



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17 October, 2018

1. The House met at 11.14 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 Tuesday, 16 October, 2018.

*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*

3. **Announcement**  
*Visitors in the Gallery:*

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

- (i) Staff and Students of *Pan African Comprehensive Secondary Schools*, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Hill-Top Nursery and Primary School*, Mpape, Abuja.

4. **Virement of Funds for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and Security Agencies for the 2019 General Elections**  
Mr Speaker recalled that on Tuesday, 16 October, 2018, the House approved Mr President's request for virement to fund the 2019 General Election.

He noted that the total sum approved for the virement as contained in the President's request is Two Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Two Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Fifty Thousand, One Hundred Naira (₦242,245,050,100.00), to be sourced from both Recurrent and Capital components of the Special Intervention programme captured in the service-wide votes in the Appropriation Act, 2018.

He further noted that the sum of Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Billion, Two Hundred and Fifty-Nine Million, Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-Five Naira (₦831,259,220,255.00) reported in the media is inclusive of the virement requested by Mr President

and the sums already approved in the Appropriation Act, 2018 for the relevant Agencies as outlined in the table below:

| Agency | 2018 Appropriation | 2018 Virement   | New Total 2018 Appropriation Act |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| INEC   | 45,500,000,000     | 189,007,272,393 | 234,507,272,393                  |
| ONSA   | 37,467,339,426     | 9,481,500,000   | 46,948,839,426                   |
| DSS    | 40,578,570,113     | 10,213,282,455  | 50,791,852,568                   |
| NSCDC  | 79,260,507,756     | 3,573,534,500   | 82,834,042,256                   |
| NPF    | 324,220,893,212    | 27,341,317,433  | 351,562,210,645                  |
| NIS    | 61,986,859,648     | 2,628,143,320   | 64,615,002,968                   |
| Total  | 589,014,170,155    | 242,245,050,100 | 831,259,220,255                  |

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

***Recent Ravaging Flood in Ohaji/Egbema and Oguta Local Government Areas of Imo State:***

Hon. Opiah Goodluck Nanah (*Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

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

**Recent Ravaging Flood in Ohaji/Egbema and Oguta Local Government Areas of Imo State:**

The House:

*Aware* that most communities in Ohaji/Egbema and Oguta Local Government Areas of Imo State fall within the coastal region of the Niger Delta;

*Also aware* that flood occurred in adversely affected these communities;

*Worried* that the Federal Government flood projection for 2018 as forecasted by Nigerian Meteorological Agency erroneously excluded Imo State as one of the affected State;

*Disturbed* that many farmlands spanning into hundreds of hectares were submerged by the flood disaster, many lives lost, many families displaced and consequently live in Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps that are scattered all over the riverine communities of Abacheke, Oguta Ameshi, Ezi-Orsu, Orsu Obodo, Mmahu, Abaezi, Obiakpu, Opuoma, Akri, Enuigbo, Ose-Motto, Obokofia, Etekuru, Awarra, Obile, Assa, Nnebukwu, Nkweshi, Akabor, Mgbele, Annieze, Egwe, Awa, etc.;

*Concerned* that no Government Agency at the Federal, State or Local Government Area level has shown concern to the plights of the people of the affected areas as has been the case with other affected States of Anambra, Rivers, Bayelsa, Niger, Delta, Kogi, Benue, Kaduna, etc.;

*Also Concerned* that if urgent measures are not taken to mitigate the impact of the flood, the victims will suffer further untold hardship, hunger, disease and frustration;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently supply relief materials, such as food items, drugs, clothing, bedding and building materials to the affected communities in Ohaji/Egbema and Oguta Local Government Areas of Imo State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government's Committee on 2018 Flood Disaster to immediately include Imo State in its programme of activities with specific reference to the affected communities in Ohaji/Egbema and Oguta Local Government Areas; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (*Hon. Opiah Goodluck Nanah — Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

(HR. 53/10/2018).

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

**6. Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Environmental Impact Assessment Bill, 2018 (HB. 1550).
- (2) National Centre for Stroke Management Bill, 2018 (HB. 1548).
- (3) First Aid Bill, 2018 (HB. 1549).

**7. Presentation of Report**

*Committees on Petroleum Resources (Downstream), and Labour, Employment and Productivity: Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) and Labour, Employment and Productivity on Need to Avert the Looming Nationwide Industrial Action by Oil Workers (HR. 212/06/2018)" (Hon. Akinlaja Iranola Joseph — Ondo East Federal Constituency).*

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**8. Consolidation of Bills:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Auditors of Nigeria for effective Regulation, Registration of Members and determination of what Knowledge and Skills that a Practitioner is required to attain in Order to Qualify to Practice as a Forensic and Investigative Auditor; and for Related Matters (HB.1540), a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investment Auditors in Nigeria for the Registration and Regulations of Membership; and for Related Matters (HB.1340), and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Auditors in Nigeria for Registration and Regulations of Membership; and for Related Matters (HB. 1455) be now consolidated (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).*

*Agreed to.*

9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Management, Administration, Operation, Regulation and Supervision of Payment, Clearing and Settlement Systems in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (H.B. 1065) — *Second Reading*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Management, Administration, Operation, Regulation and Supervision of Payment, Clearing and Settlement Systems in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (H.B. 1065) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Jones Chukwudi Onyerereri — Nkwere/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency).

*Debate.*

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

*Bills read the Second Time.*

*Bills referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.*

10. A Bill for an act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Providing for a new Campus in Ileoluji, Ondo State; and for Related Matters (H.B. 1416) — *Second Reading*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Providing for a new Campus in Ileoluji, Ondo State; and for Related Matters (H.B. 1416) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Mayowa Samuel Akinfolarinwa — Ileoluji-Okeibo/Odigbo Federal Constituency and 7 others).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.*

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Directors of Nigeria to serve as a Regulatory body for Persons serving as Directors in both Public and Private Sectors, to determine the Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by Persons seeking to become Directors, to make Provision for continuous Training and Development of the Directors, to ensure Professionalism and Promote Corporate Governance Values by the Directors; and for Related Matters (H.B. 1352) — *Second Reading*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Directors of Nigeria to serve as a Regulatory body for Persons serving as Directors in both Public and Private Sectors, to determine the Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by Persons seeking to become Directors, to make Provision for continuous Training and Development of the Directors, to ensure Professionalism and Promote Corporate Governance Values by the Directors; and for Related Matters (H.B. 1352) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency and 20 others).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Commerce.*

12. Call for Improved Health Sector Funding Throughout the Federation

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

## 13. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010; and for Related Matters (HB. 1544) (Committee of the Whole):*

*Motion made and Question proposed.* "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010; and for Related Matters (HB. 1544) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.*

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

## (HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT, NO. 6 OF 2010  
AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 1544)

## Clause 1: Amendment of Act No. 6 of 2010.

The Electoral Act, No. 6, 2010 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

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

## Clause 2: Amendment of Section 8.

Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (4), a new subsection "(5)" —

- "(5) A person, who being a member of a political party, misrepresents himself by not disclosing his membership, affiliation, or connection to any political party in order to secure an appointment with the Commission in any capacity, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of at least five years or a fine of at least ₦5,000,000, or both (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

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

## Clause 3: Amendment of Section 9.

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by —

- (a) inserting after subsection (1), a new subsection "(1) (A)" —

"(1) (A)

The Commission shall keep the Register of Voters at its National Headquarters and other office locations of the Commission as may be determined from time to time;

Provided that the Commission shall keep the Register of Voters in —

- (a) electronic format in its central database; and  
(b) manual, printed, paper-based record or hard copy format"; and

(b) substituting for subsection (5), a new subsection "(5)" —

"(5) The registration of voters, updating and revision of the register of voters under this section shall stop not later than 60 -days before any election covered by this Bill" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 4: Amendment of Section 15.**

Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word, "printed", in line 1, the words, "reproduced, copied, duplicated or saved in an electronic format" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 5: Amendment of Section 18.**

Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing Section 18, a new Section 18 —

- "(1) whenever a Voter's card is lost, destroyed, defaced, torn or otherwise damaged, the owner of such card; not less than 60 days before the polling day shall, apply in person to the Electoral Officer or any other duly authorised officer for that purpose by the Resident Electoral Commissioner, stating the circumstances of the loss, destruction, defacement or damage.
- (2) If the Electoral Officer or any other authorized officer is satisfied as to the circumstances of the loss, destruction, defacement or damage of the voters' card, he shall cause to be issued to the voter a replacement permanent voter card.
- (3) No person shall issue a replacement Permanent Voters Card (PVC) to any voter on polling day or less than 60 days before polling day.
- (4) Any person who contravenes subsection (3) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to 5 years imprisonment or a fine of ₦5,000,000.00 or both" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 6: Amendment of Section 19.**

Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by —

(a) substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)"—

"(1) Subject to the provisions of section 9 (5) of this Bill, the Commission shall, not later than 30 days to a general election, appoint a period of 7 days during which a copy of the voters' register for each Local Government, Area Council or Ward shall be displayed or published for public scrutiny at every Registration Area and on its official website or any website established by the Commission for that purpose";

(b) inserting after subsection (1), a new subsection "(1) (A)"—

"(1) (A) Upon displaying or publishing the voters' register in accordance with this section, the Commission shall accept and consider objections and complaints in relation to the names omitted or included in the voters' register or in relation to any necessary correction, within 14 days of publishing the voters' register in accordance with this section"; and

(c) inserting after subsection (3), a new subsection "(4)"—

"(4) An official or staff of the Commission who wilfully fails to display or publish the voters' register as provided under subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 1 year or a fine of ₦500,000.00 or both" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 7: Amendment of Section 27.**

Section 27 of the Principal Act is amended —

(a) in subsection (1), by substituting for paragraph (b), a new paragraph "(b)"—

"(b) the Registration Area or Ward Collation Officer at the Registration Area or Ward Collation Centre"; and

(b) in subsection (2), by substituting for paragraph (a), a new paragraph "(a)"—

"(a) Registration Area or Ward Collation Centre in the case of Councillorship election in the Federal Capital Territory" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 8: Amendment of Section 30.**

Section 30 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the figures, "90", in line 1, the figures, "120" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 9: Amendment of Section 31.**

Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsections (6) and (8), new subsections "(6)" and "(8)" —

"(6) If the Court determines that any of the information contained in the affidavit is false, the Court shall issue an order disqualifying the candidate or political party from contesting the election, if already elected, shall not be eligible to re-contest another election which shall be conducted within 90 days by the Commission.

(8) A political party which presents to the Commission the name of a candidate who does not meet the qualification stipulated in this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of ₦5,000,000" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 10: Amendment of Section 33.**

Section 33 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word, "candidate", in line 3, a "proviso"—

"Provided that in the case of such withdrawal or death of a candidate, the political party affected shall, within 10 days of the occurrence of the event, hold a fresh primary election to produce and submit a fresh candidate to the Commission for the election concerned" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 11: Amendment of Section 35.**

Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the figures, "45", in line 4, the figures, "30" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 12: Amendment of Section 36.**

Section 36 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (2), a new subsection "(3)" —

"(3) If after the commencement of poll and before declaration of a winner, the leading candidate dies —

(a) the Commission shall, being satisfied of the fact of the death, suspend the election for a period not exceeding 21 days;

(b) the political party whose candidate died may, if it intends to continue to participate in the election, conduct a fresh primary within 7 days of the death of its candidate and submit a new candidate to the Commission to replace the dead candidate; and

(c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b), the Commission shall continue with the election, announce the final result and declare a winner" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 13: Amendment of Section 38.**

Section 38 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) inserting new subsections "(2)" - "(5)" —

"(2) Where there is a valid nomination by at least one political party, failure of a political party to validly nominate a candidate does not constitute ground for extension of time for nomination or postponement of election;

(3) Polling Agents who are in attendance at a polling unit, are entitled to sight and inspect, before the commencement of the election, originals of electoral materials, including ballot papers, result sheets, ballot papers' account and verification documents and other electoral forms to be used by the Commission for the election and this process

may be recorded in writing, on video or by other means by any Polling Agent, accredited observer or official of the Commission.

- (4) Where it is determined that there has been a substantial non-compliance with this provision in respect of the polling unit, the elections at that polling unit shall be invalidated and postponed.
- (5) A Presiding Officer who contravenes subsection (3) or (4) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of 1 year imprisonment or a fine of ₦1,000,000.00 or both.

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

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

**Clause 14: Amendment of Section 44.**

Section 44 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2), new subsections "(3)" - "(5)" —

- "(3) The Commission shall, not later than 60 days to an election, invite in writing, a political party that nominated a candidate in the election to inspect its identity appearing on samples of relevant electoral materials proposed for the election.
- (4) Unless the political party disapproves of its identity as provided under subsection (3), it shall not complain of unlawful exclusion from the election under this Bill in relation to its identity appearing on electoral materials used for the election.
- (5) A political party that fails to comply with an invitation by the Commission under subsection (3) shall be deemed to have approved its identity on samples of electoral materials proposed to be used for an election" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 15: Amendment of Section 46.**

Section 46 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (1), a new subsection: "(2)" —

- "(2) Documentary evidence shall be put in and may be read or taken as read by consent, such documentary evidence shall be deemed demonstrated in open court and the parties in the petition shall be entitled to address and urge argument on the content of the document, and the tribunal or court shall scrutinize or investigate the content of the documents as part of the process of ascribing probative value to the documents or otherwise" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 16: Amendment of Section 48.**

Section 48 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)" —

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

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

**Clause 17: Amendment of Section 49.**

Section 49 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsections (1) and (2), new subsections "(1)", "(2)" and "(3)"—

- "(1) A person intending to vote in an election shall present himself with his voter's card to a Presiding Officer for accreditation at the polling unit in the constituency in which his name is registered.
- (2) The Presiding Officer shall use a Smart Card Reader or any other technological device that may be prescribed by the Commission, for the accreditation of voters, to verify, confirm or authenticate the particulars of the voter in the manner prescribed by the Commission.
- (3) Where a smart card reader deployed for accreditation of voters fails to function in any unit and a fresh card reader is not deployed 3 hours to the close of election, election in that unit shall be cancelled and another election shall be scheduled within 24 hours before the close of election" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

**Amendments Proposed:**

- (i) In subclause (2), line 1, immediately after the words "Card Reader", *leave out* the words "or any other technological device that may be prescribed by the Commission" (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.*

- (ii) In subclause (3), line 1, immediately after the words "smart card reader" (and where ever it appears in this Bill) insert the following words "or any other technological device that may be prescribed by the Commission" (*Hon. Muhammed Musa Soba — Soba Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

- (iii) In subclause (3) as amended, line 3, immediately after the word "unit", *leave out* all the other words, and insert the following words "the election shall be cancelled and another election shall be scheduled within 24 hours" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 17 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Clause 18: Amendment of Section 51.**

Insert after section 51 of the Principal Act, a new section "51A"—

**"Notification of nomination by the Court."**

- 51A. (1) Where the nomination of an elected candidate is nullified by the Court and notice of appeal against the decision is given within the stipulated period for appeal, the elected candidate shall notwithstanding the contrary decision of the court remain in office pending the determination of the appeal.
- (2) Where the Appellate court determines that a candidate was not validly nominated, the elected candidate shall, notwithstanding the contrary decision of the Court, remain in office within the period for which an appeal may be filed and shall not be sanctioned for the benefits he derived while in office pursuant to this section, until the Appellate Court determines (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in subclause (2), *insert* the following words:

"where the appellate court determines that a candidate was not validly nominated such a candidate shall not be sanctioned for the benefit he derived while in office" (*Hon. Simon Yakubu Arabo — Kauru Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 18 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Clause 19: Amendment of Section 52.**

Section 52 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection: "(2)" —

- "(2) The Commission shall adopt electronic voting in all elections or any other method of voting as may be determined by the Commission from time to time" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

**Amendments Proposed:**

- (i) *Leave out* the provisions of subclause (1) (b) of the Principal Act (*Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie — Andoni-Opobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

- (ii) In subclause (2), line 1, immediately after the word "Commission", *leave out* the word "shall" and *insert* the word "may" (*Hon. Muhammed Musa Soba — Soba Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 19 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Clause 20: Amendment of Section 53.**

Section 53 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the word, "registered", in line 2, the word, "accredited" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 21: Amendment of Section 63.**

Section 63 (4) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (4), a new subsection (4)—

- "(4) Presiding Officer shall announce the result at the polling unit and transmit same in the manner prescribed by the Commission" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dikku — Dikku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 22: Amendment of Section 65.**

Section 65 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 65 a new section "65A"—

- "65A. (1) The Commission shall compile, maintain and update, on a continuous basis, a register of election results to be known as the National Electronic Register of Election Results which shall be a distinct database or repository of polling unit by polling results, including collated election results, of each election conducted by the Commission in the Federation, and the Register of Election Results shall be kept in electronic format by the Commission at its National Headquarters.
- (2) Any person or political party may obtain from the Commission, on payment of such fees as may be determined by the Commission, a certified true copy of any election result kept in the National Electronic Register of Election Results for a State, Local Government, Area Council, Ward or Polling Unit, as the case may be and the certified true copy may be in printed or electronic format" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dikku — Dikku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 23: Amendment of Section 67.**

Section 67 of the Principal Act, is amended by inserting immediately after subsection (3) new subsections "4"- "(6)" —

- "67. (4) A Collation Officer or Returning Officer at an election shall collate and announce the result of an election, subject to his verification and confirmation that the -
- (a) number of accredited voters stated on the collated result are correct and consistent with the number of accredited voters recorded and transmitted directly from polling units under section 49 (2) of this Bill; and
- (b) the votes stated on the collated result are correct and consistent with the votes or results recorded and transmitted directly from polling units under section 63 (4) of this Bill.
- (5) Subject to subsection (1), a Collation Officer or Returning Officer shall use the number of accredited voters recorded and transmitted directly from polling units under section 49 (2) of this Bill and the votes or results recorded and transmitted directly from polling units

under section 63 (4) of this Bill to collate and announce the result of an election if a collated result at his or a lower level of collation is not correct.

- (6) Where during collation of results, there is a dispute regarding a collated result or the result of an election from any polling unit, the Collation Officer or Returning Officer shall use the following to determine the correctness of the disputed result—
- (a) the original of the disputed collated result for each polling unit where the election is disputed;
  - (b) the smart card reader or other technology device used for accreditation of voters in each polling unit where the election is disputed for the purpose of obtaining accreditation data directly from the Smart Card Reader or technology device;
  - (c) date of accreditation recorded and transmitted directly from each polling unit where the election is disputed, as prescribed under section 49 (2) of this Bill; and
  - (d) the votes and result of the election recorded and transmitted directly from each polling unit where the election is disputed, as prescribed under section 63 (4) of this Bill.
- (7) If the disputed result under subsection (3) were otherwise found not to be correct, the Collation Officer or Returning Officer shall re-collate and announce a new result using the information in subsection (3) (a)-(d).
- (8) Where the dispute under subsection (3) arose at the level of collation and the Returning Officer has satisfied the provision of subsection (3), the Returning Officer has satisfied the provision of subsection (3), the Returning Officer shall accordingly declare the winner of the election.
- (9) A Returning Officer or Collation Officer, as the case may be, commits an offence if he intentionally collated or announce false result is liable on conviction, to a term of at least five years imprisonment, without an option of a fine" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 24: Amendment of Section 76.**

Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) inserting immediately after section 76, a new subsection "2" —

"76. (2) An election conducted at a polling unit without the prior recording in the forms prescribed by the Commission of the quantity, serial numbers and other particulars of results sheets, ballot papers and other sensitive electoral materials made available by the Commission for the conduct of the election shall be invalid, provided that the election should not be invalidated where it is determined that the extent of

the non-compliance is not such that would affect the integrity of the process at the polling unit"; and

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

**Amendment Proposed:**

Clause 24:

In subclause (2), line 2, immediately after the word "invalid" *leave out* all the other words (*Hon. Shehu Shagari — Shagari/Yabo Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 24 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Clause 25: Amendment of Section 78.**

Section 78 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsections (4) and (5), new subsections "(4)" and "(5)" —

- "(4) A political association that meets the conditions stipulated in the Constitution and this Bill shall be registered by the Commission as a political party within 60 days from the date of receipt of the application, and if after the 60 days such association is not registered by the Commission, unless the Commission informs the association to the contrary, it shall be deemed to have been registered.
- (5) An association, its executive member or principal officers who gives false or misleading information, commit an offence and is liable on conviction, in the case of —
- (a) the Association to a fine of ₦5,000,000; and
- (b) each executive or principal officer of the Association to imprisonment for a term of 1 year or a fine of ₦1,000,000 or both" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 26: Amendment of Section 82.**

Section 82 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) substituting for subsections (1) - (3), new subsections "(1)" - "(3)" —
- "(1) The Commission shall keep a register of symbols and name for use at elections.
- (2) The Commission shall register the symbol and name of a political party if it is satisfied that —
- (a) no other symbol and name of the same design is registered; and
- (b) the symbol and name is distinctive from any other symbol already registered.
- (3) The Commission shall remove a symbol or name from the register of symbols and names if the —

- (a) political party in whose name it is registered requests the removal; or
- (b) Commission is of the opinion that the political party in whose name the symbol is registered has ceased to exist or to use the symbol "and names" and
- (b) inserting after the word, "symbol", in the marginal note, the words, "and names" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

*Chairman to report progress.*

#### (HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Electoral Act, No 6 of 2010; and for Related Matters (HB. 1544) and approved Clauses 1 - 16, approved Clauses 17 - 19 as amended, approved Clause 24 as amended, approved Clauses 25 - 26, and deferred further consideration of the Bill.

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

#### (ii) *Report of Conference Committee:*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation, Provide for Additional Powers and Functions to the Office; Establish the Federal Audit Service Commission; Repeal the Audit Act, 1956, the Public Accounts Committee Act, Cap. P35, LFN, 2004, and Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act, Cap. P36, LFN, 2004 and Enact the Federal Audit Service; and for Related Matters (HB. 107) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

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

#### (HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE FEDERATION, PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO THE OFFICE; ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL AUDIT SERVICE COMMISSION; REPEAL THE AUDIT ACT, 1956, THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES ACT, CAP. P35, LFN, 2004, AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS IMPLEMENTATION TRIBUNAL ACT, 1990, CAP. P36, LFN, 2004 AND ENACT THE FEDERAL AUDIT SERVICE BILL 2018; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

#### *Committee Recommendation:*

**Clause 1: Establishment of the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation.**

(2) The Office shall be a body corporate:

(a) with a common seal and in perpetual succession; and

- (4) The Auditor General shall be assisted by 3 Deputy Auditors-General who shall be of same rank in public service as a permanent secretary or its equivalent and such other staff as may be appointed by the Federal Audit Service Commission on the recommendation of the Auditor-General.
- (5) The Auditor-General, the 3 Deputy Auditors-General and other staff of the Office shall be public servants (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 2: Qualification of Auditor-General and Deputy Auditors-General.**

- (2) Where the applicant is from the public service, he shall have at least two (2) years to serve before he is due for retirement.
- (3) Where the applicant is not from the public service, he shall not be less than fifty (50) years old at the date of appointment (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 3: Procedure for appointment of Auditor-General.**

Where the post of the Auditor-General is vacant, the Federal Civil Service Commission in exercise of its powers under the constitution shall be guided by the following:

- (1) The vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of the most qualified person with cognate experience in the service of the Office of the Auditor-General or in the public service of the Federation or State (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 4: Salary.**

- (1) Notwithstanding the provision of any Act, the Auditor-General shall be paid such salary and allowances as may be recommended by the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission.
- (3) Any person who holds office as Auditor-General shall be entitled to pension for life at a rate equivalent to the annual salary of the incumbent Auditor-General. Provided that such a person was not removed from office on grounds of misconduct or convicted for any offence involving dishonesty (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 6: Cessation of the office of the Auditor-General.**

A person holding office as the Auditor-General shall hold office until he —

- (a) attains the age of 60 years or he has served in the public service of the Federation for 35 years depending on which comes first; (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 7: Removal of the Auditor-General on grounds of misconduct.**

- (2) The Senate shall not commence proceedings to remove a person holding Office as Auditor-General, unless the Senate: (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 8: Administrative structure of the office.**

- (2) The Audit Service Commission on the recommendation of the Auditor-General shall from time to time, review the administrative structure of the Office to meet the prevailing needs, and where it so reviews, the new structure shall not be valid unless published in the Official Gazette (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 9: Functions of Auditor-General.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the functions of the Auditor-General shall include the following:
- (d) carrying out performance audit by ensuring that Federal Government and its agencies' business is economically, efficiently and effectively performed;
  - (h) carrying out audit of international institutions to the extent of Nigeria's contributions to such bodies;
  - (i) carrying out audit of all Federal Government and its agencies' subsidies and their application;
  - (j) carrying out audit of all Federal Government and its agencies' counterpart funded projects in the country;
  - (c) carrying out such audits as he may deem necessary to safeguard Federal Government and its agencies' assets and promote good governance (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 12: Independence of Auditor-General.**

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution the Auditor-General, in exercising his powers or performing his functions under this Bill shall not be under the direction or control of any authority or person (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 14: Operations.**

- (a) the accounts are in conformity with the requirements of relevant extant Acts and Financial regulations;
- (3) The National Assembly shall, after the receipt of the report submitted to it under Subsection (2), debate, consider at the plenary session and then submit the report to the President for implementation.
- (5) The Auditor-General shall, at any time, submit to the National Assembly a special report on any matter incidental to his powers and functions under this Bill.
- (6) The reports of the Auditor-General shall become a public document as soon as it is submitted to the National Assembly and may be placed on the Office website; published in the official bulletin of the Office, displayed in the Office library among others (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 15: Procedure.**

- (4) (a) The Auditor-General or any person authorized by him to carry out an audit shall hold an exit conference with the Accounting Officer on observations raised and the parties at the conference shall sign as having been present and having agreed with the observations or sign as having been present and having disagreed with the observations state reasons;
- (b) The refusal of an Accounting Officer to sign the audit observations mentioned in Subsection (4) (a) of this Section shall not render the audit report invalid.
- (5) The Auditor-General shall make a report to the National Assembly on any one or more audits conducted by or on his behalf under this Bill or any other bill which:
  - (b) shall include any recommendation(s) arising out of the audit that he thinks fit to make; (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 17: Specific issues to be addressed in audit of MDAs, etc, accounts.**

- (d) any internal control weakness identified and the general corporate performance indicating; (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 19: Reporting of Fraud.**

- (2) Where the Auditor-General is satisfied that sufficient evidence exists to warrant special investigation, he shall carry out detailed investigation and make a special report on his findings to the National Assembly and the Police (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 20: Reference to National Assembly.**

- (c) any sum which ought to have been but was not brought to account, he shall, in the case of expenditure, disallow the sum as a charge upon public funds and in all cases, call in question the sum concerned and makes a report on the sum to the National Assembly which shall refer the report to the committees of both Houses responsible for public accounts (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 23: Submissions of annual financial statements.**

- (1) The financial statements of the Federal Government shall be submitted to the Auditor-General not later than the 30th June of the following financial year.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the Accounting Officer of all statutory corporations, parastatals, authorities, commissions, agencies, including all persons and bodies established by an Act of the National Assembly shall submit their audited financial statements to the Auditor-General for review not later than 90 days following the end of a financial year.
- (4) Any person who contravenes the provisions of Subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this Section commits an offence and on conviction shall be personally liable to a fine of not less than ₦500,000.00 or two (2) years imprisonment or both.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (4) of this Section, any Federal Ministry, Department and Agency or other public entity, and international institution that contravenes the provisions of Subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this Section shall be caused to make a representation to the National Assembly for further disciplinary action (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 24: Submissions of audited annual financial statements to the National Assembly.**

- (3) The National Assembly shall publish its findings on the Auditor-General's report on the Accountant-General's financial statement mentioned therein, within 120 days of receiving such report (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 25: Publication of audit reports.**

- (1) All reports issued by the Auditor-General shall be considered public documents after the reports are submitted to the National Assembly.
- (2) The Auditor-General shall provide copies of his published reports to: (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 26: Public Accounts Committee review of all audit reports.**

- (1) The committee responsible for the Public Accounts shall consider each report from the Auditor-General which is tabled in the National Assembly (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 28: Expenses of the Office of the Auditor-General.**

- (3) The Auditor-General shall charge fees for the conduct of audits undertaken on behalf of International Aid Agencies, unanticipated audit requests, State Owned Enterprises (Government Business Enterprises - GBE) Funds and autonomous commissions that are not funded directly from the state budget and such amounts shall be remitted to the Consolidated Fund, net of Audit costs (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 34: Offences and penalties.**

- (3)
  - (a) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not less than ₦2,000,000.00; or a term of imprisonment of not less than three years or both;
  - (b) in the case of a body corporate, to a fine not less than ₦10,000,000.00.
- (4) Any person who commits an offence under Subsection (2) of this Section shall on conviction, be liable to a fine not less than ₦2,000,000.00; or a term of imprisonment of not less than three years or both.
- (5) Except otherwise provided by this Bill, where the Bill provides for an offence and no penalty is prescribed for the offence, any person who contravenes any of the provisions of those Sections, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ₦1,000,000.00 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or both (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 36: Composition of the Audit Service Commission.**

- (1) The Audit Service Commission shall consist of:

- (a) a Chairman who shall have not less than 15 years cognate experience in Accounting and Auditing, in public or private sector or both;
  - (b) six (6) persons known as Commissioners, one each from the six (6) geopolitical zones of the Federation, and three (3) of whom shall be from accounting and auditing profession and other 3 from Law or Public Administration, with not less than 15 years cognate experience
  - (d) two persons who retired from the service of the Office of the Auditor-General who must have attained the rank of a Director on grade level 17.
- (2) Except the ex-officio members, the Chairman and other members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President subject to confirmation by the Senate (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 37: Secretary and Staff of the Audit Service Commission.**

- (2) The Secretary, who shall be on same rank with a Permanent Secretary or its equivalent in the Federal public service shall be the accounting officer of the Audit Service Commission and shall be responsible to the Chairman for the daily running of the Audit Service Commission (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 39: Functions of the Commission.**

- (1) The Audit Service Commission shall, on the basis of recommendations by the Auditor-General:
- (a) determine the administrative structure of the Office of the Auditor-General;
  - (b) appoint persons to offices in the Office of the Auditor-General and the Audit Service Commission.
  - (c) handle all matters referred to it on recruitment, promotion and discipline of members of staff of the Office of the Auditor-General and the Audit Service Commission;
  - (d) determine in consultation with the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission and any other relevant government agencies the salaries and other conditions of service of members of staff of the Office of the Auditor-General and the Audit Service Commission; and (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 40: Length of service of staff of the Office of the Auditor-General and the Audit Service Commission.**

- (1) Notwithstanding the provision of any Act, a staff of the Office of the Auditor-General other than the Audit Service Commission shall retire from service when he attains the age of 60 years or has served 35 years in the public service of the Federation depending on which comes first.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provision of any Act, a staff of the Audit Service Commission shall retire from service in accordance with general retirement guidelines in the public service of the Federation (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 48: Independent Auditors for the Audit Service Commission.**

- (1) The National Assembly shall appoint, subject to the Public Procurement Act, an Independent Auditor to audit the accounts of the Audit Service Commission for each financial year.
- (3) (b) has proven track record of performance and integrity;
- (c) is not involved or has not audited the Office of the Auditor-General or any Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies or other public entities, and international institutions which is subject to audit by the Office of the Auditor-General for at least a period of three years before such appointment;
- (d) has not been a consultant to the Office of the Auditor-General or the Audit Service Commission for at least a period of three years before such appointment (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 50: Transition and Savings.**

- (2) In accordance with the provision of Subsection (1) of this Section, the existing staff of the Office of the Auditor-General shall be subject to terms and conditions of service to the Audit Service Commission from the commencement of this Bill (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 51: Repeal.**

The following Acts are hereby repealed:

- (a) The Audit Ordinance Act of 1958;
- (b) The Public Account Committee Act, Cap. P35, LFN, 2004;
- (c) Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act, Cap. P36, LFN, 2004 (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 53: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Audit Service Commission Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation, Provide for Additional Powers and Functions to the Office; Establish the Federal Audit Service Commission; Repeal the Audit Act, 1956, the Public Accounts Committees Act, Cap. P35, LFN, 2004, and Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act, 1990, Cap. P36, LFN, 2004 and Enact the Federal Audit Service Bill 2018; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto (*Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda — Obio/Akpor 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 Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation, Provide for Additional Powers and Functions to the Office; Establish the Federal Audit Service Commission; Repeal the Audit Act, 1956, the Public Accounts Committee Act, Cap. P35, LFN, 2004, and Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act, Cap. P36, LFN, 2004 and Enact the Federal Audit Service; and for Related Matters (HB. 107) and adopted the Conference Committee Report.

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

**14. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 18 October, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.46 p.m.*

**Yakubu Dogara**  
*Speaker*

