



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 9 May, 2017

1. The House met at 11. 24 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, 4 May, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

05 May, 2017

Right Honourable Yakubu Dōgara
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

MEDICAL FOLLOW - UP

In compliance with Section 145 (1) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended), I wish to inform the Honourable House that I will be away for a scheduled medical follow - up with my doctors in London. The length of my stay will be determined by the doctors' advice. While I am away, the Vice President will coordinate the activities of the Government.

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

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammad Buhari

4. Announcement

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Staff and Students of *St Louis Secondary School*, Bompai, Kano State.

5. Presentation of Report

Committee on Appropriations:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦7,441,175,486,758 (Seven Trillion, Four Hundred and Forty-One Billion, One Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira) only, of which, ₦434,412,950,249 (Four Hundred and Thirty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Twelve Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Two Hundred and Fourty-Nine Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦1,841,345,727,206 (One Trillion, Eight Hundred and Forty-One Billion, Three Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Six Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦177,460,296,707 (One Hundred and Seventy-Seven Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seven Naira) only, is for Sinking Fund for maturing bonds, ₦2,990,920,033,435 (Two Trillion, Nine Hundred and Ninety Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty Million, Thirty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Five Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,174,496,775,867 (Two Trillion, One Hundred and Seventy-Four Billion, Four-Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure (exclusive of capital expenditure in Statutory Transfers) for the year ending on the 31st December, 2017 (HB. 884)" (*Hon. Mustapha Bala Dawaki — Dawakin Kudu/Warawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria LNG (Fiscal Incentives, Guarantees and Assurances) Act, Cap. N87, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the NLNG Ltd to make its Statutory Contributions to the NDDC Fund and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 397) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria LNG (Fiscal Incentives, Guarantees and Assurances) Act, Cap. N87, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the NLNG Ltd to make its Statutory Contributions to the NDDC Fund and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 397) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 265) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 265) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University, Wukari and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration and for Other Related Matters (HB. 810) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University, Wukari and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration and for Other Related Matters (HB. 810) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Security Agencies Act, Cap. N74, LFN, 2004 and Re-enact the National Security Agencies Act, 2016 to Define the Functions of Members of the National Security Agencies, the Defence Intelligence Agency, National Intelligence Agency and the State Security Service and Procedures in Respect of Intelligence Relating to the Security of the Nation; and to Provide for the Appointment of Principal Officers and the Coordinators of the Agencies and Define their Functions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 551) — Second Reading**

Bill withdrawn by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Rural Areas Development Agency to Provide for Economic and Social Sustainability of Rural Areas in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 946) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Rural Areas Development Agency to Provide for Economic and Social Sustainability of Rural Areas in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 946) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi — Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni/Ahoada-West 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 Rural Development.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Training Institute to be known as the Nigerian College of Mining Technology and to Provide for its Organization, Control and Operation; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 886) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Comfort Fund Act, Cap. A21, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Expand the Application of the Fund to Civil Unrest and for Other Related Matters (HB. 667) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Coins Act, Cap. C16, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 668) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. **Call for Intervention in the Gully Erosion and Flooding of Hellele-Mallerin Magajin Gari Area of Sokoto State**

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that gully erosion and flooding have been identified as the foremost environmental challenges facing Hellele-Mallerin area of Magajin Gari 'A' Ward of Sokoto North Local Government Area of Sokoto State, causing residents to live in constant fear once the rainy season begins given their past and bitter experiences of loss of lives and properties to erosion and flood in the area, which rendered many people homeless with horrific health challenges;

Also notes that a field assessment conducted by the Hellele-Malleri Community Development Association in conjunction with my Constituency Office produced a Bill of Engineering, Measurement and Evaluation (BEME) to the tune of eight hundred and forty-six million, eight hundred and seventy thousand, nine hundred and eleven Naira, forty-eight Kobo only (₦846,870,911.48), thus necessitating an appeal for Federal Government's intervention through the Ecological Fund Office (EFO), given that the enormity of the problem is beyond the capability of the State and Local Governments;

Aware that the gullies being dug by erosion at Hellele-Malleri area is as a result of the steeply terrain and lack of well-defined channels in the area, thus necessitating urgent measures to be put in place to arrest the phenomenon so that residents could heave a sigh of relief;

Concerned that the continued recurrence of flooding that usually result in loss of lives and destruction of properties and houses of great values over the years have left residents not only economically backward but also in serious health hazards and psychological trauma;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to direct the Ecological Fund Office to conduct a survey of the gully erosion menace and flooding at Hellele-Malleri area with a view to deploying funds to arrest the menace; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to ensure implementation (*Hon. Hassan Bala Abubakar — Sokoto North/Sokoto South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 183/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Environment and Habitat, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

15. Call for Rehabilitation of Ibadan/Ile-Ife Expressway

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that one half of the dual carriage-way from Ibadan to Ile-Ife was constructed during the tenure of Late Chief Obafemi Awolowo, the then Premier of the Old Western Region, while the other half was constructed during the regime of Late Gen. Sanni Abacha, the then Military Head of State;

Also notes that the expressway which is the major road that links Oyo State with Osun, Ondo, Ekiti, Edo and Kogi States, is in a deplorable state of disrepair;

Observes that motorists who travel regularly on the road occasionally experience heavy gridlock and lives and properties are being lost on a daily basis as a result of accidents and activities of men of the underworld due to the bad state of the road;

Concerned that precious time that would have been used for productive purposes by travelers are being wasted on the road;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to undertake a rehabilitation of the road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and FERMA to ensure implementation (*Hon. Adedapo Lam-Adesina — Ibadan Northeast/Ibadan Southeast Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 184/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

16. Need to Complete the Abandoned 132/33KV Power Transmission Station in Pankshin

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the 2x40MVA and 132/33KV Transmission stations at Pankshin, Plateau State, initiated and constructed during the President Olusegun Obasanjo Administration was aimed at improving power supply to Pankshin, Kanke, Kanam, Mangu, Langtang, Quanpan, Shendam and Mikang in Plateau State and Bogoro and Tafawa Balewa in Bauchi State;

Aware that the transmission station at Pankshin was completed over two years ago but has not been commissioned for use while the construction of connected or affiliate 132KV lines from Jos Transmission station to Pankshin was abandoned by the contractor;

Also aware that the above mentioned local government areas are suffering severe low voltage and high duration of load shedding due to the non-completion of the project and low transmission currently derived from the Bauchi Transmission station which is inadequate and epileptic;

Cognizant that the 2x40 MVA Transmission station has not been commissioned due to the non-completion of the 132x33KV Transmission sub-stations at Langtang, Shendam and DoruwaBabuje which were installed to boost power supply from the 2x40 MVA Transmission station, and as a result, the power line is being heavily vandalized;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to urgently ensure the completion of the abandoned 132/33KV Transmission project and cause the commissioning of the completed Transmission station in Pankshin for the 132/33KV station in Langtang and Shendam to commence operation; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Power to ensure implementation (*Hon. Golu Timothy — Paskshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency and 2 others*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 185/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Power, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

17. Call on Jos Electricity Distribution Company (JEDC) to Supply Electricity to Villages in Bauchi Federal Constituency

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Aware that a Distribution Company (DISCO), pursuant to the provisions of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act of 2005, has the obligation of distributing electricity to customers through the construction, operation and maintenance of a distribution system and facilities;

Also aware that Jos Electricity Distribution Company (JEDC), as one of the DISCOs licensed by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), has the franchise to distribute electricity and manage the supply facilities to consumers in Gombe, Bauchi, Plateau and Benue States in line with the terms of the licence issued and the performance agreement signed with the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE);

Notes the quantum of complaints by residents of Wuntin-Dada, Fadaman-Mada, Railway road, Majidadi Rariya, Sabon Kaura, Kangere, Turum, Galambi, among others who have been in perpetual darkness for months due to lack of maintenance of transformers, poles and other distribution facilities by the JEDC;

Observes that electricity consumers are made to contribute huge amounts of money to pay for repairs of transformers, replacement of poles and maintenance of other distribution facilities, which by law are the properties of JEDC, and yet the consumers pay for services provided by the company;

Concerned that the continuous blackout in the areas for that length of time has brought untold hardships on residents, especially in the hot weather period being experienced at the moment, thereby creating health challenges, in addition to the collapse of business activities;

Also concerned that both the JEDC and NERC have not shown any concern on the difficulties being faced by residents over the past 3 years as a result of their failure to discharge their contractual obligations to the public;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to interface with the Jos Electricity Distribution Company (JEDC) and the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) to ensure:

- (i) proper maintenance of distribution facilities in the areas as well as taking steps to connect suburbs less than 10km from the city; and

- (ii) the discontinuance of the practice of making customers to pay for purchase of poles, repairs of transformers and other distribution facilities, ensure prompt and timely response to customers' complaints and steady supply of electricity to the villages in Bauchi Federal Constituency (*Hon. Shehu Aliyu Musa — Bauchi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 186/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Power, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

18. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Ahmadu Bello University (Transitional Provisions) Act, Cap. A14, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 260) (Committee of the Whole)"*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (ii) *A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection, Promotion and Maintenance of Health for Proper Sanitation in Matters Relating to Housing, Food and Generally the Protection of the Environment and Control of Services, Activities and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 27) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection, Promotion and Maintenance of Health for Proper Sanitation in Matters Relating to Housing, Food and Generally the Protection of the Environment and Control of Services, Activities and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 27) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION, PROMOTION AND MAINTENANCE OF HEALTH FOR PROPER SANITATION IN MATTERS RELATING TO HOUSING, FOOD AND GENERALLY THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONTROL OF SERVICES, ACTIVITIES AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 27)

Clause 1: Duty of all to Protect Health.

In this Bill:

- (1) Every person has the right to good health and safe environment. Therefore, every person has a duty to take preventive action when they have reasonable suspicion that harm is occurring or is about to occur to Public Health:
- (2) Government has a duty to take anticipatory action to prevent harm to individual and community; and to encourage individual and the general public to take collective measures to protect public health (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Precautionary Principle.

In this Bill, "Precautionary Principle" shall apply in all areas and issues where the protection of the environment and public health is necessary (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART I.— NUISANCES

Clause 3: Abatement of nuisance.

The following shall be deemed to be nuisances for the purpose of this Bill:

- (a) any premises which:
 - (i) is in such a condition as to be injurious to health,
 - (ii) is so poorly illuminated or so ill-ventilated or so damp or in such a condition of dilapidation as to be dangerous or prejudicial to the health of the persons living or employed therein.
 - (iii) contains rat holes or other similar holes or rat runs and dropping or infested with rats or other vermin or in which the ventilating openings are not protected by gratings in such a manner as to exclude rats or other vermin from coming into the premises;
 - (iv) is certified by the Environmental Health Officer to be so overcrowded as to be injurious or dangerous to the health of the occupants;
- (b) any:
 - (i) office complex, petrol station, motor park, market, supermarket, shopping centre, church and mosque or other such like place where suitable and adequate sanitary conveniences are not provided and or where such facilities are provided but not accessible to the general public, persons, workmen or attendants;
 - (ii) premises used as a boarding house in which suitable and adequate sanitary conveniences are not provided for the occupants or are provided but not accessible to occupants;
 - (iii) premises used as educational institution, boarding house in which suitable and adequate sanitary conveniences are not provided for the occupants or are provided but not accessible to occupants.
 - (iv) premises whose Certificate of Fitness for Habitation or Certificate of Fitness for Continued Use or Certificate of Fitness for Continued Habitation does not exist or is expired.
 - (v) animal or bird kept in such a place or manner as to be dangerous, prejudicial or injurious to health or molesting to neighbours or emitting offensive odour and any animal or bird which suffers from a zoonotic or infectious disease;

- (vi) pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse, cesspool, drain, refuse pit, latrine, dust bin, washing place, well, water tank, barrel, sink, collection of sewage, receptacle which contains stagnant water, or other thing in such a condition as to be injurious to health.
- (vii) pit or excavation, well, pond or quarry in or near any street which is or likely to become dangerous to the public.
- (viii) stable, cow house, pigsty, or other premises for the use of animals or birds which are in such a condition as to be injurious to the health of man or to those animals or birds;
- (ix) noxious matter, water or wastewater flowing or discharged from any premises into the street or into any gutter or side channel of a street;
- (x) accumulation or deposit or rubbish of any kind whatsoever, or any decaying animal or vegetable matter, whether in form of refuse, manure, decayed food, or in any other form whatsoever.
- (xi) growth of weed, cactus, long grass, reed or wild bush of any kind which may be injurious to health;
- (xii) vegetable that of itself is dangerous to children or adults either by its effluvia or through eating its leaves, seeds, fruits or flowers.
- (xiii) industrial effluent or trade emissions waste oil or chemical substances of any description not treated as required before discharge;
- (xiv) construction material including blocks, cement, sand, gravel, mortar, or iron rods etc dumped on any site or road sides in such condition that may cause obstruction, injury or be dangerous to Public Health.
- (xv) littered and or neglected surroundings of a building, including any home, office, factory, industry and commercial premises;
- (xvi) carcass of an animal in such a place and condition as to be injurious to health;
- (xvii) premises without a valid Environmental Health Status Report issued by a licensed Environmental Health Officer;
- (xviii) premises used for any activity where the doors leading into any of the rooms, excluding the main entrance to the premises open directly into any street.
- (xix) act, omission, place or thing, which is or may be dangerous to life or injurious to health or property or defiling to the aesthetics of the environment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Abatement of nuisance.

- (1) An Environmental Health Officer shall if satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, serve a notice, herein after called an abatement notice as set out in the 1st schedule to this Bill, and take all other appropriate actions as necessary or as described in applicable regulations and relevant guidelines as shall be issued by appropriate authority from time to time:
 - (a) on the person who cause or continue to cause the nuisance or,
 - (b) if such person cannot be found on the premises, occupier or owner/developer of the premises on which the nuisance was caused, requiring him to abate the nuisance within the time specified in the notice, and to execute such works, and to do such things as may be necessary for that purpose, and if the Environmental Health Officer thinks it desirable, specifying any work to be executed.
- (2) The Environmental Health Officer may by the notice under subsection (1) of this section or by another abatement notice served on such person or occupier or owner, requiring him to do what is necessary to prevent the re-occurrence of the nuisance, and if he thinks it desirable, specify any work to be executed for that purpose.
- (3) The Environmental Health Officer may serve a notice notwithstanding that the nuisance has been abated, if the Environmental Health Officer thinks that it is likely to re-occur on the same premises.
- (4) Where the nuisance is caused by any want or defect of a structural character, or where the premise is unoccupied, the notice shall be served on the owner or his agent or the developer or occupier of the premises (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FOOD, MEAT HYGIENE AND SANITATION OF FOOD PREMISES**Clause 5: Registration of food premises.**

- (1) Every premises from which food of any description is produced, prepared or offered for sale to the public shall be registered with the Environmental Health Authority in charge of the area where the premises is located.
- (2) The registration shall be renewed annually or such other interval. For such a registration to be renewed, all applicable regulations, and guidelines shall be met.
- (3) Every item and utensils used for preparation, cooking and storage of food shall be kept clean at all times (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Foodstuff for sale to be kept in clean containers.

No person shall display or offer for sale to the public any food substance — liquid or solid, which may be injurious to the health of man (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Foodstuff for sale to be kept in clean containers.

Every person employed or engaged to handle or process food of any description shall undergo food handler's medical examination every six months (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Conditions for Slaughtering.

No animal shall be slaughtered without the permission of the Veterinary officer and in his absence, the Environmental Health Officer, and unless the animal has been kept for not less than six hours in that part of the abattoir reserved for animals awaiting slaughter (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Licensing of private abattoir.

- (1) The Environmental Health Authority shall after due and proper inspection, grant permit to a premises as a private abattoir.
- (2) The permit may be cancelled or suspended if the holder of such permit commits a breach of the conditions of the licence or of the provisions of the applicable parts of this Bill and or relevant regulation or guidelines (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Offences and Penalties.

A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Part commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than ten thousand Naira or to two months imprisonment or both for individual and twenty-five thousand Naira for corporate body or to two months imprisonment for the Director of the company or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — WATER SANITATION

Clause 11: Standard for drinking water quality.

- (1) Standards for drinking water and their bacteriological and chemical examinations, together with the evaluation of results, shall conform to the criteria as set out in the Nigerian Standard for Drinking Water Quality as issued by the relevant government agency.

Guidelines for drinking water quality monitoring.

- (2) The Director responsible for Environmental Health matters shall ensure nationwide compliance, and issue relevant guidelines for the regular monitoring of drinking water quality.

Monitoring of drinking water quality.

- (3) The Director of Environmental Health shall ensure the regular monitoring of drinking water quality in his area of jurisdiction so as to safeguard Public Health (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Registration of water points and water tanker.

- (1) The Environmental Health Officer in charge of an area shall register all water point from where water is collected for sale to the general public as well as all water tankers used for sale or distribution of water to the public.
- (2) The water tanker owner shall ensure that such tanker conforms to the quality required of such tanker in line with the guidelines (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Discharge of wastewater by persons.

No person shall discharge wastewater of any description into any street, stream or any river or body of water (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Penalty.

Any person who discharges untreated wastewater into any street, gutter, drainage channel or body of water, commits an offence under this section, and is liable on conviction:

- (a) to a fine of twenty thousand Naira at the first instance and
- (b) thirty thousand Naira for any subsequent offence and
- (c) if a corporate body, to a fine of one hundred thousand Naira and the closure of the company until the default ceases (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — BUILDING SANITATION

Clause 15: No building without approved plans.

- (1) Without prejudice to any other laws and for the purpose of ascertaining if necessary health requirements have been met, no building shall be erected except in accordance with full working drawings and site plan approved by the Environmental Health Officer in the first instance, the town planning authority and other approving authorities of the area where such building is to be erected. Any other regulatory requirement shall be met.
- (2) Six copies of such plan shall be submitted by the applicant for this purpose (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Size of Living rooms.

- (1) No living room in any building shall have less than 10.8 square metres of useable floor area and average height of less than 3.0 metres and width of not less than 2.5 metres.

- (2) Attics, penthouses and outhouses shall have a mean height of not less than 2.4 metres and useable floor area as specified in this part (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Ventilation.

- (1) Every room shall contain at least one window in one wall opening directly to the external air and the total area of the window or windows in any one room clear of the frames shall be equal to at least one-eighth of the floor area of the room. Every room must also have provision for additional ventilation in the form of either a second window or large ventilator in one of the other walls and this may open on to an internal corridor if the latter is ventilated at both ends.

Provision of fire escape route.

- (2) Every building shall have at least two exit doors located at such points as to provide easy escape in case of a fire outbreak. In case of a building with more than one floor, an external staircase linked to every floor must be provided to serve as fire escape route (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Inspection of building before occupation and issuance of certificate of fitness for habitation.

- (1) On completion of any building and before occupation thereof, the building shall be inspected by the Environmental Health Officer in-charge of the area and the Building and or Town Planning Officer. If the minimum requirement for health is adequate, the Environmental Health Officer shall issue a certificate of fitness for habitation stating that the building is completed according to approved plan and fit for human habitation.
- (2) If the building is to be altered in any way in the future, the Environmental Health authority shall be notified and an alteration approval obtained.

Building for rent or lease must meet Housing Health and Safety Rating System.

- (3) Every building put up for rent and or lease shall meet the minimum requirement as stated in this Bill and be in line with the Housing Health and Safety Rating System as issued by the Council (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Penalty.

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Part shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than ten thousand Naira only or in default of payment, to three months imprisonment for the first offence or to both fine and imprisonment for subsequent offences (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V— PUBLIC HEALTH PESTS AND VECTORS CONTROL

Clause 20: Public Health Pests and Vectors Control.

- (i) Every premises shall be kept in a condition and be rid of pests and vectors of public health importance.

Valid operational licence prior to operation.

- (ii) Any individual or company wishing to be engaged in the business of Pest Control shall obtain a valid operational license from the Council (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 21:** (i) Every regulated premises shall be fumigated at least every six months in a year. Fumigation exercise shall be certified by the licensed Environmental Health Officer.

Chemicals for use to conform to National Chemicals standard.

- (ii) All insecticides, rodenticides and such chemicals to be used for pest control shall conform to the National Chemicals Standards set by the appropriate authority (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Offences under this part.

It shall be an offence for:

- (1) Any person or company not qualified, to issue a certificate required in this part. To engage in pest control, fumigation, spraying or derating without a valid licence issued by the Council.
- (2) The owner of a building/premises not to have a valid certificate of fumigation for his premises (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Penalty and fine.

- (1) Anybody who patronises or engages a Company, which is not licensed by the Council for the purpose of spraying, fumigating, derating or any other activity specified in this part shall on conviction be liable to a fine not less than thirty thousand Naira or imprisonment for three months or both fine and imprisonment.
- (2) If a body corporate contravenes the provisions of this section, shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than one hundred thousand Naira for the first offence and for subsequent offence, to a term of imprisonment for the Director of the company not exceeding three months or both fine and imprisonment.
- (3) On conviction, the owner shall be liable to a fine of ten thousand Naira or two months imprisonment for the first offence but for subsequent conviction to a fine of thirty thousand Naira and to three months imprisonment; if body corporate to a fine of one hundred thousand Naira or 3 months imprisonment for the Director of the Company (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — SCHOOLS, DAY-CARE, KINDERGARTEN AND OTHER SUCH CENTRES SANITATION

Clause 24: No structure, premises, learning centre, tertiary education institution, schools, kindergarten, day-care or other such centres shall be approved for learning without a valid Environmental Health Status Report issued by an Environmental Health Officer (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: Issuance of operating permit.

- (1) The Environmental Health Authority shall issue Certificate of Fitness for Use or Certificate of Fitness for Continued Use as the case may be, on receipt of Environmental Health Status Report.

Validity of certificate.

- (2) Any certificate issued in pursuance of this section shall be renewed every two (2) years on submission of an Environmental Health Status Report of the facility duly signed by a licensed Environmental Health Officer carrying out such inspection (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 26: Illegal to operate without a valid certificate of fitness for habitation or for continued habitation.

- (i) It shall be illegal for any educational institution to operate without a valid certificate of fitness for habitation or for continued habitation as the case may be.

Offence and fine.

- (2) Any educational institution or other such centres operating without a valid Certificate of Fitness for Use or Certificate of Fitness for Continued Use commits an offence and on conviction, the proprietor of such a facility shall be liable to a fine not less than thirty thousand Naira or three months imprisonment for the first offence and for subsequent offence to a fine of not less than fifty thousand Naira and a term of imprisonment of three months or both fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 27: Environmental Health officer to ensure safe waste disposal and protection of public health.

The Environmental Health Officer within a given area shall through supervision and monitoring ensure that wastes of all types are stored, handled, transported and disposed off in such a manner that public health is not jeopardised (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 28: Issuance of operational license.

- (1) The Council shall issue operational licence to qualified companies, that meet the basic requirements for the operation of waste collection and disposal facilities.

- (2) Such a licence shall be renewed every three years (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 29: Owner or occupier to ensure that wastes are collected.

- (1) It shall be the responsibility of the owner or occupier of a premise to ensure that all wastes generated from the premises is collected, stored, transported and disposed of in a manner that will not constitute any danger to Public Health.
- (2) Any person who disposes of any waste in such a manner as to endanger public health shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not less than fifty thousand Naira or six months imprisonment or for both fine and imprisonment.
- (3) It shall be an offence for any company not to provide all the information required in this section or to provide false information.

Offence under this section.

- (4) Any proprietor of a company who contravenes any provision of this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine of 1 million Naira and a 3 month imprisonment for the Director of the company or both fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 30: Issuance of operational license.

- (1) The Council shall issue operational licence to qualified hazardous waste, healthcare waste, sewage or wastewater collection companies that meet the basic requirements for the operation of such facilities, on the payment of appropriate fee.
- (2) Such a licence shall be renewed every three years.

Condition for revoking of license.

- (3) Any license issued under this section shall be suspended, revoked or cancelled if the licensee fail to abide by either the terms of the license or conditions specified in the applicable regulations and or guidelines, or the violation of the code for practice as the case may be.

Discharge of sewage in unapproved place.

- (4) It shall be an offence to empty sewage and other such matters in any place other than areas approved by the Environmental Health Authority for that purpose.

Offence for operating unlicensed dislodging vehicle.

- (5) It shall also be an offence to operate sewage disposal services without a valid license issued by the Council.
- (6) Any person who contravenes this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than Fifty thousand Naira or three months imprisonment and in the case of a corporate body, to a fine of Two Hundred and fifty thousand Naira. In all cases, the forfeiture of such a vehicle used for the exercise shall be enforced (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — SANITATION OF HOSPITALITY, RECREATION AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES

Clause 31: Sanitary requirements for hotel, motel, recreational facilities, saloons. etc.

- (1) The construction and operation of hotel, motel, recreational facilities, saloons, swimming pools, parks, petrol station, bus and train terminal, picnic grounds, beaches, camps, night clubs, bars, massage clinic, sauna bath, lodging, and boarding, shall conform to the applicable standards as presented in relevant regulations and guidelines.

Staff to have health certificate of fitness.

- (2) All such facilities mentioned in sub-section (1) of this section shall be required to obtain a valid Certificate of Fitness for Use or Certificate of Fitness for Continued Use (as the case may be) from Environmental Health Authority of the area of its location.

Offences under this part.

- (3) The contravention of this section on conviction shall attract a fine not less than ten thousand Naira for the first offence and for subsequent offence, a fine of fifty thousand Naira and another five thousand Naira for each day the nuisance persists (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IX — PORTS, VESSEL, AIRCRAFT AND LAND BORDER HEALTH AND SANITATION

Clause 32: Sanitation at ports to conform to International Health Regulations.

- (1) The sanitation of Airport, Seaport, Vessels, Aircraft and Land Borders of entry into the Country shall conform to the "International Health Regulations" and relevant national laws, regulations and guidelines.

Screening of all passenger on arrival on international voyage.

- (2) At all ports and land borders of entry, there shall be provided a Port Health Desk at the arrival area for the screening of the Health Status of all arriving passengers and crew by the Environmental Health Officer in charge of such port or border entry point, in line with the International Health Regulations and other applicable laws and regulations, before the passengers are allowed to proceed on to other arrival formalities.

Offences under this part.

- (3) Any person who contravenes this part shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than fifty thousand Naira or imprisonment for three months. If a corporate body, it shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than one hundred thousand Naira or imprisonment for three months for the Director of such a company (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XI — SANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT
AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Clause 33: Requirements for Industrial establishment.

- (1) No person or firm or corporation shall operate any industrial establishment without conforming to relevant sanitary regulations and guidelines as the case may be.
- (2) Any person who contravenes the provision of this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than fifty thousand Naira or imprisonment for than 3 months or both fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 34: Surveillance of factories.

- (1) The Environmental Health Officer responsible for an area shall from time to time inspect factories to ensure a high level of Environmental Health and Safety of the public as well as those employed therein are maintained.

Routine sampling of wastes and waste water.

- (2) The Environmental Health Officer in his area of jurisdiction shall collect samples of waste, wastewater, air samples and any other samples deemed necessary from factories in such area to ensure that the waste or waste discharged from such factories does not contain substances in concentrations exceeding the maximum permissible limit or threshold set by relevant Government Authority and other applicable standards.

Payment for such analysis.

- (3) The cost of any analysis shall be paid directly to the laboratory by the company concerned (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 35: Offensive Trade Practices.

- (1) The owner, manager or operator of any establishment classified, as offensive trade under this Bill shall operate in accordance with relevant regulations and guidelines.
- (2) Any contravention of this section shall on conviction be liable to a fine not less than five thousand Naira or imprisonment for one month for the Director/Chief Executive Officer of such a company (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

PART XII — INDUSTRIAL CLEANING SERVICES

Clause 36: Guidelines on industrial cleaning.

- (1) The Director Environmental Health Services of the Federation shall issue Environmental Health guidelines pertaining to the operation of industrial cleaning services.

Issuance operational license.

- (2) Any company wishing to be engaged in the business of industrial cleaning services shall obtain a valid operational license from the Council.

- (3) Such company shall operate in accordance with relevant regulations and guidelines and code of practice. (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 36 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 37: Illegal disposal of waste from clients premises.

- (1) It shall be an offence for a cleaning services company to dump/deposit wastes collected from any premises in any place not designated by the Environmental Health Authority in charge of the area for that purpose.
- (2) Any company involved in illegal dumping of waste collected from clients premises at unlawful locations shall be liable on conviction to a fine of fifty thousand Naira for the first offence and for subsequent offence, to a revocation of the operational license of such a company and a fine of One Hundred Thousand Naira and the cost of cleaning up the waste dumped (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 37 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 38: Offences under this part.

- (1) Any person who engage a company not licensed as a cleaning services company contravenes the provisions of this part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than Twenty Thousand Naira or three months imprisonment for the first offence and to a fine of Fifty Thousand Naira and three months imprisonment for subsequent offences.
- (2) If a corporate body, it shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than two hundred thousand Naira for the first offence and for subsequent offences, a term of six months imprisonment for the Director of the company/Chief Executive Officer of such establishment without the option of fine (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 38 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XIII — NOISE POLLUTION CONTROL

Clause 39: Noise inducing events to obtain a permit.

No person or body corporate such as Mosque, Church, Nightclub, Record shop, Discotheque, Factory and such other business likely to be a source of noise injurious to public health shall carry out any business or activity without a special permit from the Environmental Health Authority (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 39 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 40: Penalty for default.

Any person that contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions in this part shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not less than Twenty Thousand Naira or in default of payment, to 3 months imprisonment. In the case of a body corporate, shall be liable to a fine not less than fifty thousand Naira for first offence and for subsequent offences, to a fine not less than one hundred thousand Naira. In a situation where an offender remains recalcitrant, the premises shall be sealed pending conformity (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XIV — CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Clause 41: Declaration of infected area and order for evacuation.

- (1) Whenever there is an outbreak of a communicable disease in any place, the Minister of Health shall have power to, by public notice- (a) declare such a place or any part thereof as an infected area; (b) and may order the evacuation of the whole or any part of such infected area.

Restriction of entry into a restricted area.

- (2) No person shall:
- (a) reside or carry on business within any area declared as an infected area and ordered to be evacuated; or
- (b) enter or remain in the area except when passing along a thoroughfare allowed to remain open to the public, without an order in writing to that effect signed by a competent Medical Officer, and on the conditions such Medical Officer may in such order direct.

Penalty for contravention.

- (3) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (2) of this section commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of Ten Thousand Naira or imprisonment for one month (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 41 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 42: Marking of premises where communicable disease has occurred.

- (1) A health officer may cause to be placed on or about any premises in which a case of communicable disease has occurred a letter "C" in red circle mark for the purpose of denoting the occurrence of that disease, and may keep the mark affixed for such time as he may deem necessary.
- (2) Any person who removes or obliterates any mark placed under subsection (1) of this section without the authority of a Health Officer commits an offence under this Law and is liable on conviction to a fine of Ten thousand Naira or one month imprisonment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 42 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 43:**
- (1) An Environmental Health Officer of an area shall take all necessary action as described in relevant regulation and guidelines to prevent and control the occurrence of a communicable disease in his area of jurisdiction.
- (2) Any person who contravenes the provision of this part shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than twenty thousand Naira or for imprisonment term not less than 3 months (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 43 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XV — ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Clause 44: Health Impact Assessment.

- (1) Environmental Health Impact Assessment shall be an integral part of Environmental Impact Assessment as provided for in the Environmental Impact Assessment Act and other applicable regulations.

Existing development project to produce EHIA report.

- (2) The Minister shall ensure the production and regular review of sectoral guidelines for Environmental Health Impact assessment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 45: Organizations to produce health impact assessment report.

- (1) Without prejudice to any other laws, every development project shall cause to be produced a detailed Environmental Health Impact Assessment report of such project by the organization initiating the project once every three years.
- (2) From the date of coming into effect of this Bill and within two years, every existing development project, industry, or production facility shall cause to be produced a detailed Environmental Health Impact Assessment report of its operation.
- (3) Such report shall be prepared in accordance to relevant guidelines (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 45 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 46: Circulation of Health Impact Assessment Report.

A copy of the report so produced shall be sent to the Minister, the Commissioner for Health of the state, the office of the Local Government Chairman, the Environmental Health Officer of the Local Government where the project or company is situated/operating, the traditional leader of the community, the Community Development Association where the project or company is located (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 47: Sanctions on violation of this Bill.

- (1) Where violation of this Part is established, the Director Environmental Health Services of the State shall evoke the relevant sections of this Bill including the power to seal premises.

Court may order reopening if.

- (2) Where the company has been sealed in pursuance of this section, a court can only order the reopening of the premises after the conditions necessitating the sealing have been complied with or removed and the court is satisfied that the premises poses no further risk to Public Health (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 48: No exemption from Health Impact Assessment.

No development project, industry, or production facility shall be exempted from the production of an Environmental Health Impact Assessment report of its operation once every three years (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 49: Offence under this part.

Every development project, industry, or production facility which fails to produce a detailed Environmental Health Impact Assessment report of its operation as at when due commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of two hundred thousand Naira for the first offence and for subsequent offences, to a fine of two hundred thousand Naira and imprisonment for 6 months for the Chief Executive officer/Director of such an establishment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 49 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XVI — ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TAX FUND**Clause 50: Environmental health tax fund.**

- (1) There shall be established a special fund to be referred to as Environmental Health Tax Fund.

Payment of Environmental Health Tax.

- (2) Every company in Nigeria shall pay a tax of one percent (1%) of its after tax profit to this fund (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 51: Provision of infrastructure from environmental health fund.

These funds shall be used for the provision of essential Environmental Health infrastructure as Incinerators, Sanitary Landfill, Air pollution monitoring Stations, development of local capacity for production of waste collection and disposal equipment, research, environmental health laboratory facilities and capacity building (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 51 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 52: Governing board for Environmental health tax fund.

- (1) There shall be established a Governing Board for the fund to be known as the Environmental Health Tax Funds Governing Board.

Responsibility of the Board.

- (2) The Board shall be responsible for the management of the Environmental Health Tax Funds.

Appointment of the Board.

- (3) The Board shall be appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the recommendation of the Minister (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 52 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 53: Constitution of the Governing Board.

- (1) The Environmental Health Tax Funds Governing Board shall comprise of:
- (i) The Chairman who shall be a person licensed by the Council.
 - (ii) one representative of Manufacturer Association of Nigeria.
 - (iii) one representative of Society for Environmental Health of Nigeria.
 - (iv) one representative each to represent the Federal Ministries of Environment, Health and, Finance.
 - (v) one representative each from the Council for Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria, Environmental Health Officers Association of Nigeria and Environmental Health Officers Registration Council of Nigeria.
 - (vi) one representative of Oil Companies in Nigeria
 - (vii) one person to from (National Council of Women Societies) to represent public interest.

All years for such Board.

- (2) All Board members shall be appointed for a period of four years and may be re-appointed for one more term of four years only.

Tenure of Board to be on part time bases.

- (3) The tenure of the Board shall be on part time basis (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 53 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 54: Minister to appoint the Executive Secretary of the fund.

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

- (i) he resigns as a member of the Board by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister; or
- (ii) the Minister, subject to the approval of the President is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Board or the nation for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect.
- (iii) it appears to the Board that a member of the Board other than an *ex-officio* member or the Executive Secretary, should be removed from office on the grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Board shall make a recommendation to the Minister.
- (iv) the Minister, after making such enquiries as he considers necessary, approves the recommendation, shall, in writing, declare the office of such a member vacant.
- (v) the member dies (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 54 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 55: Appointment of Executive Secretary.

- (1) The President on the recommendation of the Minister shall appoint a fit and proper person, licensed by the Council as the Executive Secretary of the Board.

Functions of the Executive Secretary.

- (2) The Executive Secretary shall, in addition to his other functions as may be assigned by applicable regulations, be the Secretary to the Board and shall on the instructions of the Chairman of the Board, convene and keep minutes of the proceedings at all meetings of the Board and of any Committees of the Board, as the case may be.
- (3) The Secretary shall hold office for 5 years and may be reappointed for one more term.
- (4) The Board may appoint such other persons to be employees of the Board as the Board may determine to assist the Executive Secretary in the exercise of his functions under this part.
- (5) The Board may, whenever the Secretary is absent or for any other reason is unable to discharge the functions of his office, appoint an acting Secretary to discharge his functions.
- (6) The Executive Secretary and other employees of the Board shall hold office on such conditions as the Board may, with the approval of the Minister determine (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 55 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 56: Minister to issue operational guidelines and conditions of service for staff.

- (1) The Minister shall issue guidelines on the operations of the Board and this shall be in accordance with relevant Public Service Rules, Regulations and Circulars.
- (2) Appointment of staff of the Board shall be pensionable (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 56 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 57: Management of infrastructure provided by the fund.

The infrastructure provided from the Environmental Health Tax Fund shall be managed in such a manner as to make them function as profitable ventures. All profits there from shall be reinvested into the provision of additional infrastructure for the management of sustainable Environmental Health services (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 57 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 58: Penalty for evasion of environmental health tax.

Any company, which refuses to pay or evades the payment of the Environmental Health Tax, commits an offence. On conviction, such a company shall pay in addition, a surcharge of 100% of the initial amount due and three months prison term for the Director or Chief Executive of such a company (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 58 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 59: Federal Inland revenue to collect tax.

- (1) Proceeds from the Environmental Health Tax Fund shall be collected by the Federal Inland Revenue and lodged in a special account to be known as Environmental Health Tax Fund account at the Central Bank of Nigeria for the Board.
- (2) The Board shall access this fund from time to time (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 59 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 60: Powers of the Board.

- (1) Subject to any directions of the Minister under this Part, the Board shall have powers to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of its functions under this Part.
- (2) The Board shall not have power to borrow or to dispose of any property except with the prior consent of the Minister.
- (3) The Board shall not have power to pay remuneration (including pensions), allowances or expenses to any employee of the Board or any other person except in accordance with scales approved by the Minister. Board members shall, however, be entitled to such allowances as would be approved by the Minister (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 60 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 61: Powers to maintain a fund.

- (1) The Board shall establish and maintain Accounts in commercial Banks for its operational purposes.
- (2) Such other moneys as may be payable to the Board, whether in the course of the discharge of its functions or otherwise by government shall be paid into the Board's account (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 61 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 62: Payment out of the funds of the Board.

These shall be paid out of the fund of the Board:

- (a) the remuneration and allowances of the Executive Secretary and other employees of the Board;
- (b) such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowances of members of the Board in respect of the time spent on the business of the Board as the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, determine; and
- (c) any other expenses incurred by the Board in the discharge of its functions under this Part (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 62 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 63: Accounts, audit and estimate.

- (1) The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister not later, than the 30th day of September of the year in which this Bill comes into force (however, the Minister may, if he considers it necessary extend the period) and of each subsequent year, an estimate of its:
 - (a) income and expenditure during the next succeeding financial year.
 - (b) the Board shall be provided for in the capital and recurrent expenditure of Government as the government shall decide from time to time.
- (2) The Board shall keep proper accounts in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within 6 months after the end of each financial year to which the accounts relate by Auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 63 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XVIII — APPOINTMENT, DUTIES AND POWERS OF DIRECTOR,
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Clause 64: Appointment of Environmental Health Officer General of the Federation.

There shall be appointed a licensed Environmental Health Officer as the Director of Environmental Health Services on the recommendation by the Minister responsible for Environment as the Environmental Health Officer General of the nation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 64 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 65: Duties of Environmental Health Officer General of the Federation.

It shall be the duty of the Environmental Health Officer General of the federation to:

- (i) conduct Surveillance of persons, water, food, diseases, and such other things that are subject to environmental health control.
- (ii) educate the general public on environmental health matters;
- (iii) maintain effective liaison with other professionals for the promotion of environmental health.
- (iv) plan and Coordinate the activities within and between different professional disciplines on environmental health matters.
- (v) coordinate Environmental Health Management Information System
- (vi) administer the area to which he has been appointed/ assigned.
- (vii) abate nuisances and otherwise enforce the provisions of this Bill.
- (viii) advise the Minister or Commissioner charged with Environmental Health matters on regulations and issue guidelines on all subjects provided for in this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 65 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 66: Powers of Director Environmental Health.

The Environmental Health Officer General of the federation Services shall have power to:

- (i) supervise and coordinate all Environmental Health Matters
- (ii) formulate, monitor and evaluate Environmental Health policies in his area of jurisdiction
- (iii) maintain environmental health data bank
- (iv) enter premises;
- (v) inspect premises;
- (vi) abate nuisances;
- (vii) seal premises;
- (viii) arrest Environmental Health offenders;
- (ix) condemn items which are unfit for human health or for human consumption;
- (x) do such other things as provided for in this Bill including the delegation of his responsibility to any other licensed Environmental Health Officer as he may deem fit (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 66 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XIX — GENERAL PROVISIONS

Clause 67: Power to enforce other regulations.

The Environmental Health Officer while acting as such shall have powers to enforce:

- (a) the National Environmental Protection (Effluent Limitation) Regulation 1991;
- (b) the National Environmental Protection (Pollution Abatement in Industries and Facilities Generating Waste) Regulations 1991;
- (c) National Environmental Protection Management of Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Regulations 1991;
- (d) the National Environmental Health Practice Regulation, 2007;
- (e) the National Environmental Sanitation Policy, 2005
- (f) all regulation pertaining to Environmental Health, issued by the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency and Such other applicable or related laws and regulations (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 67 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 68: Obstruction of the environmental health officer on official duty.

Any person or body corporate who obstructs an Environmental Health Officer, any person authorised by him or any person engaged in carrying out the provisions of this Bill shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not less than twenty thousand Naira or three months imprisonment for an individual or not less than fifty thousand Naira or 3 months imprisonment for the Chief Executive Officer/Director of the company (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 68 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 69: Refusal to pay for services in this Bill.

- (1) An owner, occupier or agent of premises, commercial or industrial establishments who failed or refused to pay prescribed charges for collection of wastes from premises or for any other services provided for in this Bill, commits an offence and shall be liable on first conviction to payment of a penalty of the initial charges plus 70% of the prescribed charges in question. In the case of second offender, addition to payment of the initial charges plus a penalty of 100%.
- (2) A surcharge of 50% of the initial prescribed charges shall be added to the total charges every day the said agent or the owner of premises, commercial or industrial establishments continues to refuse payment after the judgement of a competent court of law (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 69 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 70: Jurisdiction of courts over this law.

For every contravention of the provisions of this Bill and for every omission to do anything required to be done under this Bill for which no other penalty is provided the offender shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than five thousand Naira or One months imprisonment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 70 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 71: Jurisdiction over this Bill.

Every Magistrate Court in the Federation shall notwithstanding the provisions of any other Laws have jurisdiction to try and impose the punishment for offences provided by this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 71 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 72: Service of notice.

- (1) A notice, order or document required or authorised by this Bill to be served on the owner or occupier of any premises shall be deemed to be properly addressed if so addressed by the description of the "owner" or "occupier" of such premises without further description, and shall be deemed to be properly served if it is delivered to some adult person on the premises to whom the same can with reasonable diligence be delivered or by fixing the notice on some conspicuous part of the premises.

Mode of Service.

- (2) A notice, order or document required or authorised by this Bill to be served on any person (including an owner or occupier) may be served:

- (a) by delivering the same to such person;
- (b) by delivering the same, at the usual or last known place of abode of such person, to some adult member or servant of his family (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 72 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 73: Court to authorise entry in cases of violation.

If the owner or occupier of any premises on whom an order under the provisions of this Bill has been served fails to comply with the terms thereof, the Environmental Health Officer, shall take all necessary legal action to effect the abatement of nuisances as the case may be (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 73 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 74: Police or other persons to report.

Every Police Officer or any person shall give information to the Environmental Health Officer of any offence which he knows or has reason to believe has been committed against this Bill and assist in the enforcement of the Act (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 74 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 75: Environmental Health Officer to have power of Police Officer.

- (1) Every Environmental Health Officer while acting as such shall, by virtue of his appointment be deemed to be a Police Officer and have all powers and privileges of a Police Officer for the purpose of the execution of his duty under this Bill.
- (2) The Environmental Health Officer in charge of an area shall co-ordinate the activities of all other agencies that may from time to time be involved in environmental health and related activities geared towards the protection of public health (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 75 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 76: Joinder of parties.

- (1) Where any nuisance appears to be wholly or partially caused or contributed to by acts or defaults of two or more persons. The provision of joinder of parties shall be invoked.

Burden of proof on occupier.

- (2) In any proceeding, the onus shall be on the accused to prove that he did not engage in the activity in question or know that the company does not have a valid licence or permit or cause the nuisance to occur (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 76 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 77: Guidelines for franchising of Environmental Health services.

The Environmental Health Officers Registration Council shall issue a guideline on the modalities and procedure for franchising of Environmental Health services and every local government shall ensure that such guideline is adopted in the process of franchising of Environmental Health services in their area of jurisdiction (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 77 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 78: Immunity of the Environmental Health Officer.

The Health Officer shall not be liable to any action, liability or demand on account of anything done by him bona fide for the purpose of executing this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 78 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 79: Use of electronics gadgets to collect information.

(1) It shall be legal for every Environmental Health Officer or Health Officer, while on duty in pursuance of the provisions of this Bill, to use such means of information gathering including electronic gadgets/devices to collect evidence necessary for the execution of the provisions of this Bill.

(2) All such evidence so gathered shall only be used in pursuance of the enforcement of the provisions of this Bill.

Environmental Health Officer to be on duty all the time.

(3) An Environmental Health Officer shall carry out his duties both day and night in the interest of public Health and Safety (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 79 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 80: Licensing of Environmental Health Ombudsman.

The Director of Environmental Health Services shall register any interested licensed Environmental Health Officer as an Environmental Health Ombudsman on application (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 80 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 81: Powers of ombudsman to carry out investigation.

(1) Persons and organisations registered as Environmental Health Ombudsmen shall have powers to investigate all Environmental Health violations brought to their attention either by the general public or government.

(2) Every Environmental Health Ombudsman shall have all the powers conferred by this Bill on the Environmental Health Officer. This shall include power to use whatever legitimate means to gather evidence about the Environmental Health violation under investigation.

(3) The ombudsman shall have the powers to decide on any case based on its merit either to prosecute in a court of law or not, all those by whose actions, omission or negligence the violation occurs or continues to occur.

(4) In such litigation, it shall be entered as if it is the Attorney General of the Federation is entering such an appearance (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 81 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 82:** **Court may award compensation for damages.**
Based on the findings of the Environmental Health Ombudsman, any person or organisation may decide to request a competent court to award compensation for damages he may have suffered due to the Environmental Health violation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 82 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 83:** **Powers to make regulations.**
The Minister of Environment shall have power to make regulations on, but not limited to:

- (1) The keeping of animals and poultry, Pest and vector control, the prevention and control of pollution, regulation and control of public and private liquid waste disposal systems, setting of standards for the hygienic maintenance and use of public sanitary conveniences, disposal of derelict and abandoned vehicles, control of any trade or business declared as offensive, any other matter which, in the interest of Environmental Health, is concerned with or incidental to the protection, preservation and conservation of the Environment for Public Health and Safety; any other matter within his purview, which by this Bill may be prescribed (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 83 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 84:** The Minister shall have power to make regulations on:

The prevention of the sale or distribution of any item of unprocessed food or drink, monitoring and ensuring the safety of water supplies and prevention of the supply and use of unsafe water for human consumption, control of the Environmental Health aspects of seaports, harbours, marines, border posts and airport; Control and prevention of occupational health hazards in places of employment; any other matter within his purview, which by this Bill may be prescribed (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 84 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 85:** The of Environmental Health Officer General of the Federation or any Director of Environmental Health Services of the state shall have power to issue guidelines on any issues covered by this Bill or on such areas the Ministers may have issued regulations (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 85 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XX — INTERPRETATIONS

- Clause 86:** **Interpretation.**
In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires;

"Abatement notice" is a notice issued and served by the Environmental Health Officer once satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the person, including owner or occupier, whom by his acts of omission or commission, cause or continues to cause the existence of such a nuisance (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Abatement order" is an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction on the complaint of an Environmental Health Officer requiring a person to whom it is issued to comply with the notice, or otherwise to abate the nuisance within a time specified in such order (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Abattoir" means a public or private slaughter house and comprises all land and building, enclosed by a fence or walls, directly used for the slaughtering and dressing of animals, including infrastructural facilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Adult" means a person who is or appears to be fourteen (14) years of age or over (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Adulterated food" means a food containing the addition of any substance that is not originally part of the said food to increase the quantity for the sake of gain. The substance used for such adulteration may or may not be dangerous or injurious to the consumer (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Aerated Water Factory" means and includes any premises in which aerated, mineral waters, packaged water and fruit drinks other than imported ones, are prepared, processed and or stored for sale (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Ancillary Services" means and includes any form of subsidiary or supplementary service relating or incidental to Environmental Health and Public Health protection (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Food Animal" means any animal that may be slaughtered for human consumption including but not limited to cattle, sheep, goats and pigs (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Applicant" has the meaning assigned to the expression in general usage (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Appraisal Report" is a report issued by a licensed Environmental Health Officer affirming that the premises and buildings there-in is/are conducive for use, continued use or habitation, as the case may be. Following this report, certificate of fitness for use, continued use, habitation or continued habitation may be issued (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Approved butcher's shop" means a shop within a premises approved by the Environmental Health Officer for the use of butchers, where meat, fish and other meat and fish products are sold (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Approved butcher's shop" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Area built upon" is the area of a premises covered by the building together with that of all out-houses appertaining to the house thereto. It shall not exceed 50% of the total area of the site for living premises and 75% for commercial premises (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Articles or beddings" include living things (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Bake-house" means any premises set apart or intended for the preparation or baking of bread and other confectionaries (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Board" means Environmental Health Tax Funds Governing Board (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Builder" means any person who is trained and engaged in the design, construction, repair or alteration of any building (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Building" includes any structure or erection of any kind and any alteration or addition to any existing building (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Building line" means the allowable minimum distance taken from the centre of the road to the edge of the building (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Certificate of fitness for Habitation or Continued Habitation" is the certificate issued by the Environmental Health Officer in-charge of the LGA to the owner of any premises prior to the occupation of such a premises or for continued habitation or use of such a premises following an appraisal report written by a licensed Environmental health Officer (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Certificate of fitness for Habitation or Continued Habitation" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Certificate of Fitness for Use or continued Use" This is the certificate issued by the Environmental Health Authority in charge of the LGA to the owner of any premises stating that the premises is conducive for use or continued use of such a premises for the whatever it is being used for, following an appraisal report affirming same issued by a licensed Environmental Health Officer (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Certificate of Fitness for Use or continued Use" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Chairman" means the Chairman of a Local Government Council (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Child" means a child who is or appears to be fourteen years of age or below (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Child Care Centre" means premises in which 5 or more children under the age of 6 years are habitually received for the purpose of care and supervision during part of the day or for longer periods (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Closing Order" is an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction on the complaint of an Environmental Health Officer prohibiting any premises from being used for human habitation, business or for any other purpose (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commissioner" unless otherwise stated, means the State Commissioner charged with the responsibility for Environmental Health matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Communicable diseases" means an illness due to a specific infectious agent or its toxic products which arises through transmission of that agent or its products from an infected person, animal, or inanimate reservoir to a susceptible host, either directly or indirectly through an intermediate plant or animal host, vector or the inanimate environment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Company" means and includes an association or a body of persons whether corporate or unincorporated (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means Environmental Health Officers Registration Council of Nigeria (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Court" means a court of Law, either, magistrate, High court or special tribunal upon which jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Bill is conferred (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Dairy" means and includes any farm house, cowshed, milk store, milk shop or other place from which milk, other than imported preserved milk, is supplied, or in which milk, other than such imported milk, is kept for sale (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Day Care Centre" means a premises in which 5 or more children under the age of 6 years are habitually received for the purpose of care and supervision during part of the day or for longer periods (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Designated laboratory" means a laboratory designated by the Director Environmental Health as competent to carry out tests on such Environmental Health related specimen/s as stated in the letter of designation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Developer" Means a person who develops or cause to develop land, plot, real estate and things pertaining to it (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Director of Company" Means person duely appointed by the company to direct and manage the business of the company as described in Company and Allied Matters Act 1990 as amended (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Director Environmental Health Services" means a licensed Environmental Health Officer appointed by the Federal or State government as stated in this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Director Environmental Health Services" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Drain" means and include outlet, trench, waste pipe, and sewer designed to drain off water (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Duty of Care" this is the responsibility of every waste producer to ensure that the waste produced is handled in the most appropriate manner from the point of generation (production) through transportation to final disposal (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Eating house" means any premises where food is kept, prepared and served or offered for sale for human consumption (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Environment" means and includes water, air, lands, plants and animals living there in and the inter relationships that exist there in (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Environmental Health" means the management of all those factors in man's physical environment, which exercise, or may exercise, a deleterious effect on his physical development, health or survival. It entails the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through organised efforts of society. Its components include but not limited to waste management, food control, housing sanitation, control and prevention of diseases, air quality management, occupational health and safety, water resources management, noise control, protection and sanitation of recreational resources, radiation control, port health regulation and control (including air and sea ports and border crossings), environmental health educational activities and Environmental Health Impact Assessment (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Environmental Health Fund" means funds generated from the payment of Environmental health tax and revenues generated through fines and sundry charges from Environmental health activities (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Environmental Health Tax Fund" means a 1% after-tax profit paid by all companies in support of environmental health infrastructures development like incinerator, sanitary landfill environmental health research, training, etc. (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Environmental Health Tax Fund" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Environmental Health Officer" means an officer who has undergone the prescribed training for Environmental Health Officers and is licensed in line with Act 11 of 2002 to practice as an Environmental Health professional in Nigeria (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Environmental Health Status Report": Means a report written and signed by a licensed Environmental Health Officer after the inspection of the premises or facility being reported upon (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Environmental Health Status Report" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"FEPA" means Federal Environmental Protection Agency (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Food" means any item that forms part of human diet (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Food handling" means any process or procedure to which food item is subjected to (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Food premises" means any place where food is produced, either in its natural form, stored, processed, preserved, or prepared, exposed for sales or served for human consumption (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Foreign company" any company partly owned by a foreigner or a company which has a subsidiary in any other country outside Nigeria, or whose 20% or more of its total share capital in Nigeria is held by non Nigerian citizen(s) (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Gutter" means and include trough, sewer, channel, trench or groove (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Government" means the Federal, State, or Local Government (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Health authority" means the authority in charge of Environmental health at all the tiers of Government (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Health institution" includes both Public and Private hospitals, clinics, maternity homes, Health Centres, and Dispensaries (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Health Impact Assessment" means and includes the determinant of the well-being and quality of life of the people by assessing the impact on health of all proposed policy options, programmes, projects, construction or existing project in any form or design and continuous monitoring of such to ensure the protection of public health (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Health Officer" means and includes a Medical Officer, an Environmental Health Officer, or any other Officer acting under the authority of the government, and whether such officer is serving in the Environmental Health or Primary Health Care Department of the Federal, State, or Local Government or non public officer (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Illegal Market" means and includes any establishment designed to sell or display for sale or offer for sale of goods, wares articles or things or provision of services in any place, neighbourhood or Street, pedestrian or walkway or bus stop not approved by the relevant government authority (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Industrial Cleaners" means and includes any company or individual engaged in the provision of such services as cleaning, sweeping and related sanitation activities for a fee (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Industrial Cleaning Service" Means the engagement of a company to clean homes offices or public places or such similar other places for a fee (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"Kindergarten" a school, which provides a daily programme of at least 2 hours for children of age 3 to 6 years (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"LGA" means Local Government Area (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

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

"License" means permission granted to any person corporate or individual, officially authorised, endorsed or certified by the appropriate Environmental Health Authority to carry out sanitation services such as cleaning, sweeping or any other sanitation activities including waste collection, transportation and disposal (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Life fence" means a fence of growing plant material (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Living room" means and includes any bedroom, sitting-room or parlour, lounge, hall, dining room or any other room which between the hours of sunset and sunrise is ordinarily used for sleeping purposes or used for living purposes but does not include an attic, and an out-house, a kitchen, pantry, store-room, bathroom or toilet (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" Means the Minister responsible for Health matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister of Environment" Means the Minister responsible for Environment Matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Nuisance" means any act, omission, place or thing which is or appears to be deleterious to life, or injurious to health, endangers life, offends the senses or produces discomfort to the community or property (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Nuisance order" is either an abatement order or prohibition order or a closing order, or a combination of such orders, issued by a court of competent jurisdiction on the complaint of an Environmental Health Officer, requiring the person to whom it is issued to carry out such an activity to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Officer (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Offensive trades or occupations" means and include the following: Soap boiling, guts cleaning, boiling of offal, bones, garri making, fermentation of cassava, fat or lard, (if process is performed in a slaughterhouse under prescribed guidelines), Poultry and animal husbandry, dyeing, waste oil from mechanical processes, manufacturing of glue, fertilizer or manure; skin curing, scrap processing, manure storing, lime burning, and any manufacturing process in which lead, arsenic, mercury, phosphorous, or other poisonous substance is used (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Offensive trades or occupations" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Over Crowding" means the living of more than two adults and one child in a room (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Out house" means and includes any structure in a premise not part of the main building and not designed to serve living purposes (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Parent" means the father, mother, or guardian of a child and include(s) any person having custody of a child (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Packaged water factory" means any premises in which water is packaged in bottle, sachet or any other form for sale for human consumption (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Pathogenic micro-organism" means and includes but not limited to a bacterium, rickettsia, virus, protozoa, parasite or fungus, which is known or reasonably believed, to cause disease(s) in humans (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Pathogenic micro-organism" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Permit" means authorisation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Pest" means rodent, bird or insect or arthropod that harms or destroys food supplies, or structures or articles used by man or transmit any infectious disease substance or organism to man, his food or which may affect man's health or quality of life (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Pest control" means and includes all measures but not limited to fumigation, spraying, derating aimed at reducing, controlling or eliminating of all insects, rodents and other vermin of Public Health importance and other such measures in the control of pest and other vermin of Public Health importance in a community (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Picnic Ground" Include Stadium, Beach, Parks and Gardens and all such similar premises (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Pollution" means man-made or aided alteration of chemical, physical, ecological or biological quality of the environment beyond acceptable threshold or limit (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Polluter pays principle" means that the person corporate or individual responsible for the generation and introduction or production of any class(es) of waste of any description, whether poisonous or not into the environmental media shall be responsible for the safe disposal of such waste and shall bear the cost of such disposal and any liabilities arising there from (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Precautionary principle" means any situation arising, where there is reasonable suspicion of harm, and there is scientific uncertainty as to suspicion of harm, all concerned have a duty to take all necessary action to prevent such harm. The burden of proof of safety shall rest with all those whose acts raise the suspicion of harm in the first place (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Premises" includes passage, building, land, tenement, vehicle, van, ship or vessel and aircraft in any port or on any inland waters used or intended for use by man and includes —

- (a) a dwelling-house or a building within the courtyard of a dwelling house, building, land, tenement, hotel, school, recreational facility, factory, vehicle, van, and ship or vessel in any port or on any inland waters or

- (b) the ground immediately outside any dwelling-house or any building within the cottage of a dwelling house or
- (c) a compound (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Premises file" means a file opened by the Environmental Health Officer in charge of a given area which contains such information pertaining to such premises including the name and address of the owner as well as a copy of the approved building plan of such a premises and other necessary information for such a given premises (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Pre-school centre" is any premises that provide enrichment programmes for children under the age of 6 years (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Pre-school centre" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Prohibition order" is an order issued by a Court of competent jurisdiction on the complaint of an Environmental Health Officer prohibiting the re-occurrence of a given nuisance in any premises to which such an order is referred to (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Protective Clothing" means and includes overall, gumboot, hand-glove, headgear, helmet and any other personal protector including respirator worn for safety (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Receptacle" includes a vehicle or stall or hanger of any basket, bag, box, vessel, stand, easel, board, tray or other structure or thing which is used (whether or not constructed or adopted for such use) as a container or for the display of any article or thing (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Regulated premises" includes but not limited to bake house, hotel, corn and rice-mill, aerated water factory, office, dairy, eating-house, food-preparing and food-preserving establishment, hospital, school, discotheque, park, garden, beaches stadium, manufacturing factory, etc. (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Regulation" means and includes all rules and guidelines set for the purpose of ensuring, protecting and maintaining a safe and life supporting environment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Right of Entry" is the power granted the Environmental Health Officer whilst on duty and upon identification to enter any premises between the hours of six o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening for the purpose of ascertaining whether a nuisance exists on the premises or for any other lawful purpose (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Sanitary Permit" means an authorisation issued by the Environmental Health Officer in charge of an area after the applicant has met all the Environmental Health criteria established by applicable laws, regulations and guidelines authorising the person it is addressed to commence or continue what ever activity specified in the said permit (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"School" means an institution of learning which may be public, or private (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Slaughter" means and includes any form of killing of animal, bird intended for human consumption, whether manual or mechanical (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Slaughter house" means a designated place where animals meant for the food of man are slaughtered (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Slaughter Permit" means an authorisation issued by a veterinary officer in charge of an area and where not available, by an Environmental Health Officer, authorising the person mentioned in such a permit to slaughter an animal for human consumption (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Sealing order" means an order issued by the Environmental Health Officer General of the Federation, or of a State or the Head of Environmental Health services of a Local Government, once satisfied of the existence of a nuisance which is a threat to Public Health and or Public Safety, in exercise of the power under this Bill ordering the sealing of the premises in the interest of public Health and or Safety, until the time when the Environmental Health Officer is satisfied that the nuisance no longer exist (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Tolerant limit" means the allowable threshold or amount of atmospheric contaminant which can be tolerated by man for continuous daily exposure with no impairment of health or well-being either immediate or after a long period of exposure (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Town Planning Authority" means the planning authority established under the relevant laws and having authority in a specific area of jurisdiction; or where no such authority has been established, a committee charged with the exercise of the powers and functions conferred by these laws upon the town planning authority (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Vector" means an insect that causes or transmits any infectious substance, organism to man, the food of man or which may affect man's health (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Vector Control" means and includes all measures but not limited to fumigation, spraying aimed at reducing, controlling or eliminating all insects of public health importance and the term used for any action taken on the vectors themselves to ensure that they are unable to affect man directly or indirectly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Vendor" means a person who sells or offer for sale (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Wastewater" means and includes any water or wastewater discharged from any premises other than run off from rain (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Water" means a liquid made up of two molecule of Oxygen and one molecule of Hydrogen, without taste colour or odour (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Water Tanker" means a vehicle specially constructed for the purpose of conveying water from one point to the other either for sale, rendering for public service or construction purposes (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Water treatment plant" means the mechanical infrastructure responsible for the artificial removal of pollutants or objectionable constituents by a series of mechanical processes that remove the impurities harmful to health from the water (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Works Superintendent" includes an engineer, an architect, a builder or and any other person so designated with regards to building construction (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that Clause 86 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 87: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Environmental Health Control Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 87 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form E. H. 1

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

.....LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA.State

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ABATEMENT NOTICE

To.....
of.....
You are required to abate within.....days the nuisance at
consisting of..... and

for that purpose to and to
prevent the recurrence of the nuisance.

Dated this day of 20..... Time am/pm

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Environmental Health Officer

I hereby certify that a copy of the above notice was served by me on the day
of 20... at am/pm by being (State how served)

In the presence of (Mr/Mrs/Chief/Miss) as witness.

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Name of witness

.....
Environmental Health Officer
(Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal
Constituency).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

E. H. 2

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SEALING ORDER

Name of Contravener:

Address of Contravener:

Nature of Contravention:

Adverse effect of Contravention:

Name and Address of Environmental Health Officer

Sealing up premises.

Designation of officer sealing up premises:

Date:

I Environmental Health Officer General of the
Federation or State or in charge of LGA hereby order the
sealing up of in the interest of Public
Health, for the reasons given above.

This sealing order is granted under my hand from day of 20.....

The Director of Environmental Health Services of the Federation or State or in charge of the LGA

I Magistrate in Magisterial District hereby affirm the sealing order on the basis of the facts deposed to in the verifying affidavit supporting this process and this very premises in default shall remain so sealed until the contravention so alleged is/are abated.

This Order is given under my hand day 20...

Signature of Magistrate (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill provides for the protection, promotion and maintenance of health, for proper sanitation in matters relating to housing, food and generally, for the protection of the environment and for the control of services, activities and other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection, Promotion and Maintenance of Health for Proper Sanitation in Matters Relating to Housing, Food and Generally the Protection of the Environment and Control of Services, Activities and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku 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 a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection, Promotion and Maintenance of Health for Proper Sanitation in Matters Relating to Housing, Food and Generally the Protection of the Environment and Control of Services, Activities and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 27) and approved Clauses 1 - 87, the First and Second Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

19. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 10 May, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.02 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker