees, levies, grants, investment, etc.; and
 - (b) such monies as may be provided by donors, benefactors or other external sources.
- (2) There shall be paid out of the Fund of the Institute:
 - (a) all reasonable expenditure incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Bill; and
 - (b) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other staff of the Institute.
- (3) The Council may invest its fund in any security such as treasury Acts, shares or any other security in Nigeria approved by the Council.
- (4) The Council may from time to time, borrow money for the purposes of the Institute and any interest payable on monies so borrowed shall be paid out of the Fund.
- (5) The Council shall keep proper accounts on behalf of the Institute in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited by an Auditor appointed by the Council.
- (6) The Auditor appointed for the purpose of this section shall not be a member of the Council (*Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — THE REGISTER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 6: Appointment and duties of the Registrar and preparation of the Register.**

- (1) The Council shall appoint a fit person to be the Registrar for the purposes of this Bill and such other persons as the Institute may, from time to time, deem necessary.
- (2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Council and Chief Executive of the Institute.
- (3) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rules made by the Council, a register of the names, addresses approved qualifications and other relevant particulars, as may be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled to be enrolled as Fellows, Members, Associates, Graduate Members, and Students or registered as training and development Practitioners and who apply to be so registered and of all corporate bodies registered in accordance with this Bill:
- (4) The Register shall consist of six parts of which:
 - (a) the first part shall be in respect of Fellows;
 - (b) the second part shall be in respect of Members;
 - (c) the third part shall be in respect of Associates;
 - (d) the fourth part shall be in respect of Graduate Members;
 - (f) the sixth part shall be in respect of Students; and
 - (g) the seventh part shall be in respect of Corporate Members.
- (5) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the Council may make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of the entries therein, and in particular:
 - (a) the making of applications for enrolment;
 - (b) providing for notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom the registered particulars relate, of any change in those particulars;
 - (c) authorizing a registered person to have any qualification which is in relation to the relevant division of the profession either an approved qualification or any accepted qualification for the purposes of this Bill, registered in relation to his name in addition to or, as he may elect in substitution for any other qualifications so registered;
 - (d) specifying the fees including subscription to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names on the register and authorizing the Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until the fee specified for the entry has been paid;

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

"Council" means the Council established as the governing body of the Institute under section 3 (1) of this Bill (Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

"Disciplinary Committee" has the meaning assigned to it by section 11(1) of this Bill (Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

"enrolled" in relation to a Fellow, a Member, an Associate, a Graduate Member, a Student or a Corporate Member means a registered member in the part of the register relating to Fellow, Member, Associate, Graduate member, Student or Corporate Member, as the case may be (Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

"fee" include annual subscriptions (Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

"Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria established under section 1 (1) of this Bill (Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

"member" means a member of the Institute (Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

"President", "First Vice President" and "Second Vice President" mean respectively the office holders under those names in the Institute (Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

"Register" means the register maintained in pursuance of section 6 (3) of this Bill (Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency).

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

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Chattered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria (Established) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Husaini Abubakar Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Qualification and Tenure of Council Members

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, every elected member of the council shall hold office for a term of two years only.
- (2) A member of the Institute who ceases to be a member shall, if he is also a member of the Council, cease to hold office on the Council.
- (3) An elected member may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President, resign his office and any appointed member may, likewise resign his office.
- (5) Members of the Council shall, at its meeting next before the annual general meeting of the Institute arrange for five members of the elected and longest in office to retire at that annual general meeting.
- (6) Elections to the Council shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules made by the Council and until so prescribed they shall be decided by secret ballot.
- (7) If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member and such member was elected, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the next general meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt a fit person for such time.

Power of Council

2. The Council shall have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute.

Proceedings of Council

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may, in the name of the Institute, make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute or of the Council, and in the exercise of its powers under this Bill, may set up committees in the general interest of the Institute.
- (2) Standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members, and, in the event of equality of votes, the President or the Chainman, as the case may be, shall have a second or casting vote.

13. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 14 March, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.32 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

