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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 8 June, 2016

1. The House met at 11.27 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, 7 June, 2016.

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

3. **Announcements**
(*i*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

(*a*) Members of South South Students Assembly (SOSSA), University of Abuja Chapter; and

(*b*) Staff and Students of Premier Academy, Lugbe, Abuja.

(*ii*) ***Breaking of Fast* (*Ramadan Iftar*):**
Mr Speaker announced that he has scheduled the ceremonial event for the breaking of Fast in support of Members who are currently observing the Ramadan Fast as follows:

(*a*) ***North West and South South*:**
***Date*:** Thursday, 9 June, 2016

***Time*:** 6.30 p.m.

***Venue*:** Conference Room 028, New Building, House of Representatives

(*b*) ***North East and South East*:**
***Date*:** Tuesday, 14 June, 2016

***Time*:** 6.30 p.m.

***Venue*:** Conference Room 028, New Building, House of Representatives

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(*c*) ***North Central and South West*:**
***Date*:** Wednesday, 15 June, 2016

Time: 6.30 p.m.

***Venue*:** Conference Room 028, New Building, House of Representatives.

(*iii*) ***Bereavement*:**
By leave of the House, Hon. Onyemaechi Mrakpor (*Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency*), announced the demise of the former Captain and Coach of the Super Eagles — Steven Keshi on Wednesday, 8 June, 2016 at the age of 54.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

4. Petition
A petition from Sikiru Iyanda on the non-payment of the gratuity and pension benefits of late Lance Corporal Azeez Aileru Iyanda by the Nigerian Army, was presented and laid by Hon. Yakubu Balogun (*Lagos Island II Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46)
***Need to Provide Relief Materials for Internally Displaced Persons at Dansadau IDPs Camp*:**
Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu Bungudu (*Bungudu/Maru 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 VIII, Rules 46 (3) and 49 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 VIII, Rules 46 (3) *and* 49 *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Urgent Need to Provide Relief Materials for Internally Displaced Persons at Dansadau IDPs Camp:

The House:

Notes the incessant attacks on the people of Bungud/Maru Federal Constituency of Zamfara State by Fulani Headsmen that lead to the creation of n IDPs Camp at Dansadua in Maru Local Government Area;

Also notes that people from over 10 Villages of Madana, Fatar Doka, Sabuwar Kasuwa, Katoge, Kukar Magi, Dangurgu, Saulawa, Jesa and Guru have deserted their homes and are currently taking refuge at the IDPs Camp;

Worried that the people taking refuge at the IDPs Camp are presently undergoing hardship due to non-availability of Food, Medical facilities and none presence of Security Agencies;

Also worried that constant attacks on villagers at home and on their farmlands by gun men and also abductions of villagers and gang rape on woman and girls by armed Fulani robbers are the major problems affecting the communities;

Aware that Sections 33 (1) and 34 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended guarantees the right to life and dignity of human person;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on IDPs, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness as a matter of URGENCY provide relief materials to the victims at Dansadau IDPs Camp; and

(*ii*) urge the Chief of Defense Staff, the Inspector General of Police and other relevant Security Agencies to provide adequate security at the IDPs Camp at Dansaudau and border towns between Kaduna, Kastina and Niger States and make everything possible to restore peace in the affected communities for them to go back to their various destinations (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu Bungudu — Bungudu/Maru Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted the incessant attacks on the people of Bungud/Maru Federal Constituency of Zamfara State by Fulani Headsmen that lead to the creation of n IDPs Camp at Dansadua in Maru Local Government Area;

Also noted that people from over 10 Villages of Madana, Fatar Doka, Sabuwar Kasuwa, Katoge, Kukar Magi, Dangurgu, Saulawa, Jesa and Guru have deserted their homes and are currently taking refuge at the IDPs Camp;

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Also worried that constant attacks on villagers at home and on their farmlands by gun men and also abductions of villagers and gang rape on woman and girls by armed Fulani robbers are the major problems affecting the communities;

Aware that Sections 33 (1) and 34 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended guarantees the right to life and dignity of human person;

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Motion referred to the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Defence, Police Affairs, and IDPs.

6. Presentation and First Reading of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

(1) Fisheries Society of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 595).

(2) Traffic Warden Service Bill, 2016 (HB. 596).

(3) FCT College of Nursing and Midwifery Bill, 2016 (HB. 597).

(4) Chartered Institute of Facilities Management of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 598).

(5) Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 599).

(6) Nigeria Sports Bill, 2016 (HB. 600).

(7) Good Citizens Bill, 2016 (HB. 601).

(8) Elderly Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016 (HB. 602).

(9) National Commission for Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Migrants Bill, 2016 (HB. 603).

(10) Child's Rights Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 604)

(11) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 605).

(12) Nigerian Gas Processing and Marketing Regulatory Board Bill, 2016 (HB. 606).

(13) National Gas Resources Development Agency Bill, 2016 (HB. 607).

(14) Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 608).

(15) National Library Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 609).

(16) National Health Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 610).

(17) Electric Power Sector Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 611).

(18) Energy Commission of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 612).

(19) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 613).

(20) Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 614).

(21) Annual Budget Conception, Preparation and Presentation Procedure Bill, 2016 (HB. 615).

(22) Free Advice and Treatment of Breast Cancer Centre Bill, 2016 (HB. 616).

(23) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 617).

(24) Police Service Commission (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 618).

(25) Nigerian Constitution Studies (Inclusion in Schools Curriculum) Bill, 2016 (HB. 619).

(26) Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 620).

(27) National Erosion and Desertification Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 621).

(28) National Endowment for Arts and Literature (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 622).

(29) Institute of Transport Administration of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 623).

(30) Institute of Debt Recovery Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 624).

(31) Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 625).

(32) Subsidiary Legislation (Monitoring and Control) Bill, 2016 (HB. 626).

(33) Federal Road Maintenance Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 627).

(34) Treaties (Making Procedure etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 628).

(35) Weights and Measures Council for Retail Commodities Bill, 2016 (HB. 629).

(36) National Welfare Board for the Aged Bill, 2016 (HB. 630).

(37) Customs and Excise Management Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 631).

(38) Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Bill, 2016 (HB. 632).

(39) National Farm Settlements and Youth Empowerment Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 633).

(40) Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 634).

(41) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 636).

(42) Maritime University, Okerenkoko (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 637).

(43) Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 638).

(44) Abuja Geographic Information Systems Agency Bill, 2016 (HB. 639).

(45) Industrial Property Commission of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 640).

(46) Industrial Waste Disposal Control Bill, 2016 (HB. 641).

(47) Courts and Tribunals Fines and Financial Penalties Bill, 2016 (HB. 642).

(48) FCT Integration and Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 643).

(49) Nigerian Communications Satellite Corporation Bill, 2016 (HB. 644).

(50) Teaching of Nigerian History in Nigerian Schools Bill, 2016 (HB. 645).

(51) Acts Authentication (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 646).

(52) Council of Ministers (Evidence) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 647).

(53) National Drug Formulary and Essential Drugs List Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 648).

(54) National Shipping Policy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 649).

(55) Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 650).

(56) Statutory Corporations (Modification, etc.) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 651).

(57) Administration of Justice Commission Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 652).

(58) Monitoring of Revenue Allocation to the Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Bill, 2016 (HB. 653).

(59) National Honours Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 654).

(60) Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 655).

(61) Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 656).

(62) Pre-Shipment Inspection of Imports Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 657).

(63) Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2016 (HB. 658).

(64) Federal Commissions (Privileges and Immunities) (Amendment) Bill, 2016(HB. 659).

(65) Miscellaneous Offences Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 660).

(66) Motor Vehicles (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 661).

(67) Ministers' Statutory Powers and Duties (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 662).

(68) The WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPT) (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2016 (HB. 663).

(69) Trade Marks Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 664).

(70) Nigerian Institute for Trypanosomiasis and Onchocerciasis Research Bill, 2016 (HB. 665).

(71) Administrative Staff College of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 666).

(72) Armed Forces Comfort Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 667).

(73) Coins Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 668).

(74) Corporate Bodies (Members Emolument) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 669).

(75) Explosives Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 670).

(76) Export (Prohibition) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 671).

(77) Gaming Machines (Prohibition) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 672).

(78) Import (Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 673).

(79) Prohibition Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition (Enforcement) Bill, 2016 (HB. 674).

(80) Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 675).

(81) Radiographers (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 676).

(82) Scientific and Industrial Research Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 677).

(83) Piers Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 678).

(84) Produce (Enforcement of Export Standards) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 679).

(85) Land (Title Vesting, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 680).

(86) Law Officers Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 681).

(87) Animal Diseases (Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 682).

(83) Counterfeit and Fake drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provision) Act (Amendment) Bill. 2016 (HB. 683).

(89) Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 684).

(90) Federal Road Maintenance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 685).

(91) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Dispute (Enforcement of Awards) Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 686).

(92) Army Colour (Prohibition of Use) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 687).

(93) Firearms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 688).

(94) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 689).

(95) Niger Delta Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 690).

(96) Statutory Corporations Pensionable Officers (Retiring Age Limit) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 691).

(97) Insurgency or Militancy Victim Stigmatization (Prohibition) Bill, 2016 (HB. 691).

(98) Special Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 692).

(99) Statutory Instruments Bill, 2016 (HB. 693).

(100) Traditional Medicine Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 694).

7. Presentation of Reports

(*i*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House, pursuant to Order 16 Rule 105 (c) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, do receive the Report of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative on the Highlights of the 2013 Oil and Gas Audit Reports" (*Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Lokoja/Kogi/Koton/Karfi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House, pursuant to Order 16 Rule 105 (*c*) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, do receive the Report of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative on the Highlights of the 2013 Solid Minerals Industry Audit Reports" (*Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Lokoja/Kogi/Koton/Karfi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) ***Committee on Interior*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Interior on the Criminal Act of Assault and Battery alleged visited upon Hon. Mrakpor Onyemaechi Joan by men and Officers of the Nigeria Prisons Services" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) ***Committee on Sport*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Sports on the Urgent Need to Intervene in the Lingering Crisis Rocking the Nigeria Football Federation (**HR. 167/2016**)" (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.119) — *Third Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB.119) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Corporate Manslaughter to make Corporate Organizations Criminally liable for death of Employees arising from their Acts of Omission; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 273) — *Third Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Corporate Manslaughter to make Corporate Organizations Criminally liable for death of Employees arising from their Acts of Omission; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 273) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Railway Loan (International Bank) Act, Cap. R2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 300) — *Third Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Railway Loan (International Bank) Act, Cap. R2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 300) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian National Heroes Register Act, Cap. N121, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Recognition and Registration of all Qualified Persons as National Heroes and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 130) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian National Heroes Register Act, Cap. N121, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Recognition and Registration of all Qualified Persons as National Heroes and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 130) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema — Ogbaru 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 Governmental Affairs.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act, Cap. A8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the National Peace Council to Promote Peace and Religious Harmony in the Country; and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation, to identify Conflicts, and for the Supervision, Coordination and Monitoring of all Peaceful Resolutions between Governments; Organisations, etc. in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 74 and 449) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Infrastructure Management Agency; and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 335) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Infrastructure Management Agency; and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 335) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Oluwarotimi Agunsoye Ojo — Kosofe 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 Works.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 65, 106, 131 and 177 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the Age Qualification for the Office of the President and Governor and Membership of the Senate and House of Representatives; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 544) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 65, 106, 131 and 177 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the Age Qualification for the Office of the President and Governor and Membership of the Senate and House of Representatives; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 544) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Tony Nwulu Chinedu — Oshodi-Isolo II Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 *Constitution.*

15. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 505) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Enforcement of the National Building Code within the Federal Republic of Nigeria; provide for Punishment for Non-Compliance with the Code; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 306) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Enforcement of the National Building Code within the Federal Republic of Nigeria; provide for Punishment for Non-Compliance with the Code; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 306) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

17. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly Order XII, Rule 94**
***National Health Insurance Scheme Bill*, 2016 (HB. 534):**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the National Health Insurance Scheme Bill, 2016 was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 534 and read the first time on Wednesday, 25 May, 2016;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Betty Apiafi —Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94.

18. Devastating Erosion at Ifo Communities in Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency of Ogun State:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the seemingly intractable devastation caused by uncontrolled erosion and flooding in the entire Ifo Township with attendant displacement of about 5,000 households and destruction of lives and properties as a result of lack of drainage structures in place to take care of the heavy run-off whenever it rains;

Worried about distortion in the movement of agricultural produce into the large Ifo market from adjoining villages, farm settlements and the attendant difficulties that marketers and other buyers from Lagos State and other cosmopolitan areas experience in getting to the town, thereby slowing down economic activities each time there is rainfall;

Aware that a Trapezoidal Drain Project at Arigbajo Level Crossing, Olomu, Adenrele, Alaja, Odo-Eran, Oluomo, Orile-Ifo along the corridor of Abeokuta-Sango dual carriageway is required to serve the communities inhabited by numerous dwellers;

Resolves to:

Urge the Ecological Fund Office to urgently carry out intervention project for the control of the incessant flooding and erosion in the affected parts of Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency (*Hon. Isiaka Ayokunle Ibrahim —Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 200/2016).

Motion referred to the Committees on Environment and Habitat, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5).

19. Urgent Need for the Federal Government to Initiate Diplomacy over Falling Crude Oil Price

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

20. Need to Revisit the Revised Basic Education Curriculum (BEC)for School Recently Launched by the National Education Research Development Council (NERDC)
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Education Research Development Council (NERDC) recently launched the Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) which is already being implemented by schools across the country;

Also notes that the BEC currently comprises twenty subjects, including computer Studies/IT, Religion and National Values (RVN) comprises the following subjects:

(*i*) Christian Religious Studies,

(*ii*) Islamic Studies,

(*iii*) Social Studies,

(*iv*) Civic Education, and

(*v*) Security Education;

Aware that under the basic Education Scheme developed by the National Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) Separate classes should be run for Christian Religious Studies (CRS) theme and Islamic Studies (IS) theme;

Also aware that the curriculum is being implemented on the contrary by some schools, as is the case in Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency of Lagos State, where Christian Religious Studies (CRS) and Islamic Studies (IS) under RNV are now merge and Christians are compelled to memorize and recite the Qur'an;

Further aware that the Child's Rights Act, 2003 preserves the right of the child not to be exposed to any religion contrary to that of his parents or guardians;

Concerned that the imposition of either Christianity or Islam on either side have grave Consequences that could impair the stability of Nigeria;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to interface with the Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC),stakeholder and relevant schools for proper explanation on the implementation of the subject, Religion and National Values (RNV); and

(*ii*) call on the Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) to liaise with National Orientation agency (NOA) to disseminate information on the subject, Religion and National Values (RNV) (*Hon. Rita Orji —Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigeria Education Research Development Council (NERDC) recently launched the Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) which is already being implemented by schools across the country;

Also noted that the BEC currently comprises twenty subjects, including computer Studies/IT, Religion and National Values (RVN) comprises the following subjects:

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(*ii*) Islamic Studies,

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(*iv*) Civic Education, and

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Further aware that the Child's Rights Act, 2003 preserves the right of the child not to be exposed to any religion contrary to that of his parents or guardians;

Concerned that the imposition of either Christianity or Islam on either side have grave Consequences that could impair the stability of Nigeria;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to interface with the Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC), stakeholder and relevant schools for proper explanation on the implementation of the subject, Religion and National Values (RNV); and

(*ii*) call on the Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) to liaise with National Orientation agency (NOA) to disseminate information on the subject, Religion and National Values (RNV) (**HR. 201/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Basic Education and Services.

21. Need to Include Nigeria's Indigenous Languages as Admission Requirement into Tertiary Institutions

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Policy on Education recognizes the importance of indigenous languages topromoting social integration, national cohesion and preserving of cultures in Nigeria, thus, if provides that every child must learn one of the three Nigerian languages, Hausa, Igbo, or Yoruba;

Concerned that despite the requirement of the National Policy on Education, the Government has done very little to encourage the teaching and learning of indigenous languages in our schools, as implementation of the said National Policy on Education has not been encouraging;

Aware that the International Mother Language Day (IMLD) annual observance day was held on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism by UNESCO as a means to protect and promote mother tongues and the theme for this year was "Quality Education, Language(s) of Instruction and Learning Outcomes";

Also aware that the teaching of indigenous languages remains crucial for national integration and is vital tool to enable children keep in tune with their culture, if they must be truly Nigerians;

Further aware that Language represents an integral part of a nation's identity and cultural heritage and can become endangered, moribund and extinct when it is no longer spoken by the pepole;

Worried that many schools cannot offer these indigenous language due to lack of teachers as well as preference for the teaching of English Languages, a further attestation to the poor implementation of the National Policy on Education as it relates to indigenous languages;

Alarmed that Nigeria's indigenous languages are facing serious risk of extinction with very few of the new generation being able to constructively communicate in their mother tongues;

Also alarmed that the Igbo language adjudged to be the third most spoken language in Nigeria will according to the United Nation's Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO's) prediction of 2012 go extinct in the next 50 years if strategic actions are not taken to stem the tide;

Strongly believes that indigenous languages can do wonders not only in halting the massive failure in Senior Secondary examinations when used as instructional material in classes but also in solving some of the ethno-religious crisis bedeviling Nigeria;

Resolves to:

(*a*) Call on the Federal Ministry of Education to develop a comprehensive plan of action to make indigenous languages compulsory as a prerequisite for gaining admissions into Tertiary institutions in Nigeria and also design format for the teaching of the languages;

(*b*) urge the National Universities Commission and the National Board for Technical Education to compulsorily elevate indigenous languages subjects to credit level required for gaining admission for any course of study in any tertiary institution in Nigeria;

(*c*) also urge the National Institute of Cultural Orientation to spearhead the compulsory teaching of local languages as part of the curriculum from primary to senior secondary schools;

(*d*) also call on the Ministry of Education, Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council, (NERDC) and National Institute for Nigerian Languages (NINLAN) to initiate a deliberate policy to encourage the speaking, reading and writing of our indigenous languages;

(*e*) further urge Curriculum developers to begin to broaden research into developing the languages of even smaller ethnic groups with a view to making them study-friendly, since they are far more prone to quicker extinction;

(*f*) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, Tertiary Education and Services, Youth Development, and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question negatived.

22. Need to Expand Higher Educational Curriculum to Include Compulsory Learning of French Language in the Tertiary Institution in Nigeria
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the significance of international languages in the promotion of bilateral and multilateral relations among nations;

Also notes that French is a major international language, with 77 French speaking countries in the world, and is one of the official working languages of many international organizations, such as the United Nations, the African union and the economic community of West African states (ECOWAS) each of which Nigeria is a member;

Aware of the potentials of job opportunities in strategic sectors within and outside the country that await Nigerians who could speak both English and French languages, particularly in the West African sub-region where French is widely spoken and has become a lingua franca in official and unofficial circles;

Concerned that the Nigerian elites, particularly in the academic and diplomatic circles, are often confronted with embarrassing situations at international conferences due to their inability to communicate in French ,unlike their French counterparts who are mostly proficient in both English and French languages;

Aware of the existing educational policy, that makes learning of French language compulsory at the middle and upper levels of basic education in the country;

Also aware that here are in existence such institutions as the French village in Topo, Badagry, the Alliance Francaise in Lagos and the Institute Francaise in Abuja, among others, that are dedicated to the teaching, training and practical interaction in the French language;

Worried that the aforementioned previous policy initiatives on the French language in this regard have not produced the desired effect making the use of the language unpopular among Nigerians;

Conscious of the inadequate number of trained teachers of the French language at both the basic and tertiary educational level in the country, making the learning of language difficult;

Believes that the Federal Government's desire to recruit 500,000 teachers could assist to moderate the problem of inadequate teachers of the French language of a sizeable number are recruited;

Convinced that the assurance given by the immediate past French Ambassador to Nigeria, Jacques Champagne de Labriolle, during the French education fair in Abuja in 2015 which was reinforced by the current Ambassador, Denys Gaver, on the preparedness of France to meet Nigeria's training needs in the teaching of the language could serve as additional impetus for the Federal Government to pursue the policy of compulsory offering of French language at tertiary institutions in the country with greater commitment;

Also convinced that Nigeria's Francophone neighboring countries like Togo, Benin Republic, Cote D'Ivoire, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Guinea, Burkina Faso and Mali will be ready source of French teachers at the actual implementation stage of the policy, having enjoyed similar support in the 1980s in many Nigerian secondary schools, particularly with the current level of sub-regional cooperation among the ECOWAS nations;

Further convinced that the policy is capable of preparing Nigerians for greater roles in the international bodies like the united nations where multilingualism is a major consideration for gaining popular support for such important positions as that of the secretary-general;

Equally convinced that expanding the current educational policy of the country to include compulsory offering of French language in tertiary institutions will open greater employment opportunities for Nigerian graduates across Francophone West African countries which constitute more than 70% of the total membership of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to review the current National Policy on Education to include provision for compulsory offering of French language by students in all tertiary institutions, regardless of courses of study, as applicable to general studies;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Universities Commission (NUC) to facilitate immediate implementation of this policy, including appropriate budgetary provisions for recruitment and training of lecturers and teachers of the French language across the relevant educational institutions in Nigeria; and

(*iii*) also urge the Federal Ministries of Education, and Labour and Employment to ensure that graduates of French language are given significant share of the 500,000 teachers expected to be employed under the provisions of the Appropriation Act, 2016 (*Hon. Mojeed Alabi — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned till Tuesday, 14 *June*, 2016.

23. Consideration of Reports

(*i*) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions; and for Other Related Matters*** **(HB. 377):**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the report on a Bill for an Act to Establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 377) 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 ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET AND RESEARCH OFFICE, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH OBJECTIVE, TIMELY AND NON-PARTISAN ANALYSIS NEEDED FOR ECONOMIC AND BUDGET DECISIONS; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 377)

Clause 1: **Establishment of the office.**

(1) There is established under this Bill the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (in this Bill referred to as "NABRO").

(2) The NABRO shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, an official seal, and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: **Functions.**

The functions of NABRO shall be to —

(*a*) provide independent, unbiased and non-partisan analysis of the national budget estimates;

(*b*) provide independent unbiased analysis of the budget of the National Assembly and assist all the committees of the National Assembly in developing their annual budgets;

(*c*) provide independent and continuous review of the budget of the Federal Government including monitoring of existing and proposed programme and budgets

(*d*) provide assistance to all committees in both Chambers of the National Assembly, including —

(*i*) information with respect to budget and all bills relating to new budget heads;

(*ii*) information with respect to estimated future revenue and changing revenue conditions;

(*iii*) aggregate of all current liabilities and existing financial commitments; and

(*iv*) any related information as the committees may request;

(*e*) provide analysis of the economic implication on the private sector, the budgetary and financial implication on States and Local Governments of any proposed legislation;

(*f*) prepare and present to the National Assembly periodic forecasts of economic trends and alternative fiscal policies;

(*g*) provide the National Assembly with cost estimates including an analysis of the inflationary impact of any proposed legislation;

(*h*) submit to both Chambers of the National Assembly, (not later than June every year), a report of —

(*i*) all items funded in the preceding financial year for which no appropriation was made by the National Assembly; and

(*ii*) all items contained in the Appropriation Act in the preceding financial year but which were not funded by the Federal Government;

(*i*) publish and disseminate on its website information it generates including reports, analysis, forecasts, etc. and

(*j*) carry out any other functions as the Board may direct from time to time (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: **Power of the Office.**
The Office shall have the power to do all things necessary to or in connection with the performance of its functions, including, but not limited to the power to —

(*a*) enter into agreement, acquire, hold and dispose of property;

(*b*) procure the services of experts, consultants and organisations;

(*c*) enter into partnership or affiliation with any company, firm, organization, agency or person, which in its opinion will facilitate the discharge of its functions;

(*d*) request for and obtain, from any public enterprise, statistical and other information including reports, memoranda, audited accounts and other information relevant to its functions;

(*e*) liaise with relevant bodies or institutions, national or international for effective performance of its functions;

(*f*) conduct any study necessary, to enable it fulfil its mandate; and

(*g*) determine the methodologies needed for use in its works (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: **Governing Board.**

(1) There shall be for the Office, a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").

(2) The Board shall comprise a Chairman and 6 members representing the 6 geopolitical zones of the country and representatives of Clerk of National Assembly not below the rank of a Director:

(*i*) a Chairman and 6 members representing each of the geopolitical zones;

(*ii*) the Director General of the Office;

(*iii*) three *Ex-Officio* members comprising the Representative of Clerk to the National Assembly and the two Executive Directors of the Office..

(3) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed by both the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives

(4) The Chairman and members of the Board shall hold office for a single tenure of 4 years only.

(5) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be part-time members.

(6) The provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall apply with respect to proceedings of the Board (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: **Qualification for membership.**

Members of the Board shall have relevant professionals qualification and experience (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: **Removal from Office.**
The Chairman or any member of the Board other than ex officio members shall be removed from office, by simple majority votes of each chambers of National Assembly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: **Allowances and Remunerations of Members of the Board.**
There shall be paid to every member of the Board except the Director-General, such remunerations, allowances and expenses as determined by the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: **Powers and functions of the governing Board.**
The Governing Board shall have supervisory authority over the Office and shall exercise the following powers —

(*a*) appointment and discipline of Directors in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;

(*b*) approval and ratification of appointments, promotion and discipline of Professional Analysts and other professional staff of the Office, as may be recommended by the Management Committee and in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards;

(*c*) approval of the Office budget subject to ratification by National Assembly;

(*d*) to make regulations and guidelines for the operation of the Office;

(*e*) approval of establishment of departments as the need arises; and

(*f*) to take any action necessary for the proper functioning of the Office (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: **Establishment and functions of the management Committee.**
(1) There shall be for the Office a Management Committee comprising the Director-General and the Directors who shall be responsible for —

(*a*) the implementation of the requests from the committees of the National Assembly and the day-to-day administration of the Office;

(*b*) making recommendations to the Governing Board on appointment, promotion and discipline of professional staff other than Directors, and

(*c*) any other duties as the Governing Board may direct.

(2) The Office shall be structured into functional departments each headed by a Director.

(3) Subject to the power of the Governing Board to create additional departments, the following departments shall exist —

(*a*) Budget Analysis Department;

(*b*) Research Analysis Department; and

(*c*) Administrative and Services Department.

(4) Functions and duties of each department shall be as defined in an operational manual approved by the Governing Board (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Appointment, duties, tenure and removal of the Director-General.

(1) The Director-General who shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Office.

(2) The Director-General shall be appointed upon a resolution of a simple majority of both Chambers sitting separately after considering recommendation of the appropriate committees in both Senate and House of Representatives; and the appointment shall be based solely on professional competence and qualification.

(3) The Director-General shall be a person of proven integrity who has had at least 15 years post bachelor's degree career with not less than a Masters degree qualification in the field of either economics, finance, accountancy, business administration, public administration.

(4) The Director-General shall not be a member of a political party.

(5) The Director-General shall hold office for a period of 4 years, and may be eligible for reappointment for one more term of 4 years only, provided the Governing Board considers his performance satisfactory.

(6) The Director-General shall be responsible for the overall operations of the Office including but not limited to —

(*a*) steering and overseeing the provision of analysis of the annual budget estimates of the Federal Government and the implementation of the requests or directives of Legislative Committees;

(*b*) general management and administration of the Office;

(*c*) controlling and disbursing amounts from funds established in accordance with this Bill; and

(*d*) performance of such other duties as may be specified, directed and determined by the Governing Board.

(7) The Director-General may be removed from office upon a resolution of the appropriate committees in both Senate and House of Representatives on consideration of a recommendation of the Governing Board for the Director-General's inability to discharge the function of the office or for misconduct.

(8) The Director-General may resign from office upon giving 3 months written notice of resignation to the Governing Board or payment of 3 months basic salaries in lieu of notice (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Appointment, duties, tenure and removal of Directors.

(1) The Directors for the Departments shall be appointed by the Governing Board in a transparent manner and the appointments shall be based solely on professional competence and qualification.

(2) The Directors shall be professionals in the relevant fields and shall be persons of proven integrity with at least a Master's degree and a minimum of 15years post qualification and relevant experience.

(3) The Directors shall not be members of a political party.

(4) The Directors may be removed from office by the Governing Board upon recommendation of the Director-General for inability to discharge the function of the office or for misconduct.

(5) A Director may resign his office upon giving 3 months written notice of resignation to the Governing Board or payment of 1 month basic salary in lieu of notice (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Other Staff.

(1) The Management Committee shall appoint such other staff as may be necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the Office; in accordance with internationally acceptable transparency standards and such appointments shall be made solely on the basis of qualification and competence.

(2) In carrying out the duties and functions of the Office, the Management Committee may procure the services of experts or consultants by contract, subject to ratification by the Governing Board (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Remuneration of Directors, Professional Analysts and Professional Staff.

(1) The Directors, Professional Analysts and Professional Staff of the Office shall receive such remuneration as shall be determined by the Governing Board.

(2) Such remuneration shall be competitive (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: **Remuneration of other Staff Pension. Cap. 4 LFN, 2004.**

(1) Service in the Office shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Act, and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the Office in respect of their service shall be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the public service of the Federation.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall prevent the appointment of a person in the Office on terms, which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in the Office (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: **Regulations.**

The Governing Board may by regulations, first laid before the National Assembly, and published in the Gazette prescribe the —

(*a*) duties and responsibilities of the Director-General, Directors, Professional Analysts, Professional Staff and other Staff of the Office;

(*b*) disciplinary control of employees of the Office and mode of appeal by such employees against dismissals or other disciplinary measure;

(*c*) administrative or organizational structure of the Office;

(*d*) Promotion and staff welfare;

(*e*) and other guidelines (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: **Funds, estimates of expenditure, etc.**

(1) The Office shall derive its Fund from —

(*a*) such monies as may in each year be approved by the National Assembly under the Appropriation Act for the purposes of carrying out the duties and functions of the Office;

(*b*) such monies as may from time to time, be granted or deposited with the Office by the National Assembly or anybody or institution within the country;

(*c*) all monies raised for the purposes of the Office by way of gifts, loans, grants-in-aid, testamentary dispositions or otherwise;

(*d*) proceeds from other assets that may from time to time accrue to the Office.

(2) Such monies derived for the purpose of running the Office shall be declared to the National Assembly who shall then appropriate such funds before spending except for grants in aids attached to programme or projects.

(3) The Office shall defray from the Fund all expenditures incurred by it and shall include —

(*a*) the cost of administration;

(*b*) the payment of salaries, fees or other remunerations or allowances and pensions and gratuities payable to members and employees of the Office; and

(*c*) anything done in connection with any of its functions under this Bill.

(4) The Director-General shall prepare not later than 31stJune of each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Office for the succeeding year which shall be submitted to Clerk to the National Assembly through the Governing Board for approval for appropriation.

(5) The Director-General shall keep accounts and receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year prepare a statement of account in such form as the National Assembly may direct.

(6) The Director-General shall within 3 months after the end of the financial year to which the account relates, cause the account to be audited by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Obtaining of data by the Director-General.

The Director-General may, for the purpose of coordinating the operations of the Office with those of the National Assembly Agencies, obtain information, data, estimates and statistics developed by the Committees, Clerk and all other offices of the National Assembly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Obtaining of data from public bodies.

(1) The Director-General shall through collaboration obtain information, data, estimates and statistics from ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments; and all such ministries, extra-ministerial departments, Government parastatals, agencies, commissions and establishments shall furnish the Director-General with all materials that are necessary in the performance of his duties.

(2) The Director-General may, upon agreement with the head of any Ministry, Extra-Ministerial departments, parastatals, agency, commission or establishment, utilize its services, facilities and personnel as needed by the Office.

(3) The Director-General may assign Professional and other staff of the Office to any Ministry, Extra-Ministerial department, parastatals, agency, commission or establishment including joint ventures where Government is a party for the purpose of obtaining primary data and statistics.

(4) The Director-General may assign Professional Staff or Consultants to conduct surveys as may be required by the Office (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Interpretation.
In this Bill—

"committees" means committees established under the rules of both Chambers (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"core revenue" means accruable revenue (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"economic related committees" mean committees on Aids, Loans and Debt Management; Appropriation; Banking and Currency; Capital Market; Finance; Legislative Budget and Research; National Planning and Population; Public Accounts; and any other committee(s) that may be established according to the Standing Orders of either House of National Assembly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "economic related committees" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"misconduct" as provided in the Code of Conduct for Public Officers (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"permissible aggregate government expenditure" means the total spending ceilings or limits (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "permissible aggregate government expenditure" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"property" means land or building and includes intellectual property (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Public Bodies" means any corporation, board, company or parastatals established by, or under enactment in which the Government of the Federation, a Ministry, or Extra-Ministerial Department, agency, or equity interest and include a partnership, joint venture, or any form of business arrangement or organization (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"the Office" means National Assembly Budget and Research Office (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 20: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the National Assembly Budget and Research Office (Establishment Bill), 2016 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

1. (1) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside and in his/her absence, such member of the Board as the other members may elect from among themselves for that purpose.

(2) The Director-General shall be the Secretary; and shall provide secretariat services for all meetings of the Governing Board.

(3) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceeding or those of any of its Committees.

2. The Quorum of the Board shall be the Chairman and 3 other members of the Board.

3. The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such of its functions as the Board may determine, but no decision of any such Committee shall have effect unless ratified by the Board.

4. The Board may co-opt persons who are not members of the Board to any meeting of the Board or any Committee and such persons may take part in the deliberations of the Board or any Committee but shall not be entitled to vote.

5. The fixing of the seal of office shall be authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman or any other member of the Board generally or, specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose and the Director-General —

(*a*) a document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Office shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed so executed.

6. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or a Committee shall not be adversely affected by —

(*a*) the validity in the membership of the Board or Committee;

(*b*) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or Committee; or

(*c*) reason that a person not entitled to do so, took part in the proceeding of the Board or Committee (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions; and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish an Independent National Assembly Budget and Research Office, which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 377) and approved Clauses 1- 20, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*ii*) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria as a body Corporate and to Empower the Council, inter alia to determine Persons, What Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be attained by such Persons; and for Other Related Matters*** **(HB. 17):**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria as a body Corporate and to Empower the Council, inter alia to determine Persons, What Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be attained by such Persons; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 17) 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 ESTABLISH THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGERS REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA AS A BODY CORPORATE AND TO EMPOWER THE COUNCIL, *INTER ALIA* TO DETERMINE PERSONS, WHAT STANDARD OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL TO BE ATTAINED BY SUCH PERSONS; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 17)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGERS REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA

Clause 1: **Establishment of the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria.**

(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as "the Council').

(2) The Council —

(*a*) shall be a body corporate with —

(*i*) perpetual succession

(*ii*) a common seal; and

(*b*) may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Functions of the Council.

The Council is charge with the general duty of —

(*a*) determining what standards of knowledge and skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become registered as environmental managers and reviewing such standards from time to time for the purpose of raising them;

(*b*) securing, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of a register of person entitled to practice as environmental managers and the publication from time to time of the list of such persons;

(*c*) regulating and controlling the practice of environmental management (in this Bill referred to as "the profession") in all its aspects and ramifications; and

(*d*) performing other functions conferred on the council by this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Membership of the Council.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council shall consist of the following:

(*a*) one person who shall be appointed as President of the Council,

(*b*) one person appointed by the Minister charged with responsibility for matter relating to the environment (in this Bill referred to as "the Minister") to represent the Ministry under his control.

(*c*) six persons appointed by the Minister to represent the States, no two of whom shall come from the same State;

(*d*) six persons elected by the Environmental Management Association of Nigeria (EMAN) (in this Bill referred to as "the Association") in the manner for the time being provided by the constitution of the Association; and

(*e*) two persons to represent the Universities and other institutions of higher education offering courses leading to approved qualification in environmental management: no institution of higher education referred to in this paragraph shall have more than one representative at a time.

(2) The provisions of the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualification and tenure of office members of the Council, powers and procedure of the Council and the other matters therein mentioned (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Financial Provisions.

(1) The Council shall prepare and submit to the Minister not later than the 31st day of December of each year in which this subsection comes into force (so however, that for that year the Minister may if it considers it necessary extend the period) and of each subsequent year an estimated of its expenditure and income during the next succeeding financial year.

(2) The Council shall keep proper records in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts, and shall cause its accounts to be audited as soon as may be after the end of the financial year to which the accounts related, by a firm of auditors approved as respects that year by the Minister (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — THE REGISTRAR

Clause 5: Appointment of Register, Preparation and maintenance of a register.

(1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person to be Registrar for the purpose of this Bill.

(2) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rules made by the Council under this section, a register of environmental managers (in this Bill referred to as "the register").

(3) The register shall contain the names, address, approved qualifications and such other particulars as may be specified by the Council, of all persons who are entitle, in accordance with the provisions of the Bill, to be registered as environmental manager (and who apply in the specified manner to be so registered.

(4) The register shall consist of two parts of which one shall be respect of fully registered persons and the other in respect of provisionally registered persons.

(5) Subject to the following provision of this section, the Council shall make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of entries therein, and in particular—

(*a*) regulating the making of applications for registration and providing for the evidence to be produced in support of application;

(*b*) providing for the notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom the registered particulars relate, of any change in those particular,

(*c*) authorizing a registered person to have any qualification which is registered in relation to his name in addition to or, as he may elect, in substitution for any other qualifications so registered,

(*d*) specifying anything falling to be specified under the provisions of this section.

(6) The Registrar shall —

(*a*) correct, in accordance with the Council's direction, any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the Council's an entry which was incorrectly made;

(*b*) make, from time to time, any necessary alteration to the registered particulars of registered persons;

(*c*) remove from the relevant part of the register the name of any registered person who has died, or as the case may be, has ceased to be entitled to be registered.

(7) If the Registrar —

(*a*) sends by post to any registered person a letter addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particular relating to him are correct and receives on reply to the letter within the period of six months from the date of posting it ; and

(*b*) upon the expiration of that period sends in like manner to the person in question a second similar letter and receive no reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting, it, the registrar may remove the particular relating to the person in question from the relevant part of the register.

(8) The Council may for any reason which seems to be sufficient, direct the registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register any particular remove there from under this subsection (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Publication of the Register and list of corrections.

(1) The Registrar shall —

(*a*) cause a list of persons whose name and qualifications are indicated in the register to be printed, published and put sale to members of the public not later than two years from the beginning of the year in which Bill comes into force;

(*b*) in each year after that in which a register is first published under paragraph (*a*) of this subsection, cause to be printed, published and put on sale as either a corrected edition of the register or a list of alterations made to the register since it was last printed; and

(*c*) cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of correction to be deposited at the principal office of the Council, and the Council shall keep the register and list so deposited open at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the public.

(2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of a register published under this section by authority of the Registrar in the current year, or documents purporting to be prints of an edition of a register so published in a previous year and a list of corrections to that edition so published in the

current year, shall, without prejudice to any other mode of proof, be admissible in any proceeding as evidence that a person specified in the document, or the documents read together, as being fully or provisionally registered, is so registered, and that any person not so specified is not so registered (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — REGISTRATION

Clause 7: Registration of Environmental Managers.

(1) Subject to the provision of this Bill and to rules made under Section 6, a person shall not be entitled to be fully registered under this Bill as an environmental manager unless —

(*a*) he has attended a course of training approved by the Council under section 9 of this Bill;

(*b*) the course was conducted at an institution so approved;

(*c*) he holds a Master of Science (M.Sc.) Degree in Environmental Management or its equivalent;

(*d*) he has passed the professional practice competence examination conducted by the Association and moderated by the Council;

(*e*) he is a member of the Association.

(2) An applicant for registration under this Bill shall, in addition to the evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that —

(*a*) he is of good character;

(*b*) he has attained the age of twenty-one years

(*c*) he has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty.

(3) A fully registered environmental manager shall be entitled to a seal from the Council but any seal presented in pursuant of this subsection may be withdrawn by the Council from such a member on-

(*a*) his ceasing to become a registered member;

(*b*) being convicted of an offence under this Bill;

(*c*) disciplinary grounds; and

(*d*) his ceasing to become a member of the Association.

(4) The Council may in its discretion provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this section, or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.

(5) The Council shall from time to time, publish in the Federal Gazette particulars of the qualification accepted for registration under this Bill.

(6) The Council may, impose further conditions for the purpose of any registration under this Bill but such conditions shall not come into force until published in the Federal Gazette (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: **Approval of institutions, courses of training and qualifications by council.**

(1) Subject to Subsection (2) of this section, the Council may approve for the purpose of Section 7 of this Bill —

(*a*) any course of training which is intended for persons who are seeking to become, or are already qualified as, environmental manager;

(*b*) any institution, either in Nigeria or elsewhere which the Council on the recommendations of the Association considers properly organized and equipped for conducting the whole or any part of a course of training approved by the Council under this section;

(*c*) any qualification which as a result of examination take in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination indicating, in the opinion of the Council that they have sufficient knowledge and skills to practice environmental management as a profession, otherwise as a principal.

(2) The Council shall from time to time publish in the Federal Gazette a list of qualifications in the profession of environmental management approved by it and the Council shall not approve for the purposes of Subsection (1) qualifications granted by an institution unless the qualifications have been so published by the Council.

(3) The Council shall, on the recommendation of the Association, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing such an approval the Council shall —

(*a*) give notice that it proposes to do so to each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be;

(*b*) afford each such person an opportunity of making to the Council representations with regard to the proposal; and

(*c*) take into consideration any representation made as respect the proposal in pursuance of paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(4) As respects any period during which the approval of the Council under this section for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section but the withdrawal of such an approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who by virtue of the approval was

registered or eligible for registration immediately before the approval was withdrawn.

(5) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have the effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the council may specify in the instrument, and the Council shall —

(*a*) as soon as possible publish a copy of every such instrument in the Federal Gazette; and

(*b*) not later than 7 days before its publication as aforesaid, send a copy of the instrument to Minister (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Supervision of instructions and examinations leading to approved qualifications.

(1) The Council shall keep itself informed of the nature of —

(*a*) the instruction given at approved institutions to persons attending approved course of training; and

(*b*) the examinations as a result of which approved qualification are granted.

(2) For the purposes of performing its functions, the Association shall visit the approved institutions, attend their examinations and thereafter make recommendations to the Council.

(3) The Association shall report to the Council as to —

(*a*) the adequacy of the instruction given to persons attending approved courses at the institutions visited;

(*b*) the adequacy of the examination attended; and

(*c*) any other matter relating to the institution of examination on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request the association to report, but the association shall not interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.

(4) On receiving a report made in pursuance of this section, the Council shall, as soon as may be possible send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examinations to which the report relates requesting that person to make observations on the report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not being less than one month beginning with the date of the request (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Certificate of Professional Competence.

(1) Any person who holds the accepted qualification or its equivalent, obtained eight years before the commencement of this Bill and satisfies the conditions mentioned in Section 7 (2) would be exempted from taking the professional practice competence examination, but issued the certificate of professional competence after payment of the prescribed fees to enable him register fully as an environmental manager; provided the council is satisfy that he has acquired adequate professional practice experience in environmental management to deserve the exemption.

(2) The conditions are —

(*a*) he shall, during his employment after qualification have acquired practical experience under the personal supervision and guidance of one or fully registered environmental manager for the period of two years; and

(*b*) the manager in which he carried out the duties of his employment and his conduct during the period of his employment shall have been satisfactory.

(3) It shall be the duty of the employer being a fully registered environmental manager supervising the work of persons employed with a view to obtaining a certificate of professional competence to ensure that the last mentioned person is afforded proper opportunities of acquiring the practical experience required for the purposes of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (2) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Registrar to notify institutions of entries in the register.

The Registrar shall, as soon as practicable, after the entry in the register of any person's name, or after the removal of such name from the register, give notice in writing to the institution of the entry or removal, as the case may be, together with all the particulars relevant thereto (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Clause 12: Disciplinary Power of the Council.

(1) There shall be a Tribunal to be known as the Environmental Managers Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as "the Tribunal") which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Panel established under Subsection (3) of this section and any other case of which the Tribunal has cognizance under the following provisions of the Bill.

(2) The Tribunal shall consist of the President of the Council and eleven other members appointed by the Council of whom not less than four shall be members of the Council holding office by virtue of Section 3 (1) (*d*) of this Bill or where the number of those members is for time being less than four of those members.

(3) There shall be a body to be known as the Environmental Managers Investigation Panel (in this Bill referred to as "the Panel") which shall be charged with the duties of —

(*a*) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a person registered has misbehaved in his capacity as an environmental manager, or should for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the Tribunal; and

(*b*) deciding whether the case shall be referred to the Tribunal.

(4) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of seven members.

(5) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as applicable to the Tribunal and the Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Penalties for unprofessional conduct, etc.

(1) where —

(*a*) a person fully registered or provisionally registered under this Bill is judged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or

(*b*) such a person is convicted of an offence in Nigeria or elsewhere by any court having power to impose imprisonment (whether or not such an offence is punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of the environmental manager; or

(*c*) the Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered, the Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register .

(2) The Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal, but —

(*a*) no decision shall be deferred under this subsection for a period exceeding two years in the aggregate; and

(*b*) no person shall be a member of the Tribunal for the purpose of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal when the decision was deferred or further deferred.

(3) For the purpose of Subsection (1) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal of further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.

(4) When the Tribunal gives a direction under Subsection (1) of this section, it shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.

(5) A person to whom such a direction relates may, at any time within twenty-eight days from the date of service on him of the notice of the direction, appeal against the direction to the court of appeal, and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the cost of the appeal and of proceedings before the Tribunal, shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appear no the hearing of the appeal.

(6) A direction of the Tribunal under Subsection (1) of this section shall take effect —

(*a*) where no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limited for the appeal, on the expiration of that time;

(*b*) where an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal; and

(*c*) where an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out, if and when the appeal is dismissed.

(7) A person whose name is removed from the register in pursuance of a direction of the Tribunal under this section shall not be entitled to be registered again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Tribunal on the application of that person, and a direction under this section of the removal of a person's name from the register may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction, and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application, as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Clause 14: Temporary registration of persons not citizens of Nigeria.

(1) Where a person satisfies the Council

(*a*) that has been selected for employment for a specified period in a capacity in which a person registered as an environmental manager under this Bill is qualified to be employed and that he is or intends to be in Nigeria temporarily for the purpose of serving for that period in the employment in question.

(*b*) that holds a qualification or has passed examination necessary; and

(*c*) for obtaining some qualifications granted outside Nigeria which is for the time being accepted by the Council as respects the capacity in which, if employed, he is to serve, the Council may, if it thinks fit, give a direction that he shall be temporarily registered as an environmental manager.

(2) The temporary registration of a person shall continue only while he is in such employment as is mentioned in Subsection (1) (*a*) of this section and shall cease at the end of the period of the employment specified to the Council under that subsection or on the prior determination for the employment whichever first occurs.

(3) Nothing is Subsection (2) shall preclude the Council from giving a further direction under Subsection(1) of this section in respect of a specified period whose commencement coincides with the termination or prior determination of another employment.

(4) A person who is temporarily registered shall, in relation to his employment and to things done or omitted to be done in the course of that employment, be deemed to be fully registered, but in relation to all other matter, he shall be treated as not so registered.

(5) In case of doubt as to whether a person's employment has been terminated, the decision of the Council shall be conclusive for the purpose of Subsection (2) of this section.

(6) The Register, as directed from time to time by the Council, shall remove from the register the name of any person ceasing to be entitled to the benefit of this section (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Offence.

(1) A person, not being a registered environmental manager, who —

(*a*) for or in expectation of reward, practices or holds himself out to practice as such, or

(*b*) without reasonable excuse takes or uses any name, title addition or description implying that he is authorized by law to practice as a registered environmental manager, shall be guilty of an offence under this Bill.

(2) If a person, for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter —

(*a*) makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material particular, or

(*b*) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Bill.

(3) If the Registrar or nay other person employed by the Council willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Bill.

(4) A person guilty of an offence under this Bill shall be liable —

(*a*) on conviction in a High Court, to a fine not exceeding ₦50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or both and, where the offence is a continuous one, to a further fine not exceeding ₦20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Naira) for each and every day the offence continues.

(5) Where an offence under this section has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglects on the part of any director, manager, secretary or any person purporting to act in any such capacity he, as well as the body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Supplementary Provisions.

(1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, a person not otherwise exempted shall not hold an appointment requiring status as environmental manager under this Bill in the public and civil service of the Federation or of a State or in the armed forces of the Federation; or public and/or private limited or unlimited liability organizations unless he is an environmental manager registered under this Bill.

(2) An environmental manager shall, but to the extent only of his particular qualification, be entitled to practice as a registered environmental manager throughout the Federation.

(3) A person in charge of any university or institution in the Federation offering courses leading to an approved qualification intended for persons who are seeking to become registered as environmental manager under this Bill shall furnish the Registrar, not later than 31st day of March in every year, with a list of the names and or such other particulars, as the Council may specify, of all persons who attended any such courses at the university or institution in question at any time during the preceding year.

(4) In this section, "public service" includes service as a registered environmental manager in or with any educational institution, commission, corporation or State- owned or Joint Venture Company and any employment in the Federation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Control of Council by Minister.

(1) The Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with the directions, provided the direction does not infringe on the ethics and codes of conduct of the profession.

(2) Before giving a direction under subsection (1) of this section, the Minister shall serve a copy of the proposed direction on the Council and shall afford the Council an opportunity of making representatives to him with respect to the directions; and after considering any representations made to him in pursuance of this subsection, the Minister may give the direction either without modification or with such modifications as appear to him to be appropriate having regard to the representatives (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Regulations, rules and orders.

(1) The Council shall have power to make regulations, as may in its opinion, be necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill and for the administration thereof.

(2) Any power to make regulations, rules and orders under this section shall include power —

(*a*) to make provision for such incidental or supplemental matter as the person or authority making the instrument considering expedient for the purpose of the instrument; and

(*b*) to make different provision for different circumstances (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

In Subclause (1), line 3, immediately after the word "thereof", *insert* the following words "which regulation shall be laid before the National Assembly and published in the official Gazette" (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara — Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 19: Interpretation.

(1) In this Bill —

"approved qualification" means such qualification which is approved for the time being by the Council (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria (EMRECON) established under Section 1 (1) of this Bill (*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.

"Environmental Manager" means any person fully registered as such under this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Association" means the Environmental Management Association of Nigeria (EMAN) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Profession" means the profession of environmental management (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Environmental Management" means the reconciliation of the demands for socioeconomic systems within the constraints of the biosphere and atmosphere the aim of which is to minimize environmental impacts, to husband, and to add to existing resources for the future, through planning, organizing coordinating/directing, controlling, monitoring, evaluating and analyzing environmental activities, including environmental impacts analysis and assessment, post impact studies, baseline studies environmental audit and waste management (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Register" means the register maintained under this Bill and "registered" shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Registrar" means the registrar appointed in pursuance of Section 6 of this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

(2) For the purpose of this Bill, a person is registered if his name is, for the time being, entered in the register

(3) Any approval, consent direction, notice, observation, report representation or request authorized or required to be given or made by or under this Bill shall be in writing and, may without prejudice to any other method of service but subject to the rules made under the second schedule to this Bill be served by post (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 3 (2)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Qualifications and Tenure of Office of members

1. (1) A person shall not be appointed a member of the Council unless he is a citizen of Nigeria and he is registered as an environmental manager under this Bill.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a person who is a member of the Council otherwise than by virtue of Section 3 (1) (*d*) of this Bill shall hold office for a period not exceeding five years beginning with the date of his appointment or election, as the case may be: Provided that a person shall not hold office, whether appointed or elected, for a term of less than five years unless the Minister after consultation with the Council otherwise directs.

(3) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph may, be notice to the Council, resign his office.

(4) Subject to section 3 of this Bill, a person who has ceased to be a member of the Council shall be eligible again to become a member of the Council.

(5) Where a member of the Council ceases to hold office before the date when his term of office would have expired by effluxion to time, the body or person by whom he was appointed or elected shall, as soon as may be possible, appoint or, as the case may be, elect a person to fill the vacancy for the residue of the term so that provisions of this sub-paragraph shall not apply where a person holding office as a member of the Council ceases to hold office at a time when the residue of his term does not exceed one year.

(6) The power of appointing a person as President of the Council shall —

(*a*) during the period beginning with the date when this Bill comes into force, be exercisable by the Minister on the recommendation of the Association; and

(*b*) after the expiration of that period, be exercisable by the Council and where an existing member of the Council is appointed President, his office as an existing member shall become vacant and his term of office as President shall begin on the date of his appointment as President.

(7) Notwithstanding that the term of office of a member of the Council has expired by the effluxion of time, a person appointed, as President, Vice President and one other person shall continue in that office until a fresh appointment is made to the office

(8) The quorum of the Council shall be seven so that at least two of the person elected by the Association and two of the representatives of the States of the Federation are present at the particular meeting, and the quorum of anycommittee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.

Power of the Council

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

(2) The Council shall have power to borrow money or to dispose of any property and it shall have power to pay remuneration (including pensions) allowances, or expenses to any member, officer or servant of the Council or to any other person.

Proceeding of the Council

(3) Subject to the provision of this Bill and of Section 27 of the Interpretation Bill (which provides for decisions of a body to be taken by a majority of the members of the body and for the President to have a second or casting vote), the Council may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Council or of any committee thereof.

(4) The quorum of the Council shall be seven and the quorum of any Committee of the Council shall determined by the Council.

5. (1) The Council shall appoint one of members to be the Vice-President of the Council for such period as the Council may determine, so that the Vice President who ceases to be a member shall cease to be a Vice-President.

(2) At any time while the office of the President either is vacant or the president is, in the opinion of the Council permanently or temporary unable to perform the function of his office, the Vice-President shall perform those functions, and references in this Schedule to the President shall be construed accordingly.

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the President and if the President is required so to do, by notice given to him by not less than six other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from the date of which the notice is given.

(2) At any meeting of the Council, the President or in his absence the Vice- President shall preside, but if both are absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of them to preside at that meeting.

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

(4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Minister who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the member who shall preside and as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting.

Committee

7. (1) The Council may appoint one or more Committees to carry out on behalf of the Council such functions as the Council may determine.

(2) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of person determined by the Council, and not more than one-third of those persons may be persons who are not members of the Council, and a person other than a member of the council shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

(3) A decision of a Committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

8. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the President or of some other member authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Council.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

(3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

9. The validity of any proceeding of the Council or of a Committee shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Council of Committee, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or of a person to serve on the Committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

10. A member of the Council or any person holding office on a Committee of the Council who has a personal interest in any contract of arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or a Committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement

11. A person shall not, by reason of his membership of the Council, be treated as holding an office in the public service of the Federation or of state thereof (*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

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL AND INVESTIGATING PANEL

The Tribunal

1. The quorum of the Tribunal shall be four

2. (1) The Chief Justice of Nigeria shall make rules as to the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Tribunal

(2) The rules shall in particular provide —

(*a*) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given, at such time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings,

(*b*) for determining who, in addition to the persons aforesaid, shall be a party to the proceedings;

(*c*) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if so required, be entitled to be heard the Tribunal

(*d*) for enabling any party to the proceedings to be represented by a legal practitioner;

(*e*) subject to the provisions of Section 13 (5)of this Bill, as to the costs of proceedings before the Tribunal;

(*f*) for requiring, in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Tribunal adjudges that the allegation has not been proved, it shall record a finding that the person in not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates; and

(*g*) for publishing in the Federal Gazette notice of any direction of the Tribunal which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off a register.

(3) For the purposes of any proceeding before the Tribunal, any member of the Tribunal may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings my sue out of the registry of the High Court, as the case may require, writs of subpoena ad testicandum and duces tecum, but no person appearing before the Tribunal shall be compelled —

(*a*) to make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or

(*b*) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.

3. (1) For the purpose of advising the Tribunal on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall, in all such proceedings, be an assessor to the Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Chief Justice of Nigeria and shall be a legal practitioner of not less seven years standing.

(2) The Chief Justice of Nigeria shall make rules as to the functions of the assessor appointed under this paragraph, and in particular, such rules shall contain provision for securing —

(*a*) that where an assessor advices the Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matter specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appears threaten or, if the advice is tendered while the Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person shall be informed as to what advice the assessors had tendered; and

(*b*) that every such party or person shall be informed if the Tribunal does not in any case accept the advice of the assessor on such a question.

(3) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceeding or class of proceedings, and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

The Panel

4. The quorum of the Panel shall be three.

5. (1) The panel may, at any meeting attended by not less than six member make standing order with respect to the Panel.

(2) Subject to the provisions of any such standing order, the Panel may regulate its own procedure.

Miscellaneous

6. (1) A person ceasing to be a member of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be eligible for re-appointment as a member of that body.

(2) A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the Tribunal and the Panel, but no person who acted as member of the panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Tribunal with respect to that case.

7. The Tribunal or the Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of that body, or (subject to subparagraph (2) of paragraph 6 of this Schedule) by reason of the fact that nay person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body.

8. The Tribunal and the Panel may each sit in two or more divisions.

9. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Tribunal or the Panel shall be served on the Registrar.

10. Any expenses of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be defrayed by the Council.

11. A person shall not, by reason only of his appointment as an assessor to the Tribunal or as a member of the Panel, be treated as holding an office in the public service of the Federation or of any State thereof (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Establish the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria as a body Corporate and to Empower the Council, *Inter alia* to determine Persons, what Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be attained by such Persons; and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria as a body Corporate and to Empower the Council, inter alia to determine Persons, What Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be attained by such Persons; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 17) and approved Clauses 1 - 17, approved Clause 18 as amended, approved Clauses 19 - 20, the First and Second Schedules, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*iii*) ***A Bill for an Act to Incorporate and Enforce Certain Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith*** **(HB. 86):**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the report on a Bill for an Act to Incorporate and Enforce Certain Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 86) 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 INCORPORATE AND ENFORCE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, THE PROTOCOL TO THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN AFRICA; AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 86)

Debate.

Consideration deferred to enable the Committees on Rules and Business, and Justice examine the Bill vis-a-vis relevant provisions of the Constitution.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Incorporate and Enforce Certain Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 86).

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

(*iv*) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. L12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Legislative Powers and Privileges Act, 2016 to give the Legislature the desired Powers and Immunity to be able to carry out its Legislative Responsibility; and for Other Related Matters* (HB. 382).**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Legislative Houses(Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. L12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Legislative Powers and Privileges Act, 2016 to give the Legislature the desired Powers and Immunity to be able to carry out its Legislative Responsibility; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 382) 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 REPEAL THE LEGISLATIVE HOUSES (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) ACT, CAP. L12, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND ENACT THE LEGISLATIVE POWERS AND PRIVILEGES ACT, 2016 TO GIVE THE LEGISLATURE THE DESIRED POWERS AND IMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITY; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 382)

Clause 1: Immunity from litigation.
Criminal or civil proceeding shall not be instituted against a Member of the Legislative House in respect of words spoken or written at the plenary session or at Committee proceedings of the Legislative House (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Power to summon a witness: Schedule.
A Legislative House or a Committee shall have power to summon any person in Nigeria to come and testify, give account, tender a document or any other record in evidence, in the possession or under control of that person, as provided in the Schedule (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Issue and service of summons.
(1) The summons issued under clause 2 of this Bill, shall be signed by the Clerk of the House or Committee issuing out the summons and shall contain the:

(*a*) time and venue where the person is expected to appear; and

(*b*) nature of document, account or record the person is required to produce.

(2) The summons shall be served at the person's office or residence or his last known place of abode or business, either personally, by registered mail, or by pasting at the door or wall of the person and giving the person at least 5 clear days within which the person is expected to appear (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Power to issue warrant to compel attendance: Schedule.

(1) Where a person whom a summons under clause 3 of this Bill is directed, does not attend as scheduled, the President or the Speaker of the Legislative House may, upon being satisfied that the summons was duly served, issue a warrant to a police officer or Sergeant-at-Arms, to apprehend the person and bring him before the issuing authority.

(2) The President or the Speaker may by endorsement on the warrant direct that the person named on the warrant be released after the arrest, on entering into recognizance before the issuing authority (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Witness may be examined on oath.

A Legislative House or a Committee may examine a witness on Oath which the Clerk is authorized to administer (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Privilege of a witness. Cap. E14, LFN, 2004.

A person summoned before a Legislative House or a Committee to testify, give an account, produce any document or record shall be entitled to, where necessary, privileges on —

(*a*) communication related to unpublished official record of Armed Forces;

(*b*) any evidence protected by the Evidence Act; and

(*c*) any evidence protected by any law regulating the affairs of a profession (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: False Evidence, Caps C38 and P3, LFN, 2004.

A person who gives false evidence before a Legislative House or a Committee while answering question, put to the person, shall be liable on conviction under the Criminal or Penal Codes (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Obstruction of members of the Legislative House.

(1) A Member of a Legislative House shall not be obstructed or hindered from gaining entrance into the Legislative chambers.

(2) A person who —

(*a*) hinders the movement of a Member of a Legislative House into the Chambers or precincts of a Legislative House;

(*b*) interferes or disobey the order given by an Officer of a Legislative House in performing his official functions;

(*c*) creates any disturbance which interrupts or is likely to interrupt the proceedings of a Legislative House; or

(*d*) sits or votes in a Legislative House while the person is not a member of a Legislative House,

commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ₦100,000.00 or 6 months imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: **Answers in committee not to be admissible in proceedings.**
An answer by a person to a question put by a Committee of a Legislative House shall not, except in the case of criminal proceedings for the offence of perjury in the or an offence against this Bill, be in any proceedings, civil or criminal, admissible in evidence against him (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: **Power of arrest.**
An officer of a Legislative House may, with or without an order from a Court and warrant of arrest, as provided in the schedule to this Bill, arrest any person —

(*a*) who commits an offence contrary to the provision of this Bill; or

(*b*) within the Chamber or its precincts whom he reasonably suspects of having committed an offence contrary to the provision of this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: **Ejection of a person from chamber or its precincts.**
The President or the Speaker of a Legislative House may, at any time, order for the ejection of a stranger or any other person from the chamber or its precincts (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: **Influencing members.**
A person who —

(*a*) offers a member or officer, of a Legislative House, any bribe, fee, compensation, reward or benefit of any kind in order to influence him in his conduct in respect of promotion of or opposition to any Bill, resolution, or report submitted or intended to be submitted to the Legislative House; or

(*b*) threatens to make use of force, violence, restraint or inflict any injury or damage against a Member or officer of a Legislative House in order to compel such Member to declare himself in favour of or against any matter pending or being expected,

commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of N500,000.00 or 2 years imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Acceptance of bribe.

A Member of a Legislative House who accepts or agrees to accept bribe or attempt to obtain for himself or for other person any bribe, fee, compensation, reward or benefit of any kind for speaking or refraining from speaking, voting or refraining from voting, or influencing any report submitted or intended to be submitted to the Legislative House, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of ₦500,000.00 or 2 years imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Contempt of a Legislative House.

(1) A person who —

(*a*) publishes a report of a Committee before it is laid to the Legislative House in plenary session;

(*b*) assaults or obstructs a Members of a Legislative House within the chamber or its precincts;

(*c*) assaults or obstructs a Member of a Legislative House while in execution of his duties;

(*d*) fails to answer the question put to him in the proceedings of the Legislative House; or

(*e*) refuses to abide by laid down procedure of a particular proceeding of a Legislative House, or its Committee,

commits contempt of the Legislative House.

(2) Where a Member is guilty of contempt of a Legislative House, the House may by resolution reprimand such member or suspend him from service of the House, without pay, for such period as may be determined by the House, but not to the end of a legislative session.

(3) Where a person is found guilty of contempt of Legislative House, the person shall be liable to a fine of ₦500,000.00 or 2 years imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Restriction on suspended member.
A suspended Member of a Legislative House, pursuant to section 14 (2) of this Bill, shall not enter or remain within the chamber or its precincts while the suspension remains in force (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Restriction on evidence as to certain matters.
No evidence relating to any of the following matters, that is to say —

(*a*) debates or other proceedings in a Legislative House;

(*b*) the contents of the minutes of evidence taken or any documents laid before a Committee of a Legislative House or any proceedings or examinations held before any such Committee, by any Member or officer of the House or any shorthand-writer employed to take minutes of any such evidence or proceedings or, in respect of any of the matters specified in paragraph (*b*) of this section, by any person who was a witness before the Committee shall be admissible in any proceedings before a court or person authorised by law to take evidence unless the court or such last-mentioned person is satisfied that permission has been given by the President or Speaker, as the case may be, of the House or the Chairman of the Committee(as the case may require) for such evidence to be given (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Prohibition of certain statements.
A person who publishes any —

(*a*) statement which falsely or scandalously defames a Legislative House or any Committee;

(*b*) writing reflecting on the character of the President or, Speaker, or Chairman of a Committee of a Legislative House in the conduct of his duty; or

(*c*) writing containing a gross, willful or scandalous misrepresentation of the proceedings of the Legislative House,

commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of ₦2,000,000.00 or 12 months imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Printing false copies of laws or proceedings.
A person who falsely prints or cause to be printed a copy of any Act, Law, Committee report, or votes and proceedings of a Legislative House as purporting to have been printed by the approved printer or by the authority of the Legislative House, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of ₦2,000,000.00 or 12 months imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Protection of persons responsible for publications authorised by a Legislative House.

(1) Any person, being a defendant in any civil or criminal proceedings instituted for or on account of or in respect of the publication by such person or by his servant, by order or under the authority of a Legislative House any reports, papers, minutes, votes or proceedings, may, on giving to the plaintiff or prosecutor, as the case may be, twenty-four hours' written notice of his intention, bring —

(*a*) before the court in which such civil or criminal proceedings are being held a certificate under the hand of the President or Speaker of a Legislative House stating that the reports, papers, minutes, votes or proceedings in respect of which such Civil or Criminal proceedings have been instituted were published by such person or his servant by order or under the authority of a Legislative House;

(*b*) an affidavit verifying such certificate.

(2) The court shall thereupon immediately stay such or criminal proceedings and the same and every process issued therein shall be deemed to be finally determined (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Powers of President, Speaker or Chairman to be supplementary to powers otherwise conferred.

The powers of the President, Speaker or Chairman, as the case may be, of a Legislative House or a Committee of a Legislative House conferred by this Bill shall be supplementary to any powers conferred on him by the constitution, or by Standing Orders (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Pre-action notice.

A person who has cause of action against a Legislative House shall serve 3 months written notice to the office of the Clerk of the Legislative House disclosing the cause of action and relief sought (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Notification of arrest of members of Legislative House.

Where a Member of a Legislative House is arrested or detained upon warrant or order of court or sentenced by court, the court shall, immediately, notify the President or Speaker of the Legislative House (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Civil process not to be served in chamber or precincts.

Notwithstanding the provision of any law —

(*a*) Court processes or orders shall not be served or executed in the chamber or precincts of a Legislative House; and

(*b*) a Member of a Legislative House shall not be arrested in the chamber or precincts of a Legislative House (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 24: **Repeal.**
The Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. L12, LFN, 2004 is repealed (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: **Interpretation.**
In this Bill —

"Chamber" means where the members of the Legislative House sits (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Committee" means the committee set up by the leadership of a Legislative House (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"issuing authority" means the authority responsible for issuing summons or warrant of arrest (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Legislative House" means the National and States Houses of Assembly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"officer" include staff of the Legislative House (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"precincts" means the offices of the Legislative House and its premises (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" means head of members of the Senate of the National Assembly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Speaker" means the head of House of representatives of the National Assembly and States Houses of Assembly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 26: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Legislative House (Powers and Privileges) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

FORMS OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ARREST

(*Clauses 2 and 3*)

FORM NO. 1

SUMMONS

Summons No: .....

In The Legislative House of :.....

You are Summoned to appear before the .....
(*State the Legislative House*) for the following reason:
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.....
.....
(*List reason for Summons; e.g. information or complaint, render evidence*)

You are Ordered to Report on ....., 20....., at ..... a.m./p.m.

Locate d at: .....
.....

If you Fail to Appear as Ordered, A Warrant may be Issued for Your Arrest.

Date:..... .....
Issuing Authority

CERTIFICATE OF PERSONAL SERVICE

I swear that I personally served this summons as follows:

Date Received: ..... Date Served: ..... Time Served:.....

Person Served: .....

Location where served: .....

.....

Person Serving summons

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAILING

I certify that a copy of this document was sent to .....

Through ..... *(State the name of the courier).*

Date:..... .....

Person Serving Summons
(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

(Clause 4)

FORM NO.2

WARRANT OF ARREST

To: ..... *(Arresting Officer)*

Complaint has been made on ....., 20....., that .....
..... *(defendant)* on ....., 20..... did
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And the defendant was summoned to appear before the .....
.....

Legislative House) sitting at ..... on ....., 20 ....., at .....
a.m./p.m. to answer to the summons.

The defendant was duly served with the summons, but failed to appear.

You are commanded to arrest and bring the defendant before the .....
(State the Legislative House) sitting at .....
.....
to answer the said complaint.

Date: ....

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

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. L12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Legislative Powers and Privileges Act, 2016 to give the Legislature the desired Powers and Immunity to be able to carry out its Legislative Responsibility; and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Legislative Houses(Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. L12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Legislative Powers and Privileges Act, 2016 to give the Legislature the desired Powers and Immunity to be able to carry out its Legislative Responsibility; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 382) and approved Clauses 1 - 26, the First and Second Schedules, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(v) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Official Secrets Act, Cap. O3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters* (HBs 317and 426):**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Official Secrets Act, Cap. O3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 317and 426) 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 AMEND THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, CAP. O3, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HBS 317 AND 426)

Clause 1: **Amendment of Official Secrets Act the Official Secrets Act, Cap. O3, LFN., 2004 and for Related Matters.**
The Official Secrets Act, Cap. O3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill called the "Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out below (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: **Amendment of Section 4.**
Section of 4 (1) (*a*) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the word "electronic mail" immediately after the word "packages" in line 2 of the subsection (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: **Amendment of Section 4.**
Section 4 of Principal Act is further amended in subsection (2) by deleting the fine of ₦100 in line 4 of that subsection and replacing it with the fine ₦50,000 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: **Amendment of Section 6 of the Principal Act.**
Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) of that Section in its entirety (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: **Amendment of Section 7 of the Principal Act.**
Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) (*b*) by deleting the fine 200 in line 2 of subsection (1) (*b*) and replacing it with fine of ₦100,000 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:
In Clause 5, *leave out* the figure "100,000" and *insert* the figure "1,000,000" (*Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 6: Section 7 of the Principal Act is further amended in subsection (2) by deleting the fine of ₦100 and replacing it with the fine of ₦50,000 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:
In Clause 6, *leave out* the figure "50,000" and *insert* the figure "500,000" (*Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 7: **Amendment of Section 9.**
The Principal Act is further amended in section 9 by replacing the interpretation of the word" Minister" with a more concise interpretation as follows:

"Minster" mean the Minster of Police Affairs (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:
In Clause 7, *leave out* the words "Minister of Police Affairs" and *insert* the words "Minister in charge of Police Affairs" (*Hon. Mojeed Alabi — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 8: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Official Secrets Act, Cap. O3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Official Secrets Act, Cap. O3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 317and 426) and approved Clause 1 - 4, approved Clauses 5 - 7 as amended, approved Clause 8, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*vi*) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basin Development Authorities Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make Provisions for Proper Utilization of Nigerian Dams under the Control of a given River Basin Development Authority; a Bill for an Act to Amend the First Schedule to the River Basin Development Authorities; and a Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basin Development Authorities (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide for the Establishment of the Lower Anambra and Upper Niger River Basin Development Authorities and list them in the first Schedule to the Act; and for Other Matters Related Thereto* (HBs 58, 235 and 350):**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basin Development Authorities Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make Provisions for Proper Utilization of Nigerian Dams under the Control of a given River Basin Development Authority; a Bill for an Act to Amend the First Schedule to the River Basin Development Authorities; and a Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basin Development Authorities (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide for the Establishment of the Lower Anambra and Upper Niger River Basin Development Authorities and list them in the first Schedule to the Act; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HBs 58, 235 and 350) 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 AMEND THE RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES ACT, CAP. R9, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR PROPER UTILIZATION OF NIGERIAN DAMS UNDER THE CONTROL OF A GIVEN RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES; AND A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) ACT, CAP. R9, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOWER ANAMBRA AND UPPER NIGER RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES AND LIST THEM IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE ACT; AND FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (HBS 58, 235 AND 350)

Clause 1: **Amendment of the River Basin Development Authorities (Establishment, etc.) Act.**
The River Basin Development Authorities (Establishment, etc) Act, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, Cap. R9 No. 35, 1987 (in this Bill referee to as the Principal Act) is amended as set under this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: **Amendment of Section 1 (1).**
Section 1 subsection 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection as follows:

"(1) There are hereby established eleven authorities to be known by the names specified in column 1 of the First Schedule to this Bill which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are specified in this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: **Amendment of Section 2 (1) (*b*).**
Section 2 subsection (1) (*b*) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph (b) as follows:

(*b*) the Managing Director of the Authority; and (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: **Amendment of Section 3 (1).**
Section 3 subsection 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection as follows:

(1) A member shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of his appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years and thereafter he shall no longer be eligible for re-appointment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Section 4 and re-number accordingly as follows:

"4. **Allowances of Members.**

(1) The Members of the Board shall be paid such allowances and other benefits with the approval of the Minster as may be determined by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission

(2) The Minister may make recommendations to the President which if approved shall empower the Minster to declare in writing the position of a member vacant where:

(*a*) it appears to the Minster that a member of the Board be removes from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the function of the office; or

(*b*) the Minister is satisfied that the continued presence on the Board of any member is not in the national interest or interest of the Authority (*Hon. Orker-Jev E[illegible] Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: **Amendment of Section 4 (1).**
Section 4 (1) of the Principal is amended, by substituting for the existing Section 4 (1)a new Section "4 (1)":

"(1) The function of each Authority are to:

(*a*) undertake the construction and maintenance of infrastructures such as roads and bridges to link project sites, dams, dykes, polders, wells, boreholes, drainage systems for control of erosion, irrigation, and water shed management;

(*b*) provide portable drinking water to local communities located within 125 kilometres from the dam without any cost against the community;

(*c*) construct such type and number of reservoirs to store excess water in the event of overflow of dams that may result to flood;

(*d*) develop and keep up-to-date, a comprehensive water resources master plan, identifying water resources requirements in the Authority through adequate collection of data;

(*e*) carry out out mandatory turn around maintenance, at least after every four year, of all the constructed dams;

(*f*) establish a training unit to responsible for training the staff of the Authority and members of the local community with modern techniques of farming; and

(*g*) carry out other activities as may be necessary in carrying out the functions of the Authority under this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the River Basin Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: **Amendment of the First Schedule.**
The First Schedule to the River Basin Development Authorities Act (the Principal Act) is deleted and substituted with the following new Schedule:

Column 1 *Name of Authority*	*Column 2* *Area of Operation*	*Column 3* *Headquarters*
1. Lower Anambra River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Anambra, Abia, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo States	Enugu
2. Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Delta, Edo, Ekiti, and Ondo States excluding those parts of Delta and Edo States drained by the Benin, Escravos, Forcados and Ramos Rivers creek system	Benin
3. Chad Basin Development Authority	The whole of Borno and Yobe States excluding those parts drained by Jama'are and Misau Rivers systems including those parts drained by the Yedseram and Goma River Systems	Maiduguri
4. Cross River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Cross River and Akwa Ibom States	Calabar
5. Hadejia-Jama'are River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Kano, Jigawa States and those parts of Bauchi, Gombe, Yobe and Borno States drained by the Jama'are and Borno States drained by the Jama'areand Misau Rivers systems.	Kano
6. Lower Benue River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau States	Markudi
7. Niger Delta Basin Development Authority	The whole of Rivers and Bayelsa States and those parts of Delta and Edo States drained by the Benin, Escravos, Forcados and Ramos Rivers creek system	Port Harcourt
8. Upper Niger River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Kwara and Niger States; the Federal Capital Territory, the whole of Kaduna State excluding Katsina State	Minna
9. Ogun-Oshun River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Oyo, Ogun and Lagos States	Abeokuta
10. Upper Benue River Basin Development Authority	Those parts of Bauchi and Gombe States drained by the Adamawa and Taraba River systems, the whole of Adamawa and Taraba States excluding those parts drained by the Yedseram River System	Yola
11. Sokoto-Rima River Basin Development Authority	The whole of Sokoto, Kebbbi, Zamfara and Katsina States	Sokoto

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

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

Long Title:
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Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basin Development Authorities Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make Provisions for Proper Utilization of Nigerian Dams under the Control of a given River Basin Development Authority; a Bill for an Act to Amend the First Schedule to the River Basin Development Authorities; and a Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basin Development Authorities (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide for the Establishment of the Lower Anambra and Upper Niger River Basin Development Authorities and list them in the first Schedule to the Act; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HBs 58, 235 and 350) and approved Clauses 1 - 8, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

***(vii) A Bill for an Act to ensure full Integration of Nigerians with Disability into the Society and Eliminate all forms of Discrimination against them; and for Other Related Matters* (HB. 476):**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the report on a Bill for an Act to ensure full Integration of Nigerians with Disability into the Society and Eliminate all forms of Discrimination against them; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 476) 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 ENSURE FULL INTEGRATION OF NIGERIANS WITH DISABILITY INTO THE SOCIETY AND ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEM; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 476)

PART I — PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION AND HARMFUL TREATMENT

Clause 1: Prohibition of discrimination Penalty.
(1) No person with disability shall be discriminated against on the ground of his or her disability by any person or institution in any manner or circumstance whatsoever.

(2) Any person in contravention of the provision of Subsection (1) of this Section is liable to:

(*a*) if a corporate body, a minimum of ₦250,000 damages payable to the affected person with disability and

(*b*) if an individual, a minimum of ₦100,000 damages payable to the affected Person with disability, or 6 months imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Prohibition of harmful treatment Penalty.

(1) No person with disability shall be subjected to prejudices or harmful practices, including those based on sex, age or tradition, in any area of life.

(2) Any person in contravention of subsection (1) of this section is liable to:

(*a*) if a corporate body, a minimum of ₦250,000 damages payable to the affected person with disability, and

(*b*) if an individual, a minimum of ₦100,000 damages payable to the affected person with disability or one year imprisonment, or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — AWARENESS

Clause 3: Awareness.

Every media house, institution or establishment, licensed to operate in Nigeria, shall make provisions in its programmes for:

(*a*) raising awareness, regarding persons with disabilities, their rights, respect and dignity,

(*b*) promotion of awareness of the capabilities, achievements and contributions of persons with disabilities to the society.

(*c*) promotion of awareness training programmes regarding persons with disabilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — ACCESSIBILITY OF PHYSICAL STRUCTURES

Clause 4: Private Houses Right to access.

A person with disabilities shall have the right and necessary facilities to access the physical environment and buildings on an equal basis with, others (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: **Accessibility aids in public buildings.**
No public building shall be constructed without the necessary accessibility aids such as lift (where necessary), ramps and others that shall make them accessible and usable to persons with disabilities including those on wheelchairs (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: **Private House.**
A private house owner shall allow a person with disability lawfully occupying the private owner's house as a tenant to make such access related modifications to the building as would allow him access his apartment, provided he is acting in good faith and has given adequate notice to the private house owner (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the words in Clause 6 (*Hon. Okwu Samson — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — negatived.

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

Clause 7: **Accessibility roads and sidewalk.**
Roads, side walks, pedestrian crossing and all other facilities made for public use shall be made accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities including those on wheelchair (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: **Transitory period.**
From the date of the commencement of this Bill, there shall be a transitory period of 2 years within which all public buildings, roads, Pedestrian crossings and all other structures which were inaccessible to persons with disabilities shall be modified to be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities including those on wheelchairs (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: **Building Plan.**
(1) Before erecting any public building, its plan shall be scrutinized by the relevant authority in conjunction with the Commission to ensure that the plan conforms with the building code provided for in Section 93 (*c*).

(2) No government or government agency, or body or individual responsible for the approval of building plan shall approve Plan of a public building if the plan does not make provision for accessibility facilities in line with Building Code provided for in Section 93 (*c*).

Penalty.
(3) Any officer or officers who approves or directs the approval of a building plan that contravenes the building code provided for in Section 93 (*c*) shall be personally liable to a fine of a minimum of ₦1,000,000 or two years imprisonment, or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) In Subclause (1), immediately after the word "Commission", *leave out* all other words, and *insert* the following words, "to ensure that the plan conforms with relevant building codes" instead thereof (*Hon. Faruk Abdullahi — Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo/Bunza Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) In Subclause (2), immediately after the word "with", leave out all other words, and insert the following words, "relevant building codes" instead thereof (*Hon. Faruk Abdullahi — Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo/Bunza Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 10: Complain of Inaccessibility.

(1) Subject to Section (8), in the event of existence of a state of inaccessibility or barrier to access of a person with disability to the environment that he or she has a right or duty to access, he may ,without prejudice to his or her right to seek redress in court, notify the relevant authority in charge of the environment of the existence of the state of inaccessibility or barrier to accessibility of the environment, and it shall be the duty of the relevant authority in charge to take immediate and necessary steps to remove the barrier and make the environment accessible to the person with disability.

(2) If the relevant authority in charge receives the notice in Subsection (1) of this section but fails to comply, he shall be liable to:

(*a*) if a corporate body, ₦10,000 damages payable to the affected person for each day of default, or

(*b*) if an individual ₦5,000 damages payable to the affected person each day of default or 6 month imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — ROAD TRANSPORTATION

Clause 11: Ramps in vehicles.

(1) Transport service providers shall make provisions for lifts, ramps and other accessibility aids to enhance the accessibility of their vehicles, parks and Bus Stops to persons with disabilities including those on wheelchairs.

(2) Lifts, ramps and all other accessibility equipment in or for vehicles, and at parks or Bus Stops shall be maintained in operational condition.

(3) There shall be regular and frequent maintenance of all accessibility aids and equipment, and defective ones shall be promptly repaired or replaced

(4) Before a person with disability boards or alights from a vehicle, the driver shall ensure that the vehicle completely pulls up

(5) When a person with disability intends to board a vehicle, all other intending passengers shall wait for him or her to board before them (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: **Waiver of charges on assistive devices.**
Wheelchairs, crutches, guide canes (for the blind), braces and any other mobility aid and appliance or assistive device used by a passenger with disability shall not be subject to charges, provided they are not carried in commercial quantities and for commercial purpose (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: **Loading of assistive devices.**
Wheelchairs, crutches, guide canes (for the blind), braces and any other mobility aid and appliance or assistive device used by a person with disability on board a vehicle shall be off loaded before other luggage, and returned to the said person with disability before or as soon as he or she is ready to alight from the vehicle (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: **Right to Drive .**
A person with disability shall have the right to drive any vehicle provided that:

(*a*) his or her disability is not proved to reasonably impede his ability to drive, or

(*b*) the vehicle is so modified as to enable him or her safely drive it (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: **Reservations.**
(1) At parking lots, suitable spaces shall be properly marked and reserved for persons with disabilities.

(2) For a person with disability to be entitled to the use of the reserved spaces in subsection (1) his or her car shall have been properly identified with the necessary insignia.

Penalty.
(3) Any person, organisation or corporate body in control of a public Parking lot who fails to provide for the reserved space in sub section (1) shall be liable to a fine of ₦1,000 for each day of default

(4) Any person who is not a person with disability who parks a vehicle in the reserved space in subsection (1) of this section shall be liable to a fine of ₦5,000

(5) Any person who unlawfully obstructs the reserved space in sub section (1) of this section shall be liable to a fine of ₦5,000

(6) for subsection (4) it shall be a valid defence if a person with disability is a passenger in the vehicle (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — SEAPORTS AND RAILWAYS

Clause 16: **Seaports and Railway.**

(1) Seaports and facilities therein as well as vessels shall be made accessible to persons' with disabilities. Accessibility of

(2) Railway stations and facilities therein as well as trains shall be made accessible to persons with disabilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: **Transitory period for Railways and Seaport.**

The provisions of Section 16 shall be subject to the transitory provision contained in Section 8 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — AIRPORT FACILITIES

Clause 18: **Assistive service and Airline.**

All airlines operating in Nigeria shall:

(*a*) ensure the accessibility of their aircraft to persons with disabilities.

(*b*) make available presentable and functional wheelchairs for the conveyance of persons with disabilities who need it to and from the aircraft (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: **Return of loaded wheelchairs to owners.**

Where a passenger with disability checks in his or her wheelchair or any other assistive device, the same shall be delivered to him or her at the aircraft side before disembarkment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: **Waiver of carriage charges on assistive devices.**

Wheelchairs and other assistive devices used by a passenger with disability shall not be subject to carriage charge in any aircraft or any other vehicle (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: **Seating of aides of person with disability.**

On board an aircraft or any other vehicle, aides or escorts of persons with disabilities shall be allowed to sit immediately adjacent to them (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: **Traveling alone of person with disability.**

A person with disability who can travel independently shall not be compelled to travel in the company of an aide or refused boarding because he is not accompanied by an aide (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Priority in loading of assistive devices.

(1) When stowed in cargo compartment, wheelchairs and other assistive devices shall be given priority over cargo and baggage, and shall be among first items to be unloaded.

(2) Mobility aids or assistive devices shall be returned to their owners as closely as possible to the door of the aircraft or in accordance with whatever reasonable request made by the owner (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — SEATING ARRANGEMENT IN VEHICLES, VESSELS, TRAINS AND AIRCRAFTS

Clause 24: Convenience of persons with disabilities on board.

(1) On board a vehicle, vessels, trains or aircrafts, the convenience and safety of a person with disability shall be the primary consideration in assigning him or her a seat.

(2) In line with subsection (1), the following factors shall be considered in assigning seat to a person with disability:

(*a*) Ease of access,

(*b*) Ease of exit and

(*c*) Non disturbance by the movement of other passengers

(3) Preference of the person with disability shall override the application of this section (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: Application of provision of sections 21 to 28 to other means of transportation.
The provisions of sections 18 - 25 shall apply, with the necessary modification, to other means of transportation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Clause 26: Obligation of technology related companies.
Companies or persons whose services or products are technology based or technology related shall ensure that their goods and services are accessible to and usable by all categories of persons with disabilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 27: Close caption in video presentation.
Television stations shall take steps to ensure that their video presentations are accompanied by close caption for the particular benefit of persons with hearing disabilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 28: **Obligation of Telecommunication companies.**
Telecommunication companies shall ensure that their services and products incorporates adequate assistive technology, particularly, but not limited to, telecommunications relay services to enhance the accessibility of their goods and services to persons with hearing and vocal disabilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 29: **Transitory period and assistive technology.**
Within the transitory period provided in Section (10), companies or persons whose services or products are technology based or technology related shall adopt assistive technologies in all their services and products (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IX — CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Clause 30: **Duties of parents, guardians and government.**

(1) Parents and guardians of children with disabilities shall ensure that such children, both within and outside the home, are free from all forms of neglect, exploitation, violence and abuse, including their gender based aspects.

(2) Government shall also take all appropriate measures to prevent all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse by ensuring, inter alia, appropriate forms of gender and age sensitive assistance and support for persons with disabilities and their families and care-givers, including the provision of information and education on how to avoid, recognize and report instances of neglect, exploitation, violence and abuse,

(3) In order to prevent the occurrence of all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse, all facilities and programmes designed to serve persons with disabilities shall be effectively monitored by the Commission.

(4) Government shall take all appropriate measures to promote the physical, cognitive and psychological recovery, rehabilitation and social reintegration of persons with disabilities who become victims of any form of exploitation, violence or abuse, including through the provision protection services. Such recovery and reintegration shall take place in an environment that fosters the health, welfare, self respect, dignity and autonomy of the persons and takes into account gender and age specific needs (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 31: **Children right to education.**
Parents or guardians of children with disabilities shall ensure that such children get educated to at least the completion of Secondary education (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 32: **Right to equal treatment.**

(1) Children with disabilities shall be entitled to at least equal rights, treatment, recreation, maintenance and training with other children in the family.

(2) No child shall be concealed, abandoned, neglected or segregated on the basis of his or her disability.

(3) Children with disabilities shall be registered immediately after birth and shall have the right to:

(*a*) a name,

(*b*) acquire a nationality,

(*c*) know and be cared for by, their parents and

(*d*) free and continual medical treatment in any public health institution (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 33: **Contravention of Section 32.**

Any person in contravention of section 32 shall be liable to 6 months imprisonment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 34: **Information and support for children.**

Government shall undertake to provide early and comprehensive information, services and support to children with disabilities and their families (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 35: **Prohibition of separation of children from parents.**

(1) Subject to Subsection (2), no child shall be separated from his parents on the basis of a disability of either the both parents.

(2) For the purposes of medical treatment, rehabilitation, training or general improvement, a child with disability may be temporarily separated from his or her parents (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 35 *stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 36: **Alternative to family care.**

The Commission shall, where the immediate family is unable to care for a child with disabilities, provide and sponsor alternative care within any reasonable family setting (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 37: **Children freedom of expression.**
Children with disabilities shall have the right to express their views freely on all matters affecting them, their views being given due weight in accordance with their age and maturity, on an equal basis with other children, and to be provided with disability and age appropriate assistance to realize that right (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 38: **Best interest of the child.**
In all matters concerning children with disabilities, the best interests of the child shall be the primary consideration (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART X — RIGHT TO LIFE AND PROTECTION

Clause 39: **Right to life.**
Persons with disabilities have the inherent right to life and are entitled to the effective enjoyment of this right on an equal basis with others (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 40: **Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies.**
(1) In all situations of risk, including situations of violence, emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters:

(*a*) Government shall take all necessary steps to ensure the safety and protection of persons with disabilities taking cognizance of their peculiar vulnerability.

(*b*) Individuals who are in the position shall accord persons with disabilities the maximum assistance within their ability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 41: **Service at queues.**
(1) In queues, persons with disabilities shall be given first consideration, and as much as possible should be attended to outside the queue

Penalty.
(2) Any person in breach of this section shall be liable to 6 months imprisonment or fine of ₦50,000 or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XI — LIBERTY

Clause 42: **Liberty.**
Persons with disabilities, on an equal basis with others shall:

(1) Enjoy the right to. liberty and security of person;

(2) Not be deprived of their liberty unlawfully or arbitrarily, and that the existence of a disability shall in no case justify a deprivation of liberty Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 43: Prohibition of unlawful experimentation.

(1) No person with disability shall be subjected to:

(*a*) Without his or her free consent, medical or scientific experimentation or

(*b*) Torture, or cruel or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Penalty.

(2) Any person in contravention of this section shall be liable to payment of ₦100,000 damages to the affected person with disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 44: Prohibition of use of persons with disabilities.

(1) No Person shall employ, use or involve a person with disability in begging.

Penalty.

(2) Any person in contravention of subsection (1) of this section shall be liable to 6 months imprisonment or a fine of ₦50,000 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 45: Protection of Integrity.

Every person with disability has a right to respect for his or her physical and mental integrity on an equal basis with others (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XII — COMMUNAL LIFE

Clause 46: Freedom of Movement.

Persons with disabilities shall have the liberty of movement within or out of the country, and freedom to choose their residence on an equal basis with others (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 47: Living independently of others.

Persons with disabilities shall have the right to:

(*a*) live in the community, with choices equal to others, and shall have

(*b*) full enjoyment of their rights and full inclusion and participation in the community, including choosing their place of residence and where and with whom they live on an equal basis with others

(*c*) support services, including personal assistance necessary to support living and inclusion in the community (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 47 *stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 48: Prohibition of segregation.

Except on medical ground or in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, a person with disability shall not be isolated or segregated from the community or compelled to live in a particular area (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XIII — PERSONAL MOBILITY

Clause 49: Government provision of assistive devices.

(1) Government shall take effective measures to ensure personal mobility with the greatest possible independence for persons with disabilities.

(2) Government shall:

(*a*) provide mobility assistive devices for persons with disabilities at subsidized price or free for the indigent.

(*b*) facilitate access by persons with disabilities to quality mobility aids, assistive devices, and other assistive technologies

(*c*) provide training in mobility skills to persons with disabilities and to specialist staff working with persons with disabilities;

(*d*) encourage corporate bodies and individuals producing assistive devices and providing assistive technologies to take into account all aspects of mobility for persons with disabilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XIV — FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND OPINION AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Clause 50: Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information.

(1) Persons with disabilities shall have freedom of expression and opinion, including the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas on an equal basis with others and through any means of communication of their choice.

(2) Governments and persons (whether natural or artificial) shall:

(*a*) provide information intended for the general public to persons with disabilities in accessible formats and technologies appropriate to the different kinds of disabilities timely and without additional cost;

(*b*) accept and facilitate the use of sign languages, Braille, augmentative and alternative communication, and all other means, of special communication in all interactions (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XV — MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND PRIVACY

Clause 51: Respect for privacy.

No person with disabilities, regardless of place of residence or living arrangements, shall be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with his or her privacy, family, home or correspondence or other types of communication or to unlawful attacks on his or her honour and reputation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XVI — EDUCATION

Clause 52: Right to free education.

(1) Every person with disability shall have an unfettered right to education without discrimination or segregation in any form.

(2) persons with disabilities shall be entitled to free education at levels in all public educational institutions (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 53: (1) All schools whether pre primary, primary, secondary or Inclusiveness of education tertiary, shall be run to be inclusive of and accessible to persons —

(*a*) at least a trained personnel to cater for the educational development of persons with disabilities

(*b*) program for continued training of personnel catering for persons with disabilities

(*c*) special facilities for the effective education of persons with disabilities,

(*d*) programs for cooperation and collaboration with relevant authorities, institutions or associations to ensure early and co ordinate education of persons with disabilities.

(2) Interaction and exchange between children with disabilities in special schools and children in ordinary schools shall be promoted (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 54: Establishment of Vocational centers.

(1) Government shall establish inclusive vocational training centres in every local government area of the federation.

(2) Free or at least subsidized continuing training shall be made available for professionals and staff in rehabilitation services (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 55: **Free education for special education personnel.**
The education of special education personnel shall be free or at least highly subsidized (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 56: **Appropriate mode of education for persons with disabilities.**
Government shall ensure that the education of persons with disabilities, particularly children, who are blind, deaf or with multiple disabilities, is delivered in the most appropriate languages and modes and means of communication for the individual, and in environments which maximizes academic and social development (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XVII — HEALTH

Clause 57: **Free healthcare.**

(1) Government shall guarantee that persons with disabilities have unfettered access to adequate health care without discrimination on the basis of disability.

(2) Persons with disability shall:

(*a*) be entitled to free medical and health service in all public health institutions.

(*b*) receive assistive devises like crutches, wheelchairs, Braille machines, among others at government subsidized prices, or free

(3) Government shall:

(*a*) subsidize assistive devises to make them affordable to persons with disabilities

(*b*) financially assist persons or corporate bodies dealing with assistive devises to ensure that they are made available to persons with disabilities at subsidized prices or free (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 58: **Certificates of disability.**

(1) Where a doctor suspects disability in the course of treating a person he shall issue and submit to the ministry a Temporary Certificate of Disability which shall last for not longer than 180 days.

(2) If the state of disability persists after 180 days, a doctor may issue the person with Permanent Disability Certificate which shall last as long as the state of disability persist.

(3) Any person issued with a Permanent Disability Certificate shall be entitled to all rights and Privileges under this Bill, Provided that in the case of an existing or obvious disability, Certificate of Disability shall be unnecessary.

(4) The forms of Temporary Certificate of Disability and Permanent Certificate of Disability shall be as specified in the Part I and Part II respectively of the Second Schedule to this Bill, or as near that form as circumstances admit (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 59: **Provision of special communication at hospitals.**
Any hospital where a person with communicational disability is medically attended to shall ensure provision for special communication (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 60: **Waiver of charges on assistive devices.**
The purchase, importation, transfer or gift of assistive devises or health materials to persons with disability shall not be subject to any tax, duties, surcharges or any levies whatsoever (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 61: **Equal right to work.**
Persons with disabilities shall have the right to work, on an equal basis with others; this includes the right to opportunity to gain a living by work freely chosen or accepted in a labour market and work environment that is open (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 62: **Prohibition of discrimination.**

(1) No employer or his agent or purported agent shall discriminate against a person with disability in any manner whatsoever and in particular but not limited to:

(*a*) job application procedure;

(*b*) the terms and conditions of employment;

(*c*) denying the employee access or limiting the employee's access to opportunity for promotion, advancement, transfer or training, or to any other benefit associated with employment;

(*d*) on the job training;

(*e*) accommodation, where applicable;

(*f*) employee compensation;

(*g*) dismissal mainly on the ground of disability; or

(*h*) subjecting the employee to any other detriment.

Penalty.

(2) Any person in breach of this section shall be personally liable to damages of ₦50,000 payable to the affected person with disability

(3) Where a company is in breach of this section:

(*a*) the company shall be liable to ₦250,000 damages payable to the affected person with disability, and

(*b*) any principal officer of the company involved in the violation shall be liable to ₦100,000 damages payable to the affected person with disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 63: Prohibition of forced or compulsory labour.

(1) No person or corporate body shall subject a person with disability to slavery or servitude, forced or compulsory labour or undue disadvantage in any form.

Penalty.

(2) Any person in breach of this section shall be liable to ₦100,000 payable to the affected person with disability

(3) Where a corporate body is in breach of this Section

(*a*) it shall be liable to ₦500,000 payable the affected person with disability, and

(*b*) any principal officer involved in the violation shall be liable to ₦100,000 payable to the affected person with disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 64: Self reliance of persons with disabilities.

Government shall take steps to ensure the self reliance of persons with disabilities and accordingly give adequate assistance to persons with disabilities who desire to be self employed (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 65: Job security.

(1) No employee shall be relieved of his employment on the ground of disability sustained during his employment

(2) An employer of labour whose employee sustained a disability during his employment shall:

(*a*) retain and re train the employee to still be effective in the employment, or

(*b*) pay him off with a sum that is not less than the aggregate value of his 48 months salary, if his disability is of such degree that permanently renders him unable to discharge his function or any other function that may be assigned to him in the employment.

(*c*) in the case of paragraph (*b*), if the disability is sustained in the course of the employment, the employee's compensation shall not be less than the aggregate value of his 60 months salary.

(3) Government should assist employers of persons with disabilities in providing the necessary facilities and enabling environment for the employee with disability to function maximally (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XVIII — ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

Clause 66: **Good standard of living.**
All levels of government shall take appropriate steps to ensure that persons with disabilities have good standard of living for themselves and their families, including adequate food, clothing and housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 67: **Special consideration.**
All levels of government shall give special consideration to persons with disabilities in all welfare, social development, poverty in Government policies reduction and other programs (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 68: **Accommodation.**
Where accommodation is being provided by schools for their students; employers for their employees; service providers .for their customers; organisations for their members; government for the people and in any other circumstance whatsoever, persons with disabilities shall be given first consideration (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XIX — PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC LIFE

Clause 69: **Participation in politics.**
Persons with disabilities shall be encouraged to fully participate in politics and public life directly or through freely chosen representatives (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 70: **Electoral procedures.**
(1) The Electoral authority shall ensure that:

(*a*) registration and voting procedures, facilities and materials are appropriate, accessible and easy to . understand ánd use by persons with disabilities;

(*b*) registration venues and polling stations are accessible to persons with disabilities.

(2) Persons with disabilities shall have the right to vote in elections and public referendums without intimidation, and to stand for elections, to effectively hold office and perform all public functions at all levels of government;

(3) Persons with disabilities shall be unfettered in the exercise of their franchise, and to this end, where necessary, at their request, shall be allowed to be assisted in voting by a person of their own choice;

(4) Government shall actively promote an environment in which persons with disabilities can effectively and fully participate in:

(*a*) the conduct of public affairs, without discrimination;

(*b*) non governmental organizations and associations concerned with the public and political life of the country, and

(*c*) activities and administration of political parties (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 71: **Assistance for persons with disabilities seeking elective offices by politics.** Political parties shall ensure that persons with disabilities vying for elective political offices receive maximum support from the party (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XX — PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL LIFE, RECREATION, LEISURE AND SPORT

Clause 72: **Right to cultural life.** The right of persons with disabilities to take part on an equal basis with others in cultural life is hereby guaranteed, and accordingly government shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that persons with disabilities:

(*a*) enjoy access to cultural materials in accessible formats;

(*b*) enjoy access to television programmes, films, theatres and other cultural activities, in accessible formats;

(*c*) enjoy access to places for cultural performances or services, such as theatres, museums, cinemas, libraries and tourism services, and, as far as possible, enjoy access to monuments and sites of national cultural importance (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 73: **Opportunities to develop potential.**
Government shall take appropriate measures to enable persons with disabilities to have the opportunity to develop and utilize their creative, artistic and intellectual potential, not only for their own benefits, but also for the enrichment of the society (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 74: **Access to cultural material.**
Government shall take all appropriate steps, in accordance with international law, to ensure that intellectual property laws and practices do not constitute an unreasonable or discriminatory barrier to access by persons with disabilities to cultural materials (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 75: **Recognition of linguistic identities.**
Persons with disabilities shall be entitled, on an equal basis with others, to recognition and support of their specific cultural and linguistic identities, including sign languages and deaf culture (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 76: **Development of special sports.**
With a view to enabling persons with disabilities to participate on an equal basis with others in recreational, leisure and sporting activities, government shall take appropriate measures:

(*a*) to encourage and promote the participation, to the fullest extent possible, of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting activities at all levels;

(*b*) to ensure that persons with disabilities have an opportunity to organize, develop and participate in disability specific sporting and recreational activities and, to this end:

(*i*) encourage the provision, on an equal basis with others, of appropriate instruction, training and resources;

(*ii*) to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to sporting, recreational and tourism venues; and

(*iii*) to ensure that children with disabilities have equal access with other children to participation in play, recreation and leisure and sporting activities, including those activities in the school system (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XXVI — INTERPRETATION

Clause 77: **Interpretation.**
(1) In this Bill, unless it is otherwise expressly provided:

"Accommodation" [in the context of housing] includes residential or business accommodation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Accommodation" [in the context of consideration (to be) extended to persons with disability] includes steps, measures, facilities and technology to facilitate their inclusion in various facets of life as envisaged by this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Auxiliary aid" means equipment (other than a palliative or therapeutic device) that provides assistance to a person with disability to alleviate the effects of the disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Club" includes an association (whether registered or not, incorporate or incorporated) of persons associated together for social, literacy, cultural, political, sporting, athletic or other purposes that provides and maintains its facilities, in whole or in part, from the funds of the association (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commission agent" means a person who does work for another person as the agent of that other person and who is remunerated, whether in whole or in part, by the commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commission" means National Commission for people with Disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Disabled" means having a disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Discrimination" means differential treatment, and its verbs and infinite form (discriminate, to discriminate) have the corresponding signification (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Document" includes any books, register or other record of information, however compiled, recorded or stored (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Educational authority" means a body of person(s) administrating an educational institution (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Educational institution" means a school, college, university or other institution at which education or training is provided (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Employee" includes applicant or prospective employee, commission agent, contract worker, independent contractor, or person applying to be commission agent, contract worker or independent contractor (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Employer" includes prospective employer, principal and a person who engages or proposes to engage a commission agent, contract worker or independent contractor (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Employment agency" means any persons who, or body that, whether for payment or not, assist persons to find employment or other work or assists employers .to find employees or workers (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Function" includes duty (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Government employee" means a person who is appointed, employed or engaged in the public service of, or by a public authority of the Federation, a State, the Federal Capital Territory or a Local government, or holds an administrative office (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Instrumentality of a State" means a body or authority established for a public purpose by a Law of a state and includes a Local Government body (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Instrumentality of a State" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for running the affairs of the commission as the President may direct (*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.

Person includes natural, artificial, juristic or juridical persons, companies, enterprises, firms, organisations, association, government departments, ministries, parastatals;

"Person with disability" means a person who has received preliminary or permanent certificate of disability to have condition which is expected to continue permanently or for a considerable length of time which can reasonably 'be expected to limit the person's functional ability substantially, but not limited to seeing, hearing, thinking, ambulating, climbing, descending, lifting, grasping, rising, and includes any related function or any limitation due to weakness or significantly decreased endurance so that he cannot perform his everyday routine, living and working without significantly increased hardship and vulnerability to everyday obstacles and hazards (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Person with disability" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"President" means President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Premises"include a structure, building, aircraft, vehicle or vessel; a place (whether enclosed or built on or not); and a part of any premises (*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.

A "Principal" means:

(*a*) in relation to commission agent a person for whom the commission agent does work as a commission agent,

(*b*) in relation to contract worker C a person for whom the contract worker does work under a contract between the employer of the contract worker and the person (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

A "Public Building" means any building where entry to members of the public is not restricted (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

A "Relative" in relation to a person, means a person who is related to the first mentioned person by blood, marriage affinity or adoption (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

A "Special Facilities" means any provision whether movable or immovable that will enhance easy access and enjoyment in Public Buildings by persons with disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

A "State" means each of the States of the Federation, and includes the Federal Capital Territory (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

A "Student" in relation to an education institution, includes a candidate or applicant for admission into that education institution (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

(2) This Bill includes any regulation made hereunder:

A "Undue hardship" means significant difficulty or expense, when considered in light of such factor as:

(*a*) the nature and cost of the accommodation needed to take care of a disabled person's special needs;

(*b*) the overall financial resources of the facility or facilities involved in the provision of the reasonable accommodation; the number of persons employed at such facility;

(*c*) the effect on expenses and resources; or the impact otherwise of such accommodation upon the operation of the facility;

(*d*) the overall finances of the person or organisation having to deal with persons with disability, with the overall size if his or its business with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities; and

(*e*) the type of operation or operations of such person or organisation, including the composition, structure, and function of his or its workforce; the geographic separateness, administrative, or fiscal relationship of the facility or facilities in question to such person or organisation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

SPECIAL FACILITIES

Section 18 (2)

1. Wheel chairs
   Clear floors or ground space on wheel chairs, Wheel chair passage and turning space.
2. Crutches, guide canes etc.
3. Hearing Aid
4. Curb ramps
5. Ramps
6. Handrails, grab bars
7. Stain shopping stairs
8. Elevators/Lifts
9. Windows
10. Entrance Doors
11. Drinking fountains and water cookers
12. Toilet facilities
    Door Protective and Re opening Devices Maneuvering entrances at Doors
13. Parking spaces and passenger loading zones
14. Accessible routes including walk ways, halls, windows, aisles and spaces

15. Alarm

Audible Alarms;

Visual Alarms;

Auxiliary Alarms (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Ensure full Integration of Nigerians with Disability into the Society and Eliminate all forms of Discrimination against them; and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to ensure full Integration of Nigerians with Disability into the Society and Eliminate all forms of Discrimination against them; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 476) and approved Clauses 1- 8, approved Clause 9 as amended, approved Clauses 10 - 77, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill as amended.

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

(*viii*) ***Committee on Federal Judiciary*:**
A Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory District Courts Act and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 (HB.07):
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory District Courts Act and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 (HB.07) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari 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 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT COURTS FOR THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA; APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND OTHER COURT OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE (HB. 07)

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 1: **Amendment of the Federal Capital Territory District Court Act, Cap 495, Laws of the Federation, 1990.**

The Federal Capital Territory District Courts Act, Cap. 495, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990 (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out hereunder (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 2: **Amendment of Section 13 of the Principal Act.**

Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended thus:

(*a*) in Subsection (1) delete the words "one thousand naira" wherever they appear and insert instead the words 'ten million naira' and

(*b*) delete subsection (3) (*a*) in its entirety (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 3: **Amendment of Section 14 of the Principal Act.**

Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended thus:

(*a*) In paragraph (*a*) delete the words 'four hundred Naira' and insert instead the words "eight million Naira"

(*b*) in paragraph (*b*) delete the words "Two hundred Naira" and insert instead the words 'Six million Naira'

(*c*) in paragraph (*c*) delete the words "Fifty Naira" and insert instead the words 'Five million Naira' (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 4: **Amendment of Section 15 of the Principal Act.**

Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "one thousand naira, four hundred, two hundred Naira or fifty Naira" and inserting instead the following words 'ten million Naira, eight million naira, six million Naira and five million Naira' (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 5: **Amendment of Section 17 of the Principal Act.**

Section 17 sub-sections (1) and (2) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the existing provisions and replacing same with new provisions as follows:

"17. Power of National Assembly to increase Jurisdiction of District Court Judge of the Federal Capital Territory.

(1) The National Assembly may on the recommendation of the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory amendthis Act or enact an Act in respect of increased jurisdiction in civil matters to be exercised by a District Court Judge (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 6: Amendment of subsection 17 (3) of the Principal Act.

Section 7 (3) of the Principal Act is deleted in its entirety (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 7: Amendment of Section 28 of the Principal Act.

Section 28 of the Principal Act is deleted in its entirety (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 8: Amendment of Section 53 of the Principal Act.

Section 53 of the Principal Act is deleted, in its entirety (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 9: Amendment of Section 79 of the Principal Act.

Section 79 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "with the approval of the President" (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 10: Amendment of Section 89 of the Principal Act.

Section 89 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "with the approval of the President" (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 11: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory District Courts Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act for the Establishment of District Courts for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; Appointment of District Court Judges and Other Court Officers; and for Other Purposes Relating to the Administration of Civil Justice (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Federal Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Capital Territory District Courts Act and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2016 (HB.07) and approved Clauses 1- 11, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*ix*) ***Committee on Federal Judiciary*:**
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Pensions Rights of Judges Act, Cap. P5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 06):
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Pensions Rights of Judges Act, Cap. P5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 06) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari 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 AMEND THE PENSIONS RIGHTS OF JUDGES ACT, CAP. P5, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 06)

***Committee Recommendation*:**
Clause 1: **Amendment of Pension Rights Act, Cap. P5, LFN, 2004.**
The Pension Rights of Judges Act, Cap. P5, LFN, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Principal Act') is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**
Clause 2: **Amendment of Section 4 of Principal Act.**
Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the existing meaning of the words "judicial officer" and inserting the following new meaning —

"judicial officer" has the meaning assigned thereto by section 318 (1) of the Constitution, that is to say, the holder of the office of Chief Justice of Nigeria or a Justice of the Supreme Court, the President or Justice of the Court of Appeal, the office of the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court, the office of the President or Judge of the National Industrial Court, the office of the Chief Judge or Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the office of the Chief Judge of a State and Judge of the High Court of a State , a Grand Kadi or Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, a President or Judge of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, a Grand Kadi or Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of a State or President or a Judge of the Customary Court of Appeal of a State; and a reference to a "judicial officer" is a reference to the holder of any such office" (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Pension Rights of Judges Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Pensions Rights of Judges Act, Cap. P5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Pensions Rights of Judges Act, Cap. P5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 06) and approved Clauses 1- 3, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*x*) ***Committee on Interior*:**

A Bill for an act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Empowerment for the Youths, to Facilitate Peace, Community Service, Nation Building; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 89):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Interior on a Bill for an act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Empowerment for the Youths, to Facilitate Peace, Community Service, Nation Building; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 89) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS (NPC) TO EMPOWER, DEVELOP AND PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR THE YOUTHS, TO FACILITATE PEACE, VOLUNTEERISM, COMMUNITY SERVICES, NATION-BUILDING; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NIGERIAN PEACE CORPS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 1: Establishment.

(*a*) There is established a body to be known as the Nigerian Peace Corps (in this Bill referred to as the Peace Corps) and shall be a corporate body with perpetual succession with a Common Seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name;

(*b*) The Headquarters of the Peace Corps shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), and shall have offices in all the States, Local Government areas and Educational Institutions.

(*c*) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions relating to the general duties of the Peace Corps set out in the Act, the Objectives of the Peace Corps shall be to Train, Educate and Re-orientate the Youth of this Nation, particularly Students, on their future leadership roles in the society, the Art of Nation-building, as well as to become good citizens of the Country with due respect for Constituted Authorities, Democratic Norms and the Rule of Law, and to re-direct the productive energies of the youths towards the Socio-Economic and Political Advancements of the nation (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 2: Functions of the Peace Corps.

Functions of peace Corps shall include:

(*a*) promote Social and |Economic Development by involving members and Volunteers in the scheme through working with Government, Schools, Non-Profit Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, etc. in order to pre-occupy the youths;

(*b*) to empower and pre-occupy the Nigerian Youths through job creation and provision of Alternative Employment;

(*c*) training Nigerian youths with good virtues, strong passion and commitment to the art of patriotism, volunteerism, community services and Nation-building.

(*d*) to train and equip the youths with knowledge for Peace Education, Conflict Resolution, Mediation, Reconciliation and Confidence Building;

(*e*) to give distinct orientation to the Youths and engage them in the provision of Essential Services such as:

(*i*) involve members of the Peace Corps in Community Services such as Immunization, Census and Sanitation Exercises, especially in Urban Cities, States and Local Government Capitals;

(*ii*) provision of Refuse Bins, Waste Baskets and handy waste bags in Public Buildings, Buses and Schools in order to obliterate littered materials;

(*iii*) assist in planting and nursing of economic trees and all forms of environmental conservations; and

(*iv*) involve members and volunteers of the Peace Corps in crowd control during public functions and in neighborhood watch in order to curb insecurity within the community.

(*f*) create a Data Bank and a Reservoir of trained, qualified professional and non-professional youths for easy accessibility of manpower from the pool of well-groomed youths whenever the Nation needs their services for either permanent employment or ad-hoc Staff for such national and International programmes as Emergency Relief Services, Voters' Registration, Election exercise, etc;

(*g*) provide security for all Educational Institutions and check all forms of examination malpractices and other vices, prevalent in Schools and Colleges in order to create a conducive atmosphere for learning. To achieve these, the Peace Corps shall:

(*i*) establish Peace Corps club in schools and colleges and involving members of the club in the promotion of internal understanding, Peace Education, Conflict Management and Transformation;

(*ii*) maintain surveillance on students organizing secret societies; identify their members, associates, modus operandi and to make such discoveries known to the appropriate authorities;

(*iii*) assist the School Authorities in the maintenance and enforcement of School Rules and regulations;

(*iv*) organise Holiday camps, for students where they would be involved in less academic work but more of Games, Creative Work, Martial Art, Citizenship and Leadership Training, as well as other extra-curricular programmes;

(*v*) set up anti-students loitering Squad periodically to check students loitering within the school premises and in town during school hours, in school uniform;

(*vi*) organize Holiday Camps for students where they would be involved in less academic work, but more of Games, Creative Work, Martial Art, Citizenship and Leadership activities, as well as other Extra-curricular progammes; and

(*vii*) organize special conferences. Seminars and Workshop in order to equip the Nigerian youths in Leadership Building Mechanism, so as to prepare them mentally, morally and physically for their future leadership roles.

(*h*) assist in youth development activities, Empowerment and Capacity Building for youth Creativity and Innovations such as:

(*i*) identify tools, techniques and the process of critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and discovery to facilitate problem solving;

(*ii*) initiate and involve the youths in Humanitarian Services in Nigeria and around the world in order to aid transfer of knowledge and technology;

(*iii*) help the People of interested countries in meeting their needs for training young Men and Women and to promote a better understanding of Nigeria on the parts of the peoples served;

(*iv*) serve as Orderlies to members of the Executives, Parliament, Judiciary and Traditional Rulers that are not covered by existing Security Agencies;

(*v*) engage members as Tourist Assistants to Nigerians and Foreigners on visit to the country, Tourist sites and other National and State Monuments and Heritage;

(*vi*) creation and Management of Public Toilets on Highways, including enlightenment against defecations in open places, Recreation Centres, Tourist sites, etc; and

(*vii*) to check all forms of examination malpractices as may be perpetuated by students, invigilators, teachers, lecturers and other educational staff (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 3. Discharge such other functions that will facilitate the accomplishment of its objectives (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — GOVERNING BOARD, COMPOSITION AND POWERS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 4: Governing Board of the Peace Corps.

There is established for the management of the Peace Corps a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 5: Composition of the Board of the Peace Corps.

The Board shall consist of:

(*a*) a Chairman;

(*b*) a representative each of the following:

(*i*) Ministry of Youth Development;

(*ii*) Ministry of Interior;

(*iii*) Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity;

(*iv*) Ministry of Education;

(*v*) Ministry of Environment;

(*vi*) Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution;

(*vii*) National Orientation Agency;

(*viii*) National Population Commission;

(*ix*) Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation;

(*x*) National Directorate of Employment;

(*xi*) Ministry of Finance;

(*xii*) Ministry of Justice;

(*c*) the National Commandant to serve as Secretary (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 6: Qualification of the Chairman and Other Members of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) The Chairman shall be a person having cognate experience and proven capacity in discharging his responsibilities to facilitate the accomplishment of the Peace Corps Objectives.

(*b*) A member referred to in section 5 (*b*) shall not be below the rank of Director or its equivalent in the Force.

(*c*) A member referred to in section 5(b) shall be a person having cognate experience and proven capacity to discharge his duties (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 7: Appointment of the Chairman and Members of the Board of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) The Chairman and Members of the Board shall be appointed by the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria on the recommendation of the Minister.

(*b*) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister shall perform the functions of the Board where:

(*i*) the Board has not been constituted;

(*ii*) the Board has been dissolved; and

(*iii*) the provisions of the schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained therein (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 8: Tenure of Office, etc.

The Chairman and other members of the Board, other than *ex-officio* members:

(*a*) shall hold office for a period of Four (4) Years on such terms and conditions as contained in their letter of appointment; and

(*b*) may be re-appointed for one further period of Four (4) Years and no more (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 9: Removal from Office.

(*a*) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8 of this Bill, a member may at any time be removed from office by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if:

(*i*) he is unable to discharge the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of the body or mind;

(*ii*) he is convicted by a Court of Law of a felony, fraud or any serious act of misconduct; and

(*iii*) he without permission of the Board is absent for more than three consecutive meetings of the Board and without such permission is absent from the country for a period exceeding one year.

(*b*) The Chairman or member may resign by a notice addressed through the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to the President and such notice of resignation shall become effective from the date of acceptance of the resignation by the President (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 10: Allowances.

A member shall be paid such allowances as may be determined from time to time by the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Leave out* all words in Clause 10 (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa West/Ndokwa East/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

(*ii*) In Clause 10, immediately after the word "determined", *leave out* all other words, and *insert* the following words, "by the National Wages and Salaries Commission" instead thereof (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 11: Powers of the Board.

The Board shall be responsible for:

(*a*) providing the general policies and guidelines relating to major expansion programmes of the Peace Corps;

(*b*) the supervision of management and general administration of the Peace Corps;

(*c*) recruiting regular Members of the Peace Corps

(*d*) organizing basic developments and refresher courses for members of the Peace Corps;

(*e*) fixing, with the approval of the Minister the terms and conditions of service of members and employees of the Peace Corps, including their remuneration; and

(*f*) do such other things, which in the opinion of the Board are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Peace Corps (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE PEACE CORPS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 12: National Commandant of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) There shall be for the Peace Corps a National Commandant who shall be appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief on the recommendation of the Minister;

(*b*) The National Commandant shall:

(*i*) hold office in the first instance for a period of Five (5) Years and shall be eligible for reappointment for a further period of Five (5) Years and no more;

(*ii*) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;

(*iii*) the National Commandant shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Peace Corps;

(*iv*) the National Commandant shall in the performance of his function be directly responsible to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, but shall regularly consult with Minister and the Board;

(*v*) the National Commandant shall be responsible for the execution of the policies of the Peace Corps and its day-to-day administration; and

(*vi*) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the National Commandant shall hold office on such terms and emolument as may be specified in his letter of appointment, and as may from time to time, be approved by the President (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 13: Deputy National Commandants, National Corps Secretary, Assistant National Commandants Etc and Other Employees of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) The National Commandant shall recommend for appointment by the Board such number of Deputy National Commandants, National Corps Secretary, Assistant National Commandants, Commandants and such Officers from Level Eight (8) and above as it may, from time to time, deem necessary for the purposes of the effective administration of the Peace Corps;

(*b*) The terms and conditions of service (including remunerations, allowances, benefits and pensions) of regular members and employees of the Peace Corps shall be determined by the Board using same criteria as may be applied to other similar Agencies with the approval of the Minister; and

(*c*) The Volunteers of the Peace Corps shall, for any period they are on duty for the Peace Corps be paid such allowances and other benefits as may be approved by the National Commandant in consultation with the Minister.

(*d*) The National Commandant, after due consultations with the Minister shall appoint for the Peace Corps such number of officers, other ranks and employees below Level Eight (L8) as it may, from time to time, deem necessary for the purposes of the effective administration of the Peace Corps (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 14: Membership of the Peace Corps.

Membership/Personnel of the Peace Corps shall consist of:

(*a*) regular members and volunteers;

(*b*) officers and other Ranks;

(*c*) members of the Corps shall be Nigerians within the age of 18-35 years as at the time of enlistment; and

(*d*) regular members and other staff shall be recruited by the Board periodically to meet the personnel requirements of the Peace Corps. While that of the volunteers will be handled by the National Commandant as the need arises (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 15: Pensions.

(*a*) The service in the Peace Corps shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Act and, accordingly, regular members and employees of the Peace Corps shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Pension Act;

(*b*) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sub-section (*a*) of this Section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on such terms, which preclude the grant of pension, gratuity or other retirement benefit in respect of that office;

(*c*) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pension Act, any power exercisable by the Minister or other authority of the Federal Government, other than the power to make regulations under Section 23 of the Act, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Peace Corps and not by any other person or authority;

(*d*) Service in the Peace Corps shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Reform Act, 2004 and , accordingly, officers and the other persons employed in the Peace Corps shall; be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other benefits as are prescribed here under; and

(*e*) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, 2004 any power exercisable there under by a Secretary to the Government of the Federation or other authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations under Sections 23 thereof is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Peace Corps and not by any other persons or authority (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OFFENCES AND DISCIPLINE OF STAFF

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 16: Appointment and Promotion of Staff of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) The Senior Staff of the Rank of Commandant and above shall be appointed by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces upon nomination by the National Commandant and on the recommendation of the Board;

(*b*) Commandants shall be vested with the Board on the recommendation of the National Commandant;

(*c*) The post of the Deputy National Commandant shall be a terminal post on which the holder shall retire from Peace Corps as may be determined by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces;

(*d*) The National Commandant shall, in consultation with the Board, establish such number of offices/units in the Headquarters and recruit officers to discharge responsibilities;

(*e*) If for any reason, the National Commandant is unable to perform his functions and there exist a vacancy in the office of the National Commandant, the officer who is next in rank to the National Commandant is to act for the period of his inability or vacancy, until a National Commandant is appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Bill and the Officer shall, while so acting have all the powers to perform the functions of the National Commandant (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 17: Appointment of Other Staff of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) The appointment of other staff of the Peace Corps shall be governed, by the general terms and conditions of service as the Board may, after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission or related organizations determine.

(*b*) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff of the Peace Corps; and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing. Such regulations may provide for:

(*i*) the appointment, promotion, termination, dismissal and disciplinary control of the staff of the Peace Corps.

(*ii*) appeal by such staff against wrongful dismissal or other disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made any instrument relating to the conditions of service of officers in the civil service of the Federation or related organization shall be applicable with such modifications as may be necessary to the staff of the Peace Corps.

(*c*) The staff of Peace Corps shall be Public Officers as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of the Nigeria 1999 (as amended).

(*d*) Staff regulations made under sub-Section 17 (*b*) of this Section shall not have effect until it has been approved by the Board, and when so approved, the Board shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 18: Discipline of the Staff of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) The National Commandant may delegates his powers in respect of discipline of junior staff to Deputy or Assistant National Commandants in the Headquarters and State Command who shall discipline such staff in their departments and Commands respectively in accordance with existing Peace Corps regulations.

(*b*) The power of appointment, promotion and discipline of the junior staff of the Peace Corps is vested in the National Commandant.

(*c*) Appeal against all decisions concerning the discipline of such staff shall be with the senior Staff Disciplinary Committee.

(*d*) The power to discipline the Senior Staff is vested with the disciplinary committee hereby established.

(*e*) The Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall comprise the following members:

(*i*) a Deputy National Commandant and Assistant National Commandant(s) with the Deputy National Commandant serving as Chairman, while in the absence of a Deputy National Commandant, the most Senior Assistant National Commandant shall serve as Chairman.

(*ii*) the Provost Marshal;

(*iii*) the Head of Legal Matters;

(*iv*) National Corps Secretary;

(*v*) in addition to function specified in sub-Section 19 (e) of this Section, the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall consider and determine appeals emanating from decisions of the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee of the Peace Corps. The decisions of such appeals shall be final.

(*vi*) appeal against the decisions of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee shall lie with the Board and

(*vii*) the National Commandant shall in relation to the staff of the Peace Corps ensure:

(*i*) probity and Accountability;

(*ii*) maintenance of a system of screening and vetting at the recruitment stages and which shall be a continuous exercise throughout the carrier of personnel in the Peace Corps; and

(*iii*) maintenance of a policy of continuous staff assessment;

(*viii*) the National Commandant shall promulgate and distribute a code of conduct to staff of the Peace Corps, the breach of which shall attract the appropriate penalty stipulated therein and

(*ix*) for the purpose of proper Legal Guidance and accountability, the Heads of the Legal and Audit Unit shall report directly to the National Commandant (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES AND ZONAL COMMANDS OF THE PEACE CORPS

***Committee Recommendation*:**
Clause 19: Administrative Structures of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) The Peace Corps Headquarters shall be in the Federal Capital Territory and Headed by the National Commandant.

(*b*) There shall be established in National Headquarters of the Peace Corps various Departments each of which shall be Headed by an Officer not below the Rank of a Deputy National Commandant. The Departments are:

(*i*) Administration;

(*ii*) Finance and accounts;

(*iii*) Training and Operations;

(*iv*) Intelligence and Security;

(*v*) Peace Building and Conflict Resolution;

(*vi*) Monitoring and Evaluation;

(*vii*) Personnel, Record and Welfare; and

(*viii*) Logistics and Supply.

(*c*) Each of these Departments shall be established at the various Command Structure of the Peace Corps as provided in sub-Sections 21 (*a*) above and shall be headed by an officer not bellow the Rank of Assistant Commandant (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**
Clause 20: Zones and Zonal Commands of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) The Board shall:

(*i*) divide Nigeria into such number of zones as it may, from time to time determine for the effective operations of the Peace Corps; and

(*ii*) establish, in each Zone, a Zonal Command, which shall be headed by an officer not below the Rank of Assistant National Commandant.

(*b*) The Zonal Command shall, subject to the direction and overall command of Peace Corp, be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Peace Corps in the Zone (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**
Clause 21: State Command.

(*a*) The Peace Corps shall have a State Command in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

(*b*) The State Command shall, subject to the directive and overall command of the Peace Corps Headquarters and Zonal Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Peace Corps in the State and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 22: Local Government Command.

(*a*) The Peace Corps shall have a Command in each Local Government Area of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

(*b*) The Local Government Command shall subject to the directive and overall Command of the Peace Corps and State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Peace Corps in each of the Local Government Areas or the Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 23: Squadron Command.

(*a*) The Peace Corps shall establish a Squadron Command in each Educational Institution in the Federation, which shall be headed by a Squadron Commander.

(*b*) The Squadron Command shall, subject to the direction and overall Command of the Peace Corps State Command, be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Peace Corps in Educational Institutions (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 24: Funds of the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps shall establish and maintain a fund, into which shall be paid:

(*a*) all subventions and budgetary allocations from the Federal Government;

(*b*) all sums accruing to Peace Corps from donations made by Local or International Donor Agencies;

(*c*) Statutory Allocations from Federal Government;

(*d*) gifts from the three (3) tiers of Government, Ministries/Agencies and Private Cooperations;

(*e*) Loans, grants and Aid; and

(*f*) Bequests (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 25: Expenditure of the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established in Section 24 of this Bill:

(*a*) to the cost of administration of the Peace Corps; and

(*b*) to the payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances, gratuities payable to the officers and other employees of the Peace Corps, so that no payment of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be expressly authorized) shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emoluments from the Government;

(*c*) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Peace Corps;

(*d*) for and in connection with all or any of its functions under this Bill;

(*e*) the accounts of the Peace Corps shall be audited by an external Auditor (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 26: Annual Estimates and Accounts.

(*a*) The Peace Corps shall, not later than 30th September in each year submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments to the Peace Corps Fund) during the next succeeding year after approval by the Board.

(*b*) The Peace Corps shall keep proper accounts in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 27: Annual Report.

The Peace Corps shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive Council through the Minister after approval by the Governing Board, not later than six months after the end of each year, a report in such form as he may direct on the activities of the Peace Corps during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Peace Corps for that year and the auditor's report on the accounts (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 28: Power to Accept Gift.

(*a*) The Peace Corps may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.

(*b*) The Peace Corps shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organization offering the gift are inconsistent with the functions or objectives of the Peace Corps (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 29: Power to Borrow.

(*a*) The Peace Corps may, from time to time, borrow by overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill.

(*b*) The Peace Corps shall not, without the approval of the Board, borrow money, which exceeds, at any time, the amount set by the Board.

(*c*) Notwithstanding Sub-Section 30 (*a*) of this Section, where the sum to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Peace Corps shall not borrow the sum without the prior approval of the Board (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 30: Investment.

The Peace Corps may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Act in such other securities as may, from time to time, be approved by the Minister (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 31: Exemption from Tax. Deleted.

(*a*) The Peace Corps shall be exempted from payment of any income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Board for the Peace Corps.

(*b*) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of company or trust funds shall not apply to the Peace Corps or the Board (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Leave out the provisions of the Clause 31 (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to.*

PART VII — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 32: Limitation of Suits Against the Peace Corps.

(*a*) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of Peace Corps.

(*b*) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment, no suit against any member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Peace Corps for any act done in pursuance or execution or in respect of any alleged enactment or law, or of any public duty or authority or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Bill or any other enactment or law, duty or authority, shall lie or be instituted in any court unless it is commenced:

(*i*) within three months after the act, neglect or default complained of and/or;

(*ii*) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within six months after the teasing thereof.

(*c*) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Peace Corps before expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on Peace Corps by the intending plaintiff or his agent.

(*d*) The notice referred to in Sub-Section (*i*) (*c*) of this section shall clearly and explicitly state:

(*i*) the cause of action;

(*ii*) the particulars of claim;

(*iii*) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and

(*iv*) the relief, which the plaintiff claims (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 33: Service of Documents.

A notice, summons or other document required or authorized to be served on the Corps under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering it to the National Commandant or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the National Commandant at the Principal Office of the Peace Corps (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 34: Restriction on Execution against Property of the Peace Corps.

(*a*) In any action or suit against the Peace Corps, no execution or attachment of process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Peace Corps unless a notice of not less than three months of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the Peace Corps.

(*b*) Any some of money, which may, by the judgment of any court, be awarded against the Peace Corps shall, subject to any directions given by the court where notice of appeal against the judgment has been given, be paid from the general reserve fund of the Peace Corps (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 35: Indemnity of Officers.

A member of the Board or the National Commandant or any officer or employee of the Peace Corps shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Peace Corps against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member, National Commandant, officer or other employee of the Peace Corps (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 35 *stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 36: Secrecy.

A member of the Board or the National Commandant or any other officer or the employee of the Peace Corps shall:

(*a*) not, for his personal gain, make use of any information, which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board, as the National Commandant or officer or employee of the Peace Corps;

(*b*) treat as confidential any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the performance of his duties under this Bill;

(*c*) not to disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this Sub-Section except when required to do so by any court or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed by the Board, from time to time; and

(*d*) a person who contravenes the provisions of Sub-Section 37(a) of this Section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Naira (₦100,000) only or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 37: Power to Obtain Information.

(*a*) For the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred on the Peace Corps under this Bill, the National Commandant or any other officer or employee of the Peace Corps authorized in that behalf:

(*i*) shall have a right of access to all the records of any person or authority affected by this Bill for the specific purpose of discharging his duties under this Bill; and

(*ii*) may by notice in writing served on any person or premises require that person or authority to furnish information on such matters as may be specified by notice.

(*b*) The person or authority served with the notice under Section 34 shall furnish information as required under Sub-Section 38 (*a*) of this Section and comply with the notice within a reasonable time (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — DISSOLUTION OF THE EXISTING PEACE CORPS OF NIGERIA AND SAVINGS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 38: Dissolution of the Existing Peace Corps of Nigeria.

(*a*) The body known as the Peace Corps of Nigeria (in this section referred to as the "Peace Corps") existing before the commencement of this Bill is dissolved.

(*b*) Accordingly, there shall be vested in the Peace Corps immediately at the commencement of this Bill and without further assurance, all assets, funds, resources and other movable or immovable property which immediately before the commencement of this Bill werein the Dissolved Peace Corps.

(*c*) As from the commencement of this Bill:

(*i*) all rights, interest, obligations and liabilities of the Dissolved Peace Corps existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under any contract or instrument, or at law or in equity, shall by virtue of this Bill be assigned to and vested in Peace Corps;

(*ii*) any contract or instrument as mentioned in paragraph C of this Sub-Section shall have the same force and effect against or in favour of the Peace Corps and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if, instead of being a party thereto; and

(*iii*) the Peace Corps shall be subject to all obligations and liabilities to which the Dissolved Peace Corps was subjected immediately before the commencement of this Bill, and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill have the same right, powers and remedies against the Peace Corps as they had against the Dissolved Peace Corps immediately before the commencement of this Bill.

(*d*) Notwithstanding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or against the Dissolved Peace Corps in respect of any right, interest, obligations or liability of the Dissolved Peace Corps may be commenced, continued or enforced by or against Peace Corps as if this Bill has not been made.

(*e*) Notwithstanding the provision of this Bill, but subject to such directions as may be issued by Peace Corps a person who immediately before the commencement of this Bill was a volunteer or a regular member of or held office in the Dissolved Peace Corps shall be deemed to have been transferred to Peace Corps on terms and condition not less favourable than those obtaining immediately before commencement of this Bill, and service in the Dissolved Peace Corps shall be deemed to be service in Peace Corps for purpose of pension.

(*f*) Notwithstanding the provision of this Bill or any other existing law in force, apart from all Regular and Volunteer Members and Officers of the dissolved Peace Corps, any individual(s), group, association or body absorbed as a member of the Peace Corps either by transfer, enlistment or by whatsoever legal means shall not as at the time of commencement of this Bill be less than 18 years of age and not above the biological age of 45 years old.

(*g*) That individual(s), group, association, body that have shown or demonstrated interest to be absorbed as members of the Peace Corps other than the Regular and Volunteer Members of the hitherto Dissolved Peace Corps of Nigeria shall be subject to the Mandatory Statutory four weeks initial training and orientation programme upon the commencement of this Bill.

(*h*) Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph (*g*) above, the four weeks initial training and orientation programme of the Peace Corps may be subject to periodic review from time to time after the commencement of this Bill as the Board may so deem.

(*i*) Notwithstanding any provision in this Bill, an individual who has served in any capacity in the public service at any level (Federal, State, Local Government) and is entitled to gratuity and pension benefit shall not be eligible for consideration as a staff of the Peace Corps (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IX — MISCELLANEOUS

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 39: Directives by the Minister.

(*a*) The Minister may give to the Peace Corps, the Board or National Commandant such directives:

(*i*) of a general nature or relating generally to matters or policy with regards to the exercise of its functions; and

(*ii*) with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order, as he may consider necessary and the Peace Corps, the Board or the National Commandant shall complied with the directives or cause them to be complied with.

(*b*) Subject to the provisions of Sub-Section 44(a) of this Section, a Governor of a State may give to a State Commandant such directives with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and order in the State as he may consider necessary and it shall be the duty of the State Commandant to comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 40: Regulations.

The Peace Corps or the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effects to the provisions of this Bill and for the due administration of its provisions (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

In Clause 40, immediately after the word "provisions", insert the following words, "which regulation shall be laid before the National Assembly and published in the official Gazette" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 40 *as amended, stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 41: Interpretation:

In this Bill:

"The Peace Corps" means the Nigerian Peace Corps established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "The Peace Corps" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Youth Development (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

"The Board" Means the Governing Board of the Nigerian Peace Corps (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Permanent Staff Officers" These are the main core staff or the corps on full remuneration (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "Permanent Staff Officers", and *insert* the following words, "Regular Staff Officers" instead thereof (*Hon. Faruk Abdullahi — Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo/Bunza Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

"Peace Corps Volunteers" These are accreted youth within the age range of 18-29years who are not on full remuneration but are on monthly stipend to be determined by the Governing Board. They are to serve as reservoirs for the Corps and other security agencies (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Peace Corps Volunteers" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Student Membership" This is open to all Nigerian students studying in Nigeria institutions and schools on voluntary basis and non-remunerated (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

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

***Committee Recommendation*:**

Clause 42: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

Proceedings

1. (*a*) The Board shall, for the purpose of this Bill meet not less than 4 times in each year.

(*b*) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by a notice given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14days from the date on which the notice is given and

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

Committees

2. (*a*) The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, its functions under this Bill as the Board may determine;

(*b*) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board as may be determined by the Board) and a person other than a member of the Board shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment and

(*c*) A decision of the Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

Seal

3. (*a*) The fixing of the Seal of the Peace Corps shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or any other person authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board and the National Commandant

(*b*) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under Seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the National Commandant or any person generally or specially authorized to act for the purpose by the Board and

(*c*) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the Seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed, to be executed (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Employment for the Youths, to Facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Nation-Building; and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Empowerment for the Youths, to Facilitate Peace, Community Service, Nation Building; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 89) and approved Clauses 1- 9, approved Clause 10 as amended, approved Clauses 11 - 30, rejected Clause 31, approved Clauses 32 - 39, approved Clauses 40 - 41 as amended, approved Clause 42, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*xi*) ***Committee on Power*:**
That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Power on the Need to Halt the Planned Payment of ₦2.7 Billion by the Board of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission to its Members.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(*xii*) ***Committee on Sports*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Sports on the Urgent Need to Intervene in the Lingering Crisis Rocking the Nigeria Football Federation (**HR. 167/2016**)" (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari 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*)

Recommendation (i):
"That the Minister of Youths and Sports Development and the Federal Government of Nigeria shall continue to recognize, work and support the NFF under Mr Amaju Pinnick's Presidency" (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):
"That the Inspector-General of Police and other Security Agencies shall give full security protection to the NFF under the presidency of Mr Amaju Pinnick" (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):
"That both the Federal Government and the security operatives shall call Mr Chris Giwa and his group to order to ensure that Nigeria Football does not continue to suffer and or incur the wrath of FIFA" (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):
"That the Inspector-General of Police and all other security agencies shall ensure that whosoever creates problem in NFF or Nigeria's football be apprehended and prosecuted accordingly" (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Sports on the Urgent Need to Intervene in the Lingering Crisis Rocking the Nigeria Football Federation (**HR. 167/2016**) and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iv*) of the Report.

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

24. Adjournment
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 9 June, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 5.13 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker