



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 23 January, 2018

1. The House met at 11.07 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 18 January, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of Staff and Students of *BJ Schools*, Karu, Abuja.
4. **Defection**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Mayowa Samuel Akinfolarin (*Ileoluji/Okeigbo/Odigbo Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).
5. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition was presented and laid by Hon. Chidoka Obinna (*Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*) on the alleged defamation of his character and harassment by Air Peace Limited;
 - (ii) A petition from Imperial Legal (Advocates & Solicitors), on behalf of Online Publishers Association of Nigeria (OPAN), on the alleged arrest of Tim Elombah and 1 other by the Nigeria Police, was presented and laid by Hon. Chris Azubogu (*Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*);
 - (iii) A petition from Eze Charity, on her dismissal from the service of the Nigerian Army, was presented and laid by Hon. Stella Obiageli Ngwu (*Igbo-Etiti/Uzo-Uwani Federal Constituency*);
 - (iv) A petition from Emmanuel Alexander, on a plea for his reinstatement into the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, was presented and laid by Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang (*Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*);

- (v) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Yakub Buba Yusuf (Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency):
- (a) Hamisu Kallamu and 2 others, on the non-payment of their severance allowance by Keystone Bank Limited
 - (b) Paul Ezirim Ebomba, on behalf of the Ezirim Ebomba family, Umuohiri Osuachara, Isiala Mbano LGA, Imo State, on the alleged injustice meted to them by Shell Petroleum Development Company;
 - (c) Kalabari Youths in Oil and Gas Alliance (KAYOGA), on the call for the review of the Nembe Creek Truck Line Contract awarded by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and AITEO;
 - (d) Somina and Gibson Associates on behalf of Prince Alaso and 1 other, on the alleged instigation of conflict between Nembe Creek communities impacted by OML 29, Nembe Creek Truck Line in the award of surveillance contract and resumption of hostilities in the region by the activities of AITIEO Exploration and Production Company Limited;
 - (e) Coalition of Disengaged Executive Directors of the Niger Delta Power Holding Company Limited, on their disengagement from the service of the company;
 - (f) Oko Stella and 1 other, on the alleged unjust treatment meted to them by HJ Heinz Nigeria Limited;
 - (g) F. S. Oweredaba & Associates, on behalf of Chief Diepriye L. Igbanibo and 2 others, on their alleged marginalization and denial of the award of surveillance contracts by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), and other Oil companies operating on their areas;
 - (h) Hassan Sani and 166 other, employees of the Federal Ministry of Health, on their appeal to be enrolled in the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPPIS), by the Federal Civil Service Commission;
 - (i) Uyok Etofia & Co., on behalf of Amanyanabo of Elem Kalabari community, on the alleged denial of rights, privileges and other entitlements of host communities in the award of surveillance contract by AITEO and P Nigeria Limited;
 - (j) Victor Inyama & Co., against the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), on behalf of Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital, Nnewi, Anambra State, on the alleged fraudulent excess charges by First Bank and 3 others;
 - (k) Adeite Taiwo, on the non-compliance with the provision of the Freedom of Information Act, 2011 by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - (l) Ekeoha Shopping Centre Traders Association, Aba, Abia State, against the management of Bank of Industry on the alleged injustice in the *Geep Market Money Interest-Free Scheme* by the Federal Government; and
 - (m) National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Mid-Wives, Lagos University Teaching Hospital branch, on the alleged non-payment of salaries and other entitlements by the management of the hospital.

6. Presentation of Reports**(i) Report of the Conference Committee on Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria; and Related Matters" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — *Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Report of the Conference Committee on Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill, 2018:

That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Bankruptcy Act, Cap. B2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill, 2018; and for Related Matters.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

7. Consolidation of Bills

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase some Penalties; and for Related Matters (HB. 682), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Electronic Animal Identification System throughout the Federation; and for Related Matters (HB. 1268) be now consolidated" (Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang — *Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the West African Examinations Council to Provide for Strict Penalties for Contraveners of the Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 1264) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the West African Examinations Council to Provide for Strict Penalties for Contraveners of the Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 1264) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Aliyu Bahogo Ahman-Pategi — *Edu/Moro/Patigi 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 Basic Education and Services.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to be Independent from the Ministry of Information and Receive Funding directly from the Federal Government; and for Related Matters (HB. 1266) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to be Independent from the Ministry of Information and Receive Funding directly from the Federal Government; and for Related Matters (HB. 1266) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Sergius Ogun — *Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast 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 Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

10. **Rescission on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Agency for Ethics and Values, to provide for the Functions and Powers of the Agency, the Qualifications and Procedures for the Appointment of the Chairman and Members and for Related Matters, Pursuant to Order One, Rule 1(2) and Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. **Need for Assistance to the People of Abandari in Jigawa State**
Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes the devastating fire disaster which occurred sometime this January 2018 in Abandari, a village in Dutse Local Government Area of Jigawa State which led to loss of properties and crops in farmlands worth millions of Naira;

Aware that the village has a population of over two hundred thousand inhabitants, who are predominantly farmers and have been displaced by the fire and left without farm produce for sale or food to eat;

Concerned that the farmers may not be able to continue farming in the devastated condition they have found themselves, if drastic action is not taken to ameliorate the sufferings of the people and bring them back to a reasonably rehabilitated state to be able to go back to farming;

Believes that relief materials are needed for those displaced people who have lost their homes and farm produce;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials for the affected community to ameliorate their sufferings; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation (Hon. Ibrahim Abdullahi Dutse — Dutse/Kiyawa Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the devastating fire disaster which occurred sometime this January 2018 in Abandari, a village in Dutse Local Government Area of Jigawa State which led to loss of properties and crops in farmlands worth millions of Naira;

Aware that the village has a population of over two hundred thousand inhabitants, who are predominantly farmers and have been displaced by the fire and left without farm produce for sale or food to eat;

Concerned that the farmers may not be able to continue farming in the devastated condition they have found themselves, if drastic action is not taken to ameliorate the sufferings of the people and bring them back to a reasonably rehabilitated state to be able to go back to farming;

Believed that relief materials are needed for those displaced people who have lost their homes and farm produce;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials for the affected community to ameliorate their sufferings; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation (HR. 09/2018).

12. Consideration of Reports

- (i) **Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters on a Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 165, HB. 174, HB. 220, HB. 429, HB. 468, HB. 484, HB. 809 and HB. 966) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTORAL ACT, NO.6, 2010 AND ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 2015 TO PROVIDE A TIME LINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LIST OF CANDIDATES; CRITERIA FOR SUBSTITUTION OF CANDIDATES, LIMIT OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES AND ADDRESS THE OMISSION OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES OR LOGO OF POLITICAL PARTIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Amendment of Section 8.

- (i) Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection (5):

"(5) A person, who being a member of a political party misrepresents himself as such in order to secure an appointment with the Commission in any capacity, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not below five (5) years without an option of fine".

- (ii) Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (b), a new paragraph "(c)":

"(c) hold office for a period of 4 years subject to renewal for another period of 4 years and no more".

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 1 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 2: Amendment of section 9.

- (i) Section 9 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "or any country outside of Nigeria where, Nigerians there who are qualified to vote, will vote in the Presidential elections" after the words "or area Councils Elections".
- (ii) Section 9 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "for any country outside of Nigeria where Nigerians resident there can vote in the Presidential Elections" after the words "Federal Capital Territory".
- (iii) Section 9 (3) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "or in the Nigeria Embassy or place(s) that the Commission will determine within a country outside Nigeria where a Presidential election will hold" after the words "Federal Capital Territory".

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 2 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Amendment of section 12 (1) (a).

- (i) Section 12 (1) (a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the word "or holds a Nigerian International Passport".
- (ii) Section 12 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "but Nigerians who are resident in a country outside Nigeria can only register once in a registration centre, in the centre(s) to be designated by the Commission" after the words "in same registration centre".
- (iii) Section 12 (3) of the principal Act is amended by inserting the words "However, Nigerians in Diaspora, who are qualified to vote who violates subsection (2) of this Section shall be disqualified from voting for two consecutive Presidential elections following the one for which the person has violated this subsection".

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 3 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 4: Amendment of section 18.**

- (i) Amend the marginal note by replacing the work duplicate with the word replacement:
"Power to issue replacement"
- (ii) If the Electoral Officer or any other officer is satisfied as to the circumstances of the loss, destruction, defacement or damage of the Voters' card, he shall issue to the voter a Replacement Permanent Voter Card.
- (iii) No person shall issue a replacement to any voter on polling day or less than sixty (60) days before polling day" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

Amendment Proposed:

In subclause (iii), line 2, *leave out* the figure "60" and *insert* the figure "30" (*Hon. Pwajok Gyang Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 5: Amendment of section 25.**

- (i) (1) Election to each House of the National Assembly shall hold on a date to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission.
- (ii) (3) Elections to the House of Assembly of a State shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission.
- (iii) (5) An election to the office of President shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission.
- (iv) (7) An election to the office of the Governor of a State shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in subclause (1), and *insert* a new Clause as follows:
"Elections into the offices of the President and Vice President, the Governor and Deputy Governor of a State, and to the membership of the Senate, the House of Representatives and Houses of Assembly of each State of the Federation shall be held in the following order —
 - (a) National Assembly Elections;
 - (b) State Houses of Assembly and Governorship Elections;
 - (c) Presidential Election. (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In subclause (2), *insert* a new subclause 2 as follows:
"The dates for these elections shall be as appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission" (*Hon. Ezekiel Adaji — Otukpo/Ohimini Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) In subclause (3), *leave out* all the words, and *insert* the following words:
"Election into the offices of the Chairman and Vice Chairman and membership of the Area Councils of the FCT shall be held on the dates to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission" (*Hon. Jones Onyenreri Victor — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 6: Amendment of section 26 (1).

- (i) Section 26 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by subsection (1) becoming subsection (l), while a new subsection (1) (b) and (c) are inserted after the words "reason for the postponement is cogent and verifiable".
- (ii) Subsection 26 (1) (b) reads thus "the Commission shall fix a date for any country outside Nigeria where a Presidential election shall hold, such that the Diaspora voting will hold not later than twenty four (24) hours to the date the Presidential election will hold in Nigeria".
- (iii) Subsection 26 (1) (c) reads thus "the result of voting in a Presidential Election conducted in any country outside Nigeria shall only be announced by the Chief Electoral Commissioner or the Returning Officer for the Presidential Election same day as for the states of the Federation and FCT results".

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 6 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Deletion of section 27 (1).

Section 27 (1) of the Principal Act is deleted.

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provision of Clause 7 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 8: Amendment of section 27.**

- (1) (b) "the Registration Area/Ward Collation Officer at the Registration Area/Ward Collation Centre"
- (2) (a) Registration Area/Ward Collation Centre in the case of Councillorship election in the Federal Capital Territory (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 9: Amendment of section 30.**

"The Commission shall not later than 150 days before the day appointed for holding of an election under this Bill publish a notice in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 10: Amendment of Section 31 of the Principal Act.**

Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for a new subsection "(1)", "(6)" and "(7)":

- "(1) Subject to the provisions of section 87 of this Bill, the National Chairman and Secretary of every political party shall, not later than 120 days before the date appointed for an election under the provisions of this Bill, submit to the Commission, in the prescribed forms, the list of the candidates the party proposes to sponsor at the election.

- (6) If the Court determines that any of the information contained in the Affidavit is false, the Court shall issue an order disqualifying the candidate from contesting the election, if already elected, the Court shall issue an order directing the person to vacate the office and the next person with highest number of votes cast and who met the requirement of the Constitution shall be declared duly elected".
- (7) Any political party that presents to the Commission the name of a Candidate that does not meet the qualification stipulated in the Constitution commits an offence and shall, on conviction, not be allowed to participate in the contest to that particular office"; and
- (b) in subsection (8); by substituting for the expression, "₦500,000", in line 3, the expression, "₦1,000,000" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In subclause (1), *leave out* all the word and retain the provision of the Principal Act (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In subclause (6), immediately after the words "elected" *leave out* all other words, and *insert* the words "shall not be eligible to re-contest another election which shall be conducted within ninety (90) days by the Independent National Electoral Commission" (*Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe — Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 10 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Amendment of section 33.

Section 33 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in line 3 by inserting immediately after the word 'candidate' the phrase 'any time before the conclusion of an election;

Provided that in the event of death of a governorship candidate any time before the conclusion of an election, the party shall choose the person running with him as a deputy governor, or any other candidate in the event of the person running with him withdrawing to replace the deceased governorship candidate.

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 11 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 12: Alteration of section 33.

Section 33 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (2) to the existing section which is now subsection (1) and it shall reads as follows:

- "33. (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Bill, No Political Party shall be allowed to change or substitute any candidate for an election once the polls has commenced".

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 12 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 13: Amendment of Section 33 of the Principal Act.
Section 33 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection "(2)":

- "(2) If a candidate whose name was submitted to the Commission dies or withdraws from the election, the political party which nominated the candidate shall forward to the Commission the name of the aspirant who scored the second highest number of votes as the substitute candidate".

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 13 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — *Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: Amendment of Section 34.

Section 34 of the Principal Act is amended by adding a new subsection (2) and (3) to read:

- "(2) Any candidate who observes his name or that of his party missing on the list published in accordance with subsection (1) above, shall notify the Commission in writing, signed by himself and supported with an affidavit not later than 14 days to the election
- (3) Where the candidate fails to notify the commission in accordance with subsection (2) above, the candidate shall be deemed to have waived his right and the outcome of the election cannot be impeached in the any Court or Tribunal" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — *Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In subclause (2), *leave out* the figure "14", and *insert* the figure "21" (Hon. Chinda Kingsley — *Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In subclause (3), immediately after the word "right" *leave out* all other words (Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang — *Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) *Insert* a new subclause (4) as follows:

"The Commission shall produce ballot papers for the relevant elections in accordance with the list published after corrections in conformity with subclause (2) above" (Hon. Atunwa Razak Olatunde — *Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 14 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: Amendment of section 35.

Amended by substituting 45 with 90 in section 35:

A candidate may withdraw his candidature by notice in writing signed by him and delivered by himself to the Political party that nominated him for the election and the political party shall convey such withdrawal to the Commission and which shall only be allowed not later than 90 days to the election" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — *Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the figure "90", and insert the figure "30" (Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 15 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Insertion of new section 36A.

Insert a new section "36A":

"36A. Second run-off to replace candidate.

Where a candidate withdraws his candidature or dies before the commencement of polls in accordance with the provisions of sections 35 and 36 of this Bill, the political party that nominated the candidate shall forward the person who was second at the run off at the party primary election to replace the candidate" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

Amendment Proposed:

In line 3, immediately after the word "shall", leave out all other words and insert the following:

"Conduct a new primary to nominate another candidate in accordance with Section 87 of the Electoral Act within seven (7) days of such withdrawal or death" (Hon. Simon Yakubu Arabo — Kuru Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 16 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Amendment of Section 36 of the Principal Act.

Section 36 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection (3):

"(3) Where a nominated candidate dies in the circumstances stated under sub-section (1) of this section, the next person, from the same political party where the deceased emerged, with the highest votes in the primary election shall be submitted to the Commission to replace the deceased, and the Commission shall accept such replacement as if the deceased is alive" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

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

Clause 18: Alteration of section 36.

Section 36 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by adding two new subsections (3) and (4) to existing section and it shall read as follows:

"(3) If during the commencement of the poll but before the conclusion of elections for the office of the President or Governor of a State, one of the nominated candidates of a Political Party dies, the Commission shall allow the running mate, that is, the Party's Vice-Presidential Candidate or Deputy Gubernatorial Candidate to allow the running mate to continue and conclude the poll and should he score the majority of votes cast in accordance with the Constitution, be declared the winner of the said Election.

- (4) If during the commencement of the poll but before the conclusion of elections for any of the Legislative Houses of the Federation, a Candidate nominated and sponsored by a Political Party dies, the Political Party shall conduct fresh elections to nominate the candidate in consonance with section 87 of the Electoral Act"

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 18 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 19: Amendment of Section 38 of the Principal Act.
Section 38 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection (2):

- "(2) Where there is a valid nomination by at least one political party, failure of a political party to validly nominate a candidate shall not constitute ground for extension of time for nomination or postponement of election; and
- (b) renumbering the section appropriately" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: Amendment of section 48.

- "(1) At the hour fixed for opening of the poll before the commencement of accreditation and voting, the Presiding Officer shall open the empty ballot box and show same to such persons as may lawfully be present at the Polling unit and shall then close and seal the box in such manner as to prevent its being opened by unauthorized person" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Amendment of section 49.

- (i) Section 49 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the existing subsection (2) and replacing same with new subsections (2) and (3) as follows:

- "(2) Accreditation shall be with the use of electronic card reader and any person not electronically accredited by the electronic card reader shall not be eligible to vote:

Provided that where the electronic card reader malfunctions, an incident form shall be filled and such person shall be accredited manually and be allowed to vote.

- (3) Manual accreditation in (2) above shall be by a person presenting himself to the presiding Officer whom, on being satisfied that the name of the person is on the Register of Voters issue him a ballot paper and indicate on the Register that the person has voted".

- (ii) Amend by replacing subsection (2) with a new subsection (2):

- “(2) The Presiding Officer shall verify the voter card and authenticate the particulars of the voter in the manner prescribed by the Commission”

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 21 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: Amendment of section 52.

Insert, after subsection (2), a new subsection “(3)” —

- “(3) Uniform technological device shall be used for election across the country as the Commission may determine” (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Amendment of section 53.

- “(2) Where the votes cast at an election in any polling unit exceed the number of accredited voters in that polling unit, the result of the election for that polling unit shall be declared null and void by the Commission and another election may be conducted at a date to be fixed by the Commission where the result at that polling unit may affect the overall result in the Constituency” (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Amendment of section 63 (1).

- “(1) The Presiding Officer shall, after counting the votes at the polling unit, enter the votes scored by each candidate in a form prescribed by the Commission and electronically transmit same.
- “(4) The Presiding Officer shall announce the result at the Polling Unit” (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 25: Amendment of section 82.

- (1) Section 82 (1) of the Electoral Act is amended by inserting the words “and name” between the word “symbol” and “for use ...”.
- (2) Section 82 (2) of the Electoral Act is amended by inserting the word “name” between the words “symbol” and “of a political party”.
- (a) inserting the words “or name” between the word “symbol” and “of the same design ...”
- (b) inserting the words “or name” between the words “symbol” and “is distinct from ...”

- (3) Section 82 (3) of the Electoral Act is amended by inserting the words "or "or name" between the word "symbol" and "from the register" and "and names" between "symbol" and "if ... " (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

- (i) In subclause (1), immediately after the words "symbol ", *insert the words "and names"* (*Hon. Onyejeocha Nkeiruka — Isukwano/Umuneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In subclause (2), immediately after the words "symbol ", *insert the word "names"* (*Hon. Onyejeocha Nkeiruka — Isukwano/Umuneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) In subclause (2) (a), immediately after the words "symbol", *insert the words "or name"* (*Hon. Onyejeocha Nkeiruka — Isukwano/Umuneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iv) In subclause (2) (b), immediately after the words "symbol", *insert the words "or name"* (*Hon. Onyejeocha Nkeiruka — Isukwano/Umuneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (v) *Leave out* all the word in subclause (3), and *insert the following:*
"The Commission shall remove a symbol or name from the register of symbols and names if —" (*Hon. Onyejeocha Nkeiruka — Isukwano/Umuneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (vi) Amend Marginal Note to Section 82 as follows:
"Symbols and names of political parties" (*Hon. Onyejeocha Nkeiruka — Isukwano/Umuneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question Clause 25 as amended, stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: Amendment of section 78.

Amend by replacing "30" with "40" in subsection (4):

- "(4) A political association that meets the conditions stipulated in the Constitution and this Bill shall be registered by the Commission as a political party within 60 days from the date of receipt of the application, and if after the 60 days such Association is not registered by the Commission unless the Commission informs the association to the contrary it shall be deemed to have been registered" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 27: Amendment of section 85.**

- (1) Section 85 (1) of the Electoral Act is amended by inserting the words "merger, fusion" between the words "for the purpose of and "electing members of its ... "
- (2) Section 85 (2) (c) of the Electoral Act is amended by inserting the words "or fusion" between the words "approving a merger" and "with any other registered political party" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).
- (3) Insert, after subsection (3), a new subsection "(3A)" —

“(3A) In electing officials to the position of Women Leader, Youth Leader or other such position, where it exists, a political party shall ensure that the position of women leader is occupied by a woman and that of youth leader by a youth who shall be between the age of 18 and 35 years” (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Clause 27 (1) immediately after the words “for the purpose of” insert the words “merge and fusion” (*Hon. Jones Onyenreri Victor — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Clause 27 (2) (c) immediately after the words “approving a merger” insert the words “or fusion” (*Hon. Jones Onyenreri Victor — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 27 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 28: Amendment of Section 87.**

- (1) Section 87 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection (9A) after section (9):

“(9A) Where a primary election is conducted, and duly attended and certified by the Commission in compliance with this Bill, and the result is subsequently altered by a political party, the Commission shall have the power to overrule the alteration made by the political party and uphold such primaries”.
- (2) Insert a new subsection (11) as follows, with a marginal note "Time for Primaries of Political Parties":
 - (a) the Primaries of political parties shall follow the following sequence (i) State House of Assembly, (ii) National Assembly, (iii) Governorship, (iv) President.
 - (b) the dates for the above stated primaries shall not be earlier than one hundred and twenty days and not later than 90 days before the date of elections to the offices (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) Insert a new subclause (11) as follows "Marginal Notes — Time for Primaries of Political Parties" (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abual/Odual Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) Insert a new Clause 28 (11) (a) the Primaries of political parties shall follow the following sequence (i) State House of Assembly, (ii) National Assembly, (iii) Governorship, (iv) President (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abual/Odual Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) Insert a new subclause (11) (b) leave out the words and insert the following "the dates for the above stated primaries shall not be earlier than ninety (90) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the date of elections to the offices (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abual/Odual Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 28 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 29: Amendment of Section 90 of the Principal Act.**

Substitute for section 90 of the Principal Act, a new section 90:

- "(90) The Commission shall have power to place limitation on the amount of money or other assets which an individual can contribute to a political party and to demand such information on the amount donated as source of the funds" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Clause 29 and Retain the provision of the Principal Act (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 29 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 30: Amendment of section 91 (2).**

- (1) Section 91 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the figures "₦1,000,000,000.00 in sub-section (2) with the figures "₦5,000,000,000".
- (2) Section 91 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the figures "₦200,000,000" in sub-section (3) with the figures "₦1,000,000,000".
- (3) Delete subsection (4) of the Principal Act and substitute with a new sub-section (4) as follows:

"The maximum amount of election expenses to be incurred is respect of Senatorial and House of Representatives Seats shall be ₦100,000,000 and ₦70,000,000 respectively".

- (4) Section 91 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the figures "₦10,000,000" in subsection (5) with the figures "₦30,000,000".

- (5) Section 91 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the words "Ten Million Naira (₦10,000,000)" in subsection (6) with the words "thirty Million Naira (₦30,000,000)".
- (6) Section 91 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the words "shall be One Million Naira (₦1,000,000)" in subsection (7) with the words "shall be Five Million Naira (₦5,000,000)".
- (7) Section 91 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the figures "₦1,000,000" in sub-section (9) with the figures "₦10,000,000".
- (8) Section 91 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (10), a new subsection "(10)" —

"(10) A candidate who knowingly acts in contravention of this section, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of 1% of the amount permitted as the limit of campaign expenditure under this Bill or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or both" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 31: Amendment of section 99.

- "(1) For the purpose of this Bill, the period of campaigning in public by every political party shall commence 150 days before polling day and end 24 hours prior to that day" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 32: Amendment of section 100.

Amend by "replacing the existing subsection (6) a new subsection (6)" —

- "(6) Any person who contravenes subsections (3) and (4) of this section commits an offence and upon conviction is liable.

"A public media that contravenes subsections (3) and (4) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to:

- (a) in the case of a public media to a maximum fine of ₦2,000,000.00 in the first instance and to a maximum fine of ₦5,000,000.00 for subsequent conviction; and
- (b) in the case of principal officer(s) and other officer(s) of the media house to a maximum fine of ₦2,000,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of 12 months" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 33: Amendment of section 106.

The Principal Act is hereby amended by adding a new Section 106 to read as follows:

"Qualification into any office whether by age, education, etc. shall be considered with reference to the date of the primaries of the Political Party seeking to contest the election before the main election".

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 33 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Clause 34: Insertion of new section 117.

The following new sections shall be added to this Bill:

PART VIII — PROCEDURE FOR DIASPORA VOTING IN A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

"Powers of the Commission for Diaspora voting.

- (1) The conduct of elections into the office of the President of Nigeria and participation of Nigerians outside the country shall be under the direction and supervision of the Commission in accordance with this Bill.
- (2) The Embassy/liaison office in any country outside Nigeria where Diaspora voters will vote and the centres where voting will take place, established by the Commission and any other regulations, guidelines, rules or manual issued or made by the Commission shall be used for the Diaspora voting"

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 34 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Clause 35: Insertion of new section 118.

- (1) For the avoidance of doubts, only Nigerians who are legally residing in any country where the Commission is to organize Diaspora voting, shall be qualified to be registered by the Commission to vote in Nigeria's Presidential elections in that country.
- (2) The Commission shall decide with the Nigerian Embassy/liaison office, outside Nigeria the number of registration and voting centre for any country where Diasporas will vote"

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 35 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Clause 36: Insertion of new section 119.

"119. The procedure for voting shall be the same as the procedure adopted for the Presidential election in Nigeria".

Amendment/Modification

Following these amendments, former PART VIII becomes PART IX; former PART IX becomes PART X; former PART X becomes PART XI.

While section 117 (1) becomes section 120; section 118 (1) becomes section 121; section 119 becomes section 122; section 120 becomes section 123; section 121 becomes section 124; section 122 becomes section 126; section 123 becomes section 126, the whole of the sections changes by adding three (3) to each proceeding figures such that the last section of this Bill which was section 158 now becomes section 161.

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 36 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Clause 37: Amendment of the section 119.

Section 119 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the existing subsection (b) a new sub clause "(c)" as —

"(c) any person or group of persons who willfully interrupt the announcement of election result by staging any kind of demonstration or protest in a collation centre, with intention to incite people against the returning officer or other officials present or to stop the announcement of result, shall be liable to a term of five years imprisonment upon conviction or a fine of ₦500,000 or both".

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 37 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Clause 38: Interpretation.

In this Bill:

"Nigerians in Diaspora" means persons who are citizens of Nigeria according to the 1999 Constitution and are resident outside Nigeria;

"Diaspora voters" are Nigerians resident outside the country who comply with the conditions as to be set out by the Commission before they can vote outside Nigeria.

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 38 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Clause 39: Amendment of section 138.

(1) Section 138 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph "(e)":

"(e) that a person whose election is questioned has given a false information in the list or information submitted in accordance with the provision of section 31 (2) of this Bill".

(2) Section 138 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing paragraph (b) a new paragraph "b" for —

"(b) that the election was invalid by reason of—

(i) corrupt practices, or

(ii) non-compliance with the use of the card reader or the provisions of this Bill;"

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 39 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 40: Amendment of section 139.

- "(3) Notwithstanding the provision of this Bill or any other Law, an election shall be liable to be invalidated for lack of compliance with the method, device and electoral guidelines approved by the Commission" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

Question that Clause 40 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 41: Amendment of section 140.

- (1) Section 140 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection "(2)" —

"(2) Where an election tribunal or court nullifies the return of an election on the ground that the person who obtained the highest votes at the election was not qualified to contest the election, the Election Tribunal or Court shall declare the person with the second highest votes as elected subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria"

- (2) A new subsection (4) is inserted—

(4) If, at the point of display or distribution of ballot papers by the Commission, a candidate or his agent discovers that his name or the name or logo of his party is omitted, a candidate or his agent shall notify the Commission and the Commission shall —

(a) postpone the election to rectify the omission; and

(b) appoint another date to conduct the election" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In subclause (2), *leave out all the words and* Retain the provision of the Principal Act (Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abual/Odual Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In subclause (4) (b), immediately after the word "election", *insert* the following words "not later than ninety (90) days" (Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpon Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 41 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 42: Amendment of Section 143.**

Section 143, a new subsection 143 (3) should read as follows:

"Where the nomination of an elected candidate is nullified by the Court and notice of appeal against the decision is given within the stipulated period for appeal, the elected candidate, shall not withstanding the contrary decision of the Court remain in office pending the determination of the appeal. If the Court, determines that the candidate was not validly nominated, the elected candidate shall, not withstanding the contrary decision of the Court remain in office within the period an appeal may be filed; and shall not be sanctioned for the benefits he derived while in office pursuant to this section" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in subclause (3) and insert as follows:

"Where the election is nullified by the Court and notice of appeal against the decision is given within the stipulated period for appeal, the elected candidate shall, not withstanding the contrary decision of the Court remain in office and enjoy all the benefits that accrued to the office pending the determination of the appeal and shall not be sanctioned for the benefits derived while in office" (*Hon. Onyejeocha Nkeiruka — Isukwano/Umuneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 42 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 43: Amendment of section 150.

Section 150 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing subsection (2) a new subsection "(2)" for —

- "(2) A prosecution under this Bill shall be undertaken by Legal Officers of the Commission, any Legal Practitioner appointed by it or any Police Officer"

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 43 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 44: Amendment of section 151.**

Section 151 of the Principal Act is amended by:

- (a) Inserting after subsection (1), a new subsection "(1A)":

"(1A) A Chief National Electoral Commissioner or any other officer of the Commission who willfully fails to comply with the provision of subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of ₦2,000,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both"; and

- (b) renumbering the section appropriately (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 44 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 45: Insertion of section 155A.
Insert a new section "155A":

Schedule.

155A. The procedure for the use of Card Reader shall be as specified in the Fourth Schedule to the Bill.

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 45 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — *Agreed to.*

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 46: Amendment of section 156.

(1) Section 156 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, in alphabetical order, the following definition —

"Candidate" means a person who has secured the nomination of a political party or independent candidate to contest an election for any elective office".

(2) Section 156 (2) is amended by adding the word "fusion" under the Interpretation clause to read, "fusion" means a process by which a political party fuses with another political party by dropping its name and symbol and become subsumed in another political party, thereby cease to exist (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

Question that Clause 46 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 47: Amendment of First Schedule.

(1) Paragraph 14 (2) of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended:

(a) in subparagraph (2) (a), by inserting the words, "the petitioner shall have another 7 days to amend his petition, after that", after the word, "petition" in line 1"; and

(b) in subparagraph (2) (b), by inserting the words, "the respondent shall have another 7 days to amend his reply, after that", after the word, "reply" in line 1.

(2) Paragraph 18 of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by:

(a) inserting a new subparagraph "(3A)":

"(3A) Where the petitioner or the respondent fails to bring an application under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, the petitioner or respondent shall have another 5 days within which to bring the application"; and

(b) renumbering the subparagraph appropriately.

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 47 (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency) — *Agreed to.*

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 48: Amendment of Paragraph 51 (1) and (2) of the First Schedule.

Paragraph 51 (1) and (2) should be deleted (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 48 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 49: Insertion of new Provisions.

“(1) Where the nomination of an elected candidate is nullified by the Court and notice of appeal against the decision is given within the stipulated period for appeal, the elected candidate shall notwithstanding the contrary decision of the court remain in office pending the determination of the appeal. If the court determines that a candidate was not validly nominated, the elected candidate shall notwithstanding the contrary decision of the Court remain in office within the period for which an appeal may be filed”

(2) The Presiding/Collation Officer shall, after counting/collation the votes at the polling unit/collation centre, enter the votes scored by each candidate in the form prescribed by the Commission and transmit same in a manner prescribed by the Commission” (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

In subclause (1), last line, immediately after the word “filed” insert the following words, “and shall not be sanctioned for the benefits he derived while in office pursuant to this section” (*Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 49 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 50: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 50 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the provisions of the Electoral Act, No. 6, 2010 and Electoral (Amendment) Act, No. 2015 to provide a time line for the submission of list of candidates, criteria for substitution of candidates, limit of campaign expenses and address the omission of names of candidates or logo of political parties (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Electoral Act, No.6, 2010 and Electoral (Amendment) Act, No. 2015 to Provide a Time Line for the Submission of List of Candidates, Criteria for Substitution of Candidates, Limit of Campaign Expenses and Address the Omission of Names of Candidates or Logo of Political Parties; and for Related Matters (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada 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 and approved the Report of the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters on a Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 165, HB. 174, HB. 220, HB. 429, HB. 468, HB. 484, HB. 809 and HB. 966) and rejected Clauses 1-3, approved Clauses 4 - 5 as amended, rejected Clauses 6 - 7, approved Clauses 8 - 9, approved Clause 10 as amended, rejected Clause 11, approved Clause 12 as amended, rejected Clauses 11 - 13, approved Clauses 14 - 15 as amended, approved Clause 16 as amended, approved Clause 17, rejected Clause 18, approved Clauses 19 - 20, rejected Clause 21, approved Clause 22 - 24, approved Clause 25 as amended, approved Clause 26, approved Clauses 27 - 28 as amended, approved Clauses 29 - 32, rejected Clauses 33 - 39, approved Clause 40, approved Clause 41 - 42 as amended, rejected Clause 43, approved Clause 44, rejected Clause 45, approved Clause 46, rejected Clause 47, approved Clause 48, approved Clause 49 as amended, approved Clause 50, approved the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) **Report of the Conference Committee on Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill, 2018:**
That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Bankruptcy Act, Cap. B2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill, 2018; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (iii) **Committee on Power:**
That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Power on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission Meter Reading, Billing, Cash Collection and Credit Management for Electricity Supplies Regulations No. 42 of 2007 to Address Matters Relating to Outstanding Liability of Electricity Bills in Rented Apartments and for Related Matters (HB. 510) and approve the recommendations therein

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (iv) **Committee on Capital Market and Institutions:**
That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Capital Market and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Facilitate the Development of Nigeria's Capital Market by Enabling the Conversion and Re-Registration of the Nigerian Stock Exchange from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Public Company Limited by Shares; and for Related Matters (HB. 983) and approve the recommendations therein.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 24 January, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.04 p.m.