



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 8 March, 2018

1. The House met at 11.13 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 Wednesday, 7 March, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements**

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

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

- (i) Staff and Students of *Apex Star Academy, Nursery, Primary and Secondary*, Aso Pada, Maraba, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Vinecare Nursery and Primary School*, Gaduwa Estate, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of *Joseph Jorin International Schools*, Kubwa, Abuja.

(b) **Bereavement:**

By leave of the House, Hon. Onawo Mohammed Ogoshi (*Awe/Doma/Keana Federal Constituency*) informed the House of the death of Alhaji Aliyu Akwe Doma (former Governor of Nasarawa State, who passed away on Tuesday, 6 March, 2018, at the age of 76. He eulogised the deceased as a distinguish Nigerian who served the nation in political administrative and diplomatic capacities having been Governor of Nasarawa State, 2003 and 2011. He stressed that the country would miss the immeasurable experience of the deceased. He therefore prayed the House to observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased.

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

(c) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Alleged Termination of the Concession Agreement between the Transmission Company of Nigerian (TCN) and Phase 3 Telecom Limited (HR. 18/2018):***

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

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| 1. | Hon. Hassan Isa Jama'Are | — | Chairman |
| 2. | Hon. Rita Orji | — | Member |
| 3. | Hon. Akinfolarin Mayowa Samuel | — | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Chukwuma Nwazunku | — | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Dennis Nnamdi Agbo | — | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Blessing Nsiegebe | — | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Shadafi Salihu Adamu | — | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Hassan Omale | — | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau | — | Member |
| 10. | Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir | — | Member |

(d) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Registration and Issuance of Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs) to Under-aged Voters by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) (HR. 82/2018):***

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

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| 1. | Hon. Pally Iriase | — | Chairman |
| 2. | Hon. Razak Atunwa Olatunde | — | Member |
| 3. | Hon. Sa'ad Abdulrazak Namdas | — | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda | — | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani | — | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Agunsoye Oluwarotimi Ojo | — | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Toby Okechukwu | — | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Hussaini Abubakar Moriki | — | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Lawal Idrisu Mohammed | — | Member |
| 10. | Hon. Kayode Oladele | — | Member |
| 11. | Hon. Nnenna Elendu-Ukeje | — | Member |

(e) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Loss of Over ₦28 Billion and \$3.8 Million Proceed from the Sale of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) (HR. 80/2018):***

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

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| 1. | Hon. Dennis Amadi | — | Chairman |
| 2. | Hon. Nkole Ndukwe | — | Member |
| 3. | Hon. Chris Ngoro Agibe | — | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Kazzim Mukaila Olayiwola | — | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Joseph H. Bamgbose | — | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Hassan Saleh | — | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Salisu Garba Koko | — | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Talatu Yohanna | — | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Shadafi Salihu Adamu | — | Member |

(f) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Curb Excessive Electricity Charges being Levied on Consumers by Distribution Company (DISCOs) (HR. 163/2017):***

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

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| 1. | Hon. Isreal Famurewa | — | Chairman |
| 2. | Hon. Boma Goodhead | — | Member |
| 3. | Hon. Anayo Edwin | — | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Johnbull Shekarau | — | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Shehu Aliyu Musa | — | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Suleiman Salisu Salisco | — | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Onyemaechi Joan Mrakpor | — | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Olcwookere Ajisafe | — | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Sabo Garba | — | Member |

4. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
- (i) ***Enforcement of the Anti-Open Grazing Prohibition and Ranching Law in Benue State:***
Hon. Hassan Saleh Anthony (Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Enforcement of the Anti-open Grazing Prohibition and Ranching Law in Benue State:

The House:

Notes that on Monday, 5 March, 2018 no fewer than 26 persons were killed by suspected herdsmen in a bloody attack carried out against Omusu village, at Edumoga in Okpokwu Local Government Area of Benue State;

Saddened that when the heavily armed herdsmen stormed the village some of them started burning down houses while others were shooting sporadically and butchered many of the villagers;

Worried that despite the presence of the police and other security agencies in the State, the spate killing of defenseless and innocent citizens of Benue State have not abated;

Concerned that despite the widespread condemnation of the killings going on in Benue State many of the perpetrators of this heinous crimes have not been arrested and prosecuted by the Nigeria Police Force, this has led to the continuation of the killings in the State;

Also concerned that the herdsmen and their socio-cultural organization known as Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association had vowed to continue killing until the State's Anti-Open Grazing Prohibition and Ranching Law is reversed;

Observes that the Benue State Anti-Open Grazing Prohibition and Ranching Law is not targeted at any particular set of people or ethnic group, but is meant to protect the lives of the generality of the citizens of the State, including the herdsmen;

Convinced that Benue State as a unit of the Federation is empowered by the 1999 Constitution to enact laws that would promote peace, unity and prosperity among the citizens of the State and everyone dwelling in the state is under obligation to obey such laws;

Also convinced that there is need for the Executive Arm of Government to further call on the Inspector General of Police and other security agencies to allow for the enforcement of the Benue State Anti-Open Grazing Prohibition and Ranching Law in order to ensure that peace is fully restored to the State;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector General of Police and all security agencies in Benue State to arrest the perpetrators of this gruesome killings going on in Benue State and ensure they are prosecuted in court without delay; and

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to investigate the refusal of the Nigeria Police and other security agencies to enforce the Benue State Anti-Open Grazing Prohibition and Ranching Law and report back within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Hassan A. Saleh — Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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(ii) ***Need to Provide Enough Security Personnel to the Humanitarian Aid Workers and the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camps Across Bama, Ngala, Kala-Balge Federal Constituency:***

Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff (*Bama/Ngala/Kala-Balge Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

Need to Provide Enough Security Personnel to the Humanitarian Aid Workers and the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camps Across Bama, Ngala, Kala-Balge Federal Constituency, Borno State:

The House:

Notes that Kala-Balge Local Government Area Headquarters Rann is 35km away from Ngala Local Government Area and 191km from Maiduguri, Borno State with an area of 1,896km² and a population of 60,717 as at 2006 census, where every activities were grounded due to the insurgency;

Also notes that on Thursday, 1 March, 2018, Boko Haram terrorist stormed Rann, Headquarter of Kala-Balge Local Government Area, Borno State and killed 5 Aid workers, working for the International Organization for Migration and United Nations fund, UNICEF and also abducted three aid workers;

Aware that the Boko Haram terrorists had overwhelmed the Nigerian Security Forces based in Rann and killed 8 officers of Nigerian Army, Nigeria Police, and other security personnel while some of the officers are still missing;

Also aware that in Rann, near the boarder with Cameroun, nearly 80,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) primarily depend on emergency food aid and medical cares which 55,000 people displaced by the Boko Haram conflict are housed in a Camp;

Further aware that the United Nation (UN), the Doctors Without Borders and Medicines Sans Frontiers which had worked in Rann since January 2017 suspended medical aid and pulled out aid workers from Rann following the last Thursday's Boko Haram attack;

Concerned that the suspension of the United Nation (UN), the Doctors Without Borders, Medicines Sans Frontiers and other Non-Governmental Organizations activities in Rann will lead to catastrophe, starvation, diseases outbreak and trauma;

Also concerned that the traumatized Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) will remain hopeless while the International Communities will continue to have wrong impression about Nigeria Security situations and will be discouraged by the challenges;

Worried that the fate of over 80,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), in Rann is uncertain, some of whom trekked for 35 km down to the neighboring Ngala Local Government Area in search of safety, shelter, medical attention, and portable drinking water;

Also worried that some of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), were accommodated at Arabic Village IDPs Camp called International Camp, Ngala which is already overstretched by more than 100,000 households;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to provide enough security to the United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF), Doctors Without Borders, Medicines Sans Frontiers (MSF), and every other Local and International Non-Governmental Organizations, and the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camps across Bama, Ngala, Kala-Balge Federal Constituency;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to appeal to the United Nation, Medicine Sans Frontiers (MSF), Doctors without Borders to resume work as soon as possible;
- (iii) further urge the National Commission for Refugees , Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs); and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Air Force, Police, Interior, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and-North East Initiatives, and NEMA to ensure strict compliance of Prayers (i), (ii) and (iii) (*Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff — Bama/Ngala/Kala-Balge Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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5. Privilege (Standing Order Six, Rule 2)

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta (*Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to some Bills passed and transmitted to the President for assent in the month of November, 2017 and had not been assented to. He therefore called for re-gazetting of the Bills to enable the House exercise its veto power, pursuant to Section 58 (5) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended).

Debate.

Ordered: *Committee on Rules and Business to re-gazette the Bills for further legislative action.*

6. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Federal Capital Territory:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture; and for Related Matters (HB. 309)" (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Federal Capital Territory:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory University of Science and Technology, Abaji; and for Related Matters (HB. 145)" (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Special Duties:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Special Duties on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Infrastructural Concession Regulatory Commission Act, 2015 and Enact the Public Private Partnership Regulatory Commission Bill to Strengthen and Enhance the Supervisory Role of the Commission and effectively position it in Regulating the Participation of the Public and Private Sectors in Financing of Construction, Development, Designing, Operation or Maintenance of Infrastructure or Development Projects of the Federal Government through Public Private Partnership Agreement; and Related Matters (HB. 358)" (*Hon. Nasiru Sani Zangon Daura — Baure/Zango Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petition by Luka Markus Bot:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Luka Markus Bot against the Chief Registrar, Supreme Court of Nigeria on his wrongful dismissal as Employee of the Supreme Court of Nigeria" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petition by Olukemi Joy Komolaye:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olukemi Joy Komolaye against the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) on the alleged unlawful termination of her appointment" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(i) **Ad-hoc Committee on the Deplorable Condition of the State House Clinic:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Deplorable Condition of the State House Clinic and Alleged Deductions from the salaries and allowances of the Medical Staff" (*Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu — Birnin-Kudu/Buji Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria charged with Responsibility for Registration and Discipline of Members of the Profession and for Related Matters (HB. 595) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria charged with Responsibility for Registration and Discipline of Members of the Profession and for Related Matters (HB. 595) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Football Association Act, Cap. N110, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigeria Football Federation Bill to provide for the Administration of the Game of Football in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 587) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Football Association Act, Cap. N110, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigeria Football Federation Bill to provide for the Administration of the Game of Football in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 587) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 726 and HB. 727) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 726 and HB. 727) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Kunchi to Provide full-time Courses Leading to the Award of Diploma and Higher National Diploma in Agriculture and Allied Fields, and be Responsible for due Administration of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1251) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Kunchi to Provide full-time Courses Leading to the Award of Diploma and Higher National Diploma in Agriculture and Allied Fields, and be Responsible for due Administration of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1251) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sani Umar Bala — Tsanyawa/Kunchi 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

11. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Auchi, Edo State; and for Related Matters (HB.1303) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Auchi, Edo State; and for Related Matters (HB.1303) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Johnson Egwakhude Oghuoma — Etsako East Etsako West/Etsako Central Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services.

12. Need for Nigeria to Press for Progress as the World Celebrates the 2018 International Women's Day

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that 8 March of every year is globally marked as the International Women's day to celebrate women's achievements and push for gender equality;

Aware that the aim of International Women's Day is to achieve gender equality for women, which is yet to be realized;

Also notes that the entire world is marking this event via talks, seminars, symposiums, rallies, and legislative action which serve as a call for nations to accelerate gender parity;

Also aware that the theme of this year's International Women's Day is "Press for Progress", which seeks to bring together governments, women's organizations, businesses and charity organisations together under the banner of International Women's Day;

Further aware that this year, the International Women's Day comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice as sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women have captured headlines and public discourse, propelling a rising determination for change;

Further notes that the event is an opportunity to empower women in general and celebrate activists who are working relentlessly to ensure that women realize their full potentials and enjoy a level playing field with the male counterparts;

Cognizant that considering the priority theme of the upcoming 62nd session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women tagged, "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girl", the International Women's Day will draw attention to the rights and activism of rural women who make up over a quarter of the world's population and majority of the 43 percent of women in the global agricultural labour force;

Also cognizant that Nigerian women play vital roles in Nation building, politics, education, businesses and most importantly in families, thus they deserve to be celebrated today among other women of the world;

Further cognizant that the achievements, prospects or challenges of this country have a direct bearing on the women who serve as a great support base and huge source of inspiration for the nation as has been demonstrated in governance where they have shown tremendous knowledge, legislative and administrative competence, energy, expertise, accountability, professionalism and humanity;

Worried that despite the foregoing, Nigeria women face serious socio-economic challenges that are sometimes life-threatening, especially in politics, education, access to work and economic empowerment, and this has made women poorer than Nigerian men who have continued to dominate every important sphere or sector of the economy;

Also worried that obnoxious socio-cultural practices against women persist as widows are still being subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment under the guise of tradition, they continue to suffer the worst forms of sexual and domestic violence as well as crude practices such as female genital mutilation, early marriage, forced sex in early marriages, ilia, etc.;

Saddened that while some of the abducted Chibok girls are still in captivity, another set of school girls in Dapchi, Yobe State has been abducted by the dreaded Boko Haram sect and up till now, not much has been heard about any effort being made to rescue the girls;

Also saddened that Nigerian women have also been the worst victims of the violent activities of herdsmen currently ravaging many states of the Federation as many have been killed, raped, widowed, as well as lost children and properties;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to:
 - (a) rescue the missing Dapchi school girls and the remaining Chibok girls and generally provide security for all school children and women in Nigeria,
 - (b) join and participate actively in the discussions of this year's International Women's Day with the theme, "Press for Progress",
 - (c) support Nigerian women in the campaign and quest for gender mainstreaming and parity in Nigeria,
 - (d) provide legal framework for gender parity, women socio-economic and political empowerment and partner with the National Assembly to ensure the passage of the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Women Affairs and Social Development to ensure compliance (*Hon. Stella Ngwu — Igbo-Etiti/Uzo-Uwani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that 8 March of every year is globally marked as the International Women's day to celebrate women's achievements and push for gender equality;

Aware that the aim of International Women's Day is to achieve gender equality for women, which is yet to be realized;

Also noted that the entire world is marking this event via talks, seminars, symposiums, rallies, and legislative action which serve as a call for nations to accelerate gender parity;

Also aware that the theme of this year's International Women's Day is "Press for Progress", which seeks to bring together governments, women's organizations, businesses and charity organisations together under the banner of International Women's Day;

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13. Need to Ensure that all Local and International Markets in the Federal Capital Territory are fortified with Fire Prevention and Extinguishing Gadgets

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes with utmost dismay recent fire outbreaks at several markets in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and most recently at the Dei-Dei International Timber Market (FCT) which gutted properties and materials worth several billions of Naira belonging to struggling Nigerians owing to the absence of firefighting equipment in our local markets;

Also notes that it is the responsibility of Government, in line with the provisions of Section 14 (1) (b) of the 1999 Constitution, to provide for safety of lives and properties of every Nigerian;

Further notes that although Nigeria has developed institutional frameworks and has enacted legislations which among other things seek to guarantee the cooperation and coordination of key stakeholders in disaster prevention, yet, compliance is still at a low level;

Concerned that the metropolis of the Federal Capital Territory had been ravaged by so many fire disasters that there is now a new provision of a toll-free line which all telecom service providers can align with that ought to be a three (3) digits line that can easily be remembered by everyone;

Recalls the fire disasters which occurred at Garki Model Market on 29 March, 2014, Mararaba Market on 14 June, 2016, Abuja Arts and Crafts on 16 December, 2017, which led to the destruction of goods and other properties worth several millions of Naira;

Believes that it is about time that the Fire Service becomes more proactive and responsive as oftentimes, Market Leaders complain of delayed response from the Fire service which often cites lack of fuel to drive the Trucks or water to quell the inferno in order to prevent further losses to fire outbreaks as against supply of relief materials to victims, and therefore installation of preventive gadgets should be our utmost priority;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, send relief materials to the victims of fire disasters, particularly those of Dei-Dei International Timber Market, Abuja to cushion the effects of their losses;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Interior to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Interior and all relevant stakeholders, especially the Fire Service providers, to ensure that all necessary fire prevention gadgets and fire equipment are installed in all markets in the Federal Capital Territory; and
- (iii) urge Governments of the States of the Federation to replicate the initiative in their respective States to forestall further fire outbreaks at the Markets (*Hon. Dozie Ferdinand Nwankwo — Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 93/03/2018).

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

14. **Need to Investigate the Sum of 400 Million Naira Budgeted for a Radioactive Wastes Management Facility at the Nigeria Nuclear Technology Centre**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. **Need to Phase out Coal in Nigeria's Energy Mix**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **Consideration of Report**

Report of the Conference Committee on the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit Bill, 2017:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do reconsider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit as the Central Body in Nigeria Responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Report and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE
UNIT AS THE CENTRAL BODY IN NIGERIA RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING, REQUESTING,
ANALYZING AND DISSEMINATING FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND OTHER
INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES
AND OTHER RELEVANT AUTHORITIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART I — OBJECTIVES OF THIS BILL

Clause 1: Objectives.

The principal objectives of this Bill are to —

- (a) establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit;
- (b) create the legal, institutional and regulatory framework to ensure transparency, effective and efficient management, administration and operation of the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit;
- (c) institutionalise best practices in financial intelligence management in Nigeria;
- (d) strengthen the existing system for combating money laundering and associated predicate offences, financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and
- (e) make provision for the Unit to exchange information with Financial Intelligence Institutions or similar bodies in other countries in matters relating to money laundering, terrorist financing activities and other predicate offences. And to make the Unit an autonomous body (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT OF NIGERIAN FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

Clause 2: Establishment of Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit.

- (1) There is established a body to be known as the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (in this Bill referred to as "the Unit") which shall be the central body in Nigeria responsible for receiving, requesting, analysing and disseminating financial intelligence reports on money laundering, terrorist financing and other relevant information to law enforcement, security and intelligence agencies, and other relevant authorities.

Autonomy and Domiciliation of the Unit.

- (2) The Unit shall be independent and operationally autonomous in the discharge of its duties and functions under this Bill.
- (3) For purposes of institutional location and logistical support, the Unit shall be domiciled in the Central Bank of Nigeria (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Functions of the Unit.

The functions of the Unit are to —

- (a) receive and collect currency transactions reports, suspicious transactions reports and any other information, including records of wire transfers relevant to money laundering, financing of terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and associated predicate offences from financial institutions, designated non-financial institutions, law enforcement agencies, security agencies, anti-corruption agencies and relevant regulatory and administrative authorities;
- (b) analyse, process, interpret and assess the information and reports received under paragraph (a) of this section, and undertake strategic and operational analysis in relation thereto;
- (c) disseminate spontaneously, and upon request, information and the results of analysis, related to money laundering, terrorist financing, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, associated predicate offences or other unlawful activity has taken place, is taking place or is about to take place in a secured manner to law enforcement agencies, security agencies, regulatory agencies and other competent authorities;
- (d) provide advice to supervisory authorities as it considers appropriate to combat money laundering, financing of terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and associated predicate offences;
- (e) maintain financial intelligence network with regulatory authorities, law enforcement and security agencies, anti-corruption agencies in Nigeria and financial intelligence units and competent authorities in other countries with mandate to fight financial crimes;
- (f) ensure compliance by reporting institutions with their obligations under this Bill, the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, and the Terrorism (Prevention) Act;

- (g) assist in the identification of the proceeds of unlawful activities, the combating of money laundering, the financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and related activities;
- (h) make information collected and analysed by it available to investigating, security and law enforcement Agencies to facilitate the administration and enforcement of relevant laws;
- (i) exchange information with financial intelligence Units, law enforcement agencies, anti-corruption agencies and competent authorities in other countries regarding money laundering, the financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and associated predicate offences;
- (j) respond to requests for information by law enforcement and security agencies and other competent authorities;
- (k) maintain a comprehensive, secured financial intelligence database for the storage of information and intelligence to enable the Unit to exchange such intelligence with law enforcement agencies, security agencies, regulatory authorities, anti-corruption agencies in Nigeria and financial intelligence Units and competent authorities in other countries with mandate to fight financial crimes;
- (m) advise the Government, law enforcement and security agencies, supervisory authorities, and reporting institutions on the prevention of money laundering, the financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and associated predicate offences;
- (n) develop and implement policies and procedures to guide the sharing of financial intelligence in a confidential and secured manner;
- (o) monitor compliance by reporting institutions, and advise supervisory authorities as to the performance by those institutions with regards to their obligations under this Bill,
- (p) monitor and undertake studies and risk assessments on emerging trends and patterns on money laundering, the financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and associated predicate offences;
- (q) maintain comprehensive statistics on matters relevant to the effectiveness and efficiency of money laundering and associated predicate offences, financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, including statistics on suspicious transactions received and disseminated, money laundering and terrorist financing investigations, prosecutions and convictions, property frozen, seized and confiscated, mutual legal assistance or other international requests for cooperation;
- (r) receive and provide feedback, general or specific, on the value of information reported by reporting institutions, regulatory authorities, law enforcement and security agencies and any other competent authority;
- (s) direct the monitoring of accounts, transfers and any other means of payment or transfer of funds; and
- (t) do such other things as are necessary or expedient for the attainment of the mandate of the Unit under the Bill.

- (u) the Unit shall serve as the secretariat to the inter-ministerial committee on AML/CFT in accordance with GIABA resolution and shall be responsible in the coordination of the activities of the IMC.
- (v) the Unit shall in accordance with the provisions of section 4 (d) of the Terrorist Prevention (Freezing of International Terrorist Funds and Other Related Measures) Regulation, 2013 serve as the secretariat to the Nigerian Sanctions Committee (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Powers of the Unit.

- (1) The Unit shall have powers to —
 - (a) enter into Memoranda of Understanding or such other arrangements as will enable it to carry out its functions effectively in Nigeria and with financial intelligence Units and other competent authorities in other countries;
 - (b) collaborate with other regulatory authorities, law enforcement and security agencies, and self-regulatory bodies in Nigeria and other countries in combating money laundering, financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and associated predicate offences;
 - (c) review anti-money laundering, counter terrorism financing, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction counter-measures and associated predicate offences on a regular basis in consultation with regulatory authorities and competent authorities;
 - (d) disseminate, spontaneously and upon request, information and results of its analysis to relevant competent authorities and with Financial Intelligence Units in other countries with or without a Memorandum of Understanding;
 - (e) receive, collect and analyse reports concerning transactions of the type mentioned in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, the Terrorism Prevention Act and any other relevant laws;
 - (f) demand statistics of cases, convictions and feedback on intelligence provided to law enforcement, security, anti-corruption agencies, regulatory authorities and other competent authorities;
 - (g) request for and collect any such other information as the Unit deems necessary in order to fulfil its functions under this Bill; and
 - (h) do such other things as are necessary or expedient for the effective and efficient performance of its functions under this Bill or any other relevant laws, rules and regulations.
- (2) The Unit shall have powers to access or request for additional information from relevant reporting institutions and regulatory authorities, law enforcement and security agencies, and anti-corruption agencies required to perform its functions.

- (3) The Unit shall initiate, develop or improve on specific training programmes for its officers, reporting institutions, relevant supervisory authorities, law enforcement and security agencies, and other bodies charged with the responsibility for the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution and adjudication of offences under any relevant law or regulations.
- (4) The Unit shall, in developing the training programmes referred to in subsection (3) of this section consult with the relevant regulatory authorities, law enforcement and security agencies.
- (5) The Unit shall develop policies and guidelines on the security of information and procedure for the maintenance of confidentiality of information provided by competent authorities, deriving from foreign jurisdictions or reporting institutions or obtained in any way by the Unit.
- (6) The Unit shall by regulations provide sanctions against officers who breach its security and confidentiality policies (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE UNIT

Clause 5: Director of the Unit.

- (1) There shall be for the Unit, a Director to be appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate.
- (2) The Director shall —
 - (a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Unit;
 - (b) have at least a recognized degree in any of the areas of law, humanities, Management or any of the Social Sciences with fifteen years cognate experience;
 - (c) be responsible for the day-to-day administration and management of the Unit and the keeping of books and records of the Unit; and
 - (d) perform such other functions as are assigned to him under this Bill or any other law.
- (3) The Director shall hold office for a term of five years in the first instance and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of five years and no more.
- (4) The office of the Director shall become vacant where —
 - (a) his term of office expires;
 - (b) he resigns his office by a notice in writing addressed to the President;
 - (c) becomes of unsound mind or incapable of carrying out his duties due to physical or mental illness;
 - (d) has been declared bankrupt;

- (e) has been convicted of a felony, fraud or any offence involving dishonesty; or
 - (f) is guilty of gross misconduct relating to his duties.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, the President may remove the Director from office subject to confirmation by the Senate that the Director can no longer carry out his duties as provided under this Bill (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Delegation of powers by the Director.

- (1) The Director may delegate any of his functions and powers under this Bill to any competent officer of the Unit and may instruct any employee to perform any of the functions assigned to the Unit under this Bill.
- (2) A delegation or instruction under subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to the limitations or conditions that the Director may impose; and does not relieve the Director of the ultimate responsibility concerning the exercise of the delegated power or the performance of the assigned function.
- (3) The Director may confirm, vary or revoke any decision taken by an employee in consequence of a delegation or instruction under subsection (1) of this section (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Other staff of the Unit.

- (1) The Unit may, from time to time, appoint directly such professional, technical and other staff as it may consider necessary to assist the Unit in the effective and efficient performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (2) The staff of the Unit appointed under subsection (1) of this section shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as are applicable to law enforcement agencies, security agencies and related services in Nigeria.
- (3) The Unit shall, with the approval of the Minister and other appropriate authorities, make staff regulations and determine conditions of service, including allowances, pensions and other benefits, and disciplinary control, as are appropriate for its employees.
- (4) The Unit shall publish regulations made under subsection (3) of this section in such manner as it may determine.
- (5) The Unit shall, for the purpose of achieving maximum efficiency in the discharge of its functions set out in this Bill, institute schemes for the training of its staff (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Security Screening of employees of the Unit.

- (1) A person shall not be appointed to perform any of the functions of the Unit unless —

- (a) information with respect to that person has been gathered in a security screening by the State Security Service; and
 - (b) the Agency after evaluating the information gathered, is satisfied that the person may be so appointed or seconded without the possibility that he might be a security risk or that he might act in any way prejudicial to the objectives or functions of the Unit.
- (2) The Director may at any time, and in line with the staff regulations after consultation with the Board, subject a person referred to in subsection (1) of this section to further security screening as contemplated in subsection (1) (a) of this section (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Service in the Unit to be pensionable.

- (1) Service in the Unit shall be pensionable service for purposes of the Pension Reform Act, and accordingly, employees of the Unit shall, in respect of their services, be entitled to pensions and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the public service of the Federation.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension in respect of that office.
- (3) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any powers exercisable by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (not being the power to make regulations under the Pension Reforms Act) are hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Director (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Establishment of Departments, Special Units and Technical Units.

- (1) The Unit shall establish Departments, Special Units and Technical Units for the effective and efficient discharge of its functions and powers under this Bill.
- (2) All Departments, Special Units and Technical Units shall carry out such duties as may be required in the exercise, performance or carrying out of the powers, functions and duties of the Unit under this Bill (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 11: Fund of the Unit.

- (1) There shall be established for the Unit a fund ("the Fund") into which shall be credited —
 - (a) take off grants and/or other subventions received from the Government of the Federation;

- (b) budgetary allocations approved by the National Assembly for the purpose of the Unit; and
 - (c) grants, gifts or donations from international organisations and donor agencies, provided that the terms and conditions attached to a grant, gift or donation are not inconsistent with the functions of the Unit, must be disclosed to the National Assembly
- (2) The Fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be managed in accordance with extant Financial Regulations applicable in the public service of the Federation (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Expenditure of the Unit.

The Unit may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the Fund established pursuant to section 11 (1) of this Bill for the -

- (a) cost of administration of the Unit;
- (b) reimbursement of members of any committee set up by the Unit for such expenses as may be authorised in accordance with the rates approved by the Government of the Federation;
- (c) payments of salaries, fees and other remunerations or allowances, payable to employees, experts or professionals appointed by the Unit;
- (d) the maintenance of any property acquired or vested in the Unit; and
- (e) any matter connected with all or any of the functions of the Unit under this Bill (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Estimates, accounts and audit.

- (1) The Unit shall not later than 30th August in each financial year prepare and present to the National Assembly, a statement of estimated income and expenditure for the following financial year.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Unit may, where necessary due to unforeseen circumstances, submit supplementary or adjusted statements of estimated income and expenditure to the National Assembly for approval.
- (3) The Unit shall keep proper and regular accounts and other records of monies received and paid by the Unit and of the several purposes for which the moneys have been received or paid, and of its assets, credits and liabilities.
- (4) The Unit shall do all things necessary to ensure that all payments out of its Fund and bank accounts are correctly made and properly authorised and that adequate control is maintained over the assets in its custody and over the expenditures incurred by the Unit.

- (5) The Unit shall, within the first four months of each financial year, submit its accounts to auditors appointed by the Unit from the list and in accordance with guidelines approved by the Auditor-General of the Federation, its accounts for audit (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Annual Report.

The Unit shall, not later than six months after the end of each year, submit to the National Assembly, a report on the activities of the Unit, including evaluation reports received and of money laundering and terrorist financing trends and its administration during the preceding year and shall include in the report, the audited accounts of the Unit and the auditor's comments on them for the preceding year (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — SUPERVISION AND MONITORING BY THE UNIT

Clause 15: Database of reporting institutions.

- (1) The Unit shall hold a secured central database of all reporting institutions.
- (2) In order to populate and maintain the database referred to in subsection (1) of this section-
 - (a) supervisory authorities shall provide to the Unit, details of every reporting institution supervised by them; and
 - (b) self-regulatory organisations shall provide details of every member registered by them for the purposes of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and Terrorism (Prevention) Act.
- (3) The details referred to in subsection (2) of this section are, where applicable, the —
 - (a) registered name of the institution;
 - (b) address of the head office of the institution;
 - (c) addresses of branches of the institution;
 - (d) nature of the business of the institution;
 - (e) beneficial owner of the institution;
 - (f) contact details for the institution;
 - (g) number of employees of the institution;
 - (h) date on which they were registered; and
 - (i) name of the individual within the institution who is responsible for making reports of the type referred to in section 5 (a) of this Bill.

- (4) Where the data referred to in subsection (3) of this section is held in a computer database it shall be transmitted to the Unit in such a format as to be transferable to a similar computer database within the Unit (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Account Surveillance.

- (1) The Director may, in line with operational procedures of financial intelligence Units, issue a directive placing an account under surveillance if satisfied that the account relates to a financial intelligence inquiry that is being conducted by the Unit.
- (2) The directive referred to in subsection (1) of this section may be issued where —
- (a) the amount is, or related to, an account that has been the subject of a report of the type referred to in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act;
 - (b) the account is or related to, an account that has been the subject of a report of the type referred to in section 55 of the Terrorism (Prevention) Act;
 - (c) the account is, or is related to an account, that is subject to an inquiry in relation to money laundering, associated predicate offences, the financing of terrorism or the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction being conducted on behalf of a foreign financial intelligence Unit; or
 - (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the owner of the account or any other person connected to the account is suspected to have —
 - (i) committed a money laundering offence within the provisions of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act;
 - (ii) committed a terrorism financing offence under the Terrorism (Prevention) Act;
 - (iii) property constituting or derived from unlawful activity;
 - (iv) property constituting the instrumentalities of unlawful activity;
 - (v) derived a benefit from unlawful activity; or
 - (e) there are reasonable grounds for believing that material which may be provided in compliance with the directive is likely to be of substantial value, whether or not by itself, to the financial intelligence inquiry for the purposes of which the directive is sought (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Meaning of account surveillance directive.

- (1) An account surveillance directive referred to in section 19 of this Bill is an instruction to a financial institution to —
 - (a) subject a specified account or accounts held in a financial institution under close scrutiny by that institution;
 - (b) report any transaction concerning that account to the Unit in the manner, place and time as may be specified in the directive; and
 - (c) provide account information of the description specified in the directive to an appropriate officer of the Unit in the manner, place and time stated in the directive.
- (2) An account surveillance directive shall not exceed a period of ninety days commencing from the date of the directive (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Disclosure of confidential information.

- (1) A person who —
 - (a) makes a disclosure which is likely to be detrimental to an investigation or a financial intelligence inquiry under this Bill; or
 - (b) falsifies, conceals, destroys or disposes of, or causes or permits the falsification, concealment, destruction or disposal of documents which are relevant to an inquiry by the Unit or a financial intelligence inquiry under this Bill, commits an offence and is liable on conviction —
 - (a) in the case of an individual to a fine of not less than 500,000 Thousand Naira or imprisonment for a term of not less than two years or to both; and
 - (b) in the case of a financial institution or other body corporate, to a fine of not less than fifty million Naira.
- (2) An officer of the Unit who discloses or causes to be disclosed any information which may have come to his possession during the course of his duties in the Unit or is detrimental to an inquiry or a financial intelligence inquiry under this Bill commits an offence.
- (3) An officer of the Unit who is in breach of subsection (2) shall be investigated and if indicted prosecuted for criminal disclosure and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years without option of fine and dismissal from office (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Joint inspections by the Unit and relevant supervisory authorities.

- (1) The Unit shall, conduct regular inspections of reporting institutions jointly with the relevant regulatory authority or by itself, to ensure their compliance with this Bill, the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and the Terrorism (Prevention) Act.

- (2) Any inspection of the type referred to subsection (1) of this section shall take place at normal working hours.
- (3) The Unit shall obtain copies and extracts from, any recorded information found under subsection (1) of this section which it considers relevant for the performance of its analytical functions or inquiries into the transactions of an entity or a subject.
- (4) An officer may exercise powers under this section only in connection with the exercise by the Unit of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Maintenance of reporting standards.

- (1) The Unit shall ensure that all reports of the type referred to in section 5 (a) of this Bill are fit for the purpose for which they were intended.
- (2) In the event that a report mentioned in subsection (1) of this section is found to be inadequate in any respect, it shall be rejected by the Unit (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — APPLICATION OF COUNTER - MEASURES AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Clause 21: Application of financial action task force's counter-measures.

The Unit shall advise supervisory authorities on compliance with the Financial Action Task Force's counter-measures, from time to time (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Conduct of risk assessment.

- (1) The Unit is responsible for the identification, assessment and compilation of reports on risks of money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- (2) The Unit shall —
 - (a) consult with relevant Government agencies and reporting institutions in developing enforcement measures, guidelines and policies necessary for the mitigation of the risks of money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and
 - (b) advise relevant supervisory authorities on the application of risk-based approach by reporting entities in the conduct of customer due diligence depending on identified risks in money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction risks in relation to the customer, transaction, country or geographical area, product and services involved in the business transactions (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Clause 23: Limitation of suits against the Unit.

Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers' Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against the Director or any member of staff of the Unit (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 24: Administrative penalties.

- (1) Any person or institution who has an obligation to report under this Bill, who breaches any of the requirements of this Bill or who fails to comply with any notice, order or direction given by the Unit pursuant to the provisions of this Bill shall be liable to pay such administrative penalty as may be prescribed under regulations made pursuant to this Bill.
- (2) The Unit shall not impose a penalty on a person or an entity under subsection (1) of this section where there are reasonable grounds to show that the person took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to ensure compliance.
- (3) In deciding whether a person or entity has failed to comply with a requirement of this Bill, the Unit shall consider whether the person or entity followed any relevant guidance which was at the time issued and approved and published in a manner approved, by the Unit.
- (4) Where the Unit decides to impose a penalty under this section, the affected person or entity shall be notified of the —
 - (a) decision to impose penalty and the amount;
 - (b) reasons for imposing the penalty;
 - (c) right of review; and
 - (d) right to appeal against the decision.
- (5) A penalty imposed under this section is payable to the Unit not later than two working days from the date of the award and interest shall accrue each day once the award is due for payment and not discharged.
- (6) The procedures set out in section 31 of this Bill shall apply in relation to a review or an appeal under this section.
- (7) For the purpose of this section, "appropriate penalty" means effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanction (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: Review and appeal procedures.

- (1) A person who is the subject of a decision of the Unit to impose administrative penalties, may by notice to the Unit request for review of the decision.

- (2) The Unit shall review the decision if the request for review is submitted within thirty days from the date of the decision.
- (3) The Unit may confirm, revoke or vary the decision and take such further steps, if any, as may be considered appropriate in the circumstance.
- (4) The review under subsection (3) of this section shall be concluded within fourteen working days and where the Unit is unable to conclude the review within fourteen working days, the decision shall be deemed to have been confirmed but subject to an appeal under subsection (5) of this section.
- (5) An appeal from a person affected by the review of the decision of the Unit imposing administrative penalties shall lie to the Federal High Court (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 26: Obstruction of the Unit or authorized officer.

- (1) A person who wilfully obstructs the Unit or any authorised officer in the exercise of the functions or powers conferred by this Bill or any other law, commits an offence and is liable on conviction -
 - (a) in the case of an individual, to imprisonment for a term of not less than three years or to a fine to be set out in the regulations for every day the obstruction persists; and
 - (b) in the case of an entity, to a fine to be set out in the regulations for every day that the obstruction persists.
- (2) Any other regulatory authority may on the recommendation of the Unit withdraw the licence of any person or entity who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 27: Regulations and guidelines.

- (1) The Minister may make regulations as are necessary or expedient for the efficient implementation of the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) The Unit shall with the approval of the Board, issue guidelines as may be necessary for the exercise of any of the duties, functions or powers of the Unit under this Bill (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 28: Dissolution of the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit.

- (1) The administrative body known as the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (in this section referred to as the "dissolved Unit") established under the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act is dissolved and any reference in any other any law or document to the dissolved Unit shall be construed as a reference to the Unit.
- (2) Without prejudice to section 6 of the Interpretation Act, the dissolution of the dissolved Unit specified in subsection (1) of this section, shall not affect anything done by the dissolved Unit.

- (3) Every regulation, order, requirement, certificate, notice, direction, decision, authorisation, consent, application, request or thing made, issued, given or done by the dissolved Unit, if in force at the commencement of this Bill, shall continue to be in force and have effect as if made, issued, given or done by the Unit established under this Bill (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 29: Transitional and savings provisions.

- (1) Subject to the approval of the Director, any person who immediately before the commencement of this Bill was a staff of the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit may continue in office subject to the report of the security screening referred to in section 8 of this Bill.
- (2) All assets, funds, resources and other movable and immovable property which, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, is vested in the dissolved Unit shall by virtue of this Bill and be vested in the Unit established under this Bill.
- (3) Every reference to the dissolved Unit, Director or any person under its control or a document issued in the name of the dissolved Unit, Director or employee of the dissolved Unit shall be read, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to the Unit, Board, Director, Chairman, or an employee of the Unit established under this Bill, as the case may be.
- (4) All rights, obligations and liabilities which, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, were vested in or imposed on the dissolved Unit shall be the rights, obligations and liabilities of the Unit established under this Bill;
- (5) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or against the dissolved Unit in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the Unit may be continued or commenced, as the case may be.
- (6) Any determination of a court of law, tribunal or other body or person may be enforced by or against the Unit established under this Bill to the same extent that such proceeding, cause of action or determination might have been, commenced, continued or enforced by or against the Unit.
- (7) As from the commencement of this Bill, any disciplinary proceeding pending or existing against any employee of the dissolved Unit shall be continued and completed by the Unit established under this Bill (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 30: Consequential amendments.

- (1) The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, is amended by deleting sections 1 (2) (c) and 6 (1) of the Act.
- (2) The Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, is amended in sections 1, 2, 5.6, 8, 10 and 13 by substituting for the word "Commission" found anywhere in those sections with the words "Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit".

- (3) The Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and the Terrorism (Prevention) Act, are amended by substituting for the words "Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crime Commission" wherever appearing with the words "Director of the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit" (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 31: Interpretation.

- (1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"account" means a facility or an arrangement by which a financial institution does any one or more of the following —

- (a) accepts deposits of currency;
- (b) allows withdrawals of currency or transfers into or out of the account;
- (c) pay cheques or payment orders drawn on a financial institution or cash dealers by, or collects cheques or payment orders on behalf of a person; or
- (d) supplies a facility or an arrangement for a safe deposit box (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"bank" has the meaning given to it in the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"beneficiary" and "beneficial owner" have the same meaning applicable to them in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and Regulations made pursuant to the Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"business relationship" has the same meaning applicable to it in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and Regulations made pursuant to the Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"Unit" means the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit established under section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"competent authority" means any Unit or institution concerned with combating money laundering and terrorist financing under this Bill or under any other law or regulations (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"customer" means —

- (a) the person for whom an account or right or obligation under a transaction has been assigned or transferred;
- (b) a person who is authorised to conduct a transaction or control an account;
- (c) a person who attempts to take any of the actions referred to in paragraph (a) or (b); and
- (d) such other persons as may be prescribed by regulations made under this Bill (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"currency" means the coin and paper money of Nigeria or of a foreign country that is designated as legal tender or is customarily used and accepted as a medium of exchange (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"data" means a representation of information, knowledge, facts or concepts (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"designated non-financial institutions" has the same meaning applicable to it in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and Regulations made pursuant to the Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "designated non-financial institutions" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"entity" means a person, group, trust, partnership, fund or any other association or organisation, whether corporate or unincorporated or partnership, for the purpose of providing a product or service either for profit or non-profit (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"false declaration" refers to a misrepresentation of —

- (a) the value of the currency or bearer negotiable instrument being transported; and
- (b) other relevant data required for submission in the declaration or otherwise requested by the authorities (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"Financial Action Task Force" means the inter-governmental body created in 1989 under the aegis of the European Union G8 to generate the necessary political will to bring about legislative and regulatory reforms for the development and promotion of national and international policies to combat money laundering and terrorism financing (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Financial Action Task Force" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Financial Institution" has the same meaning applicable to it in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and Regulations made pursuant to the Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"funds" refer to "assets of every kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable, however acquired, and legal documents or instruments in any form, including electronic or digital, evidencing title to or interest in such assets, including but not limited to bank credits, travelers cheques, bank cheques, money orders, shares, securities, bonds, drafts or letters of credit" (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"immediate stop" means to on the spot halt the transfer, conversion, disposal, alteration, use of or dealing with funds in any way that would result in change of volume, amount or location, ownership or possession, character, destination or movement of fund or other assets (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"money laundering" has the meaning given to it in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"other regulatory authorities" means the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Insurance Commission (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"proceeds of an offence" means property —

- (a) wholly derived or realised, whether directly or indirectly, from the commission of the offence; or
- (b) partly derived or realised, whether directly or indirectly, from the commission of an offence, whether the property is situated within or outside Nigeria; or whether or not a person has been convicted of the offence (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"proliferation of weapons of mass destruction" means the illegal production and distribution of weapons of mass destruction (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "proliferation of weapons of mass destruction" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"property" means assets of every kind, whether corporeal or incorporeal, moveable or immoveable, tangible or intangible and legal documents or instruments evidencing title to or interest in such assets (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"report" means an account or statement describing in details, an event, situation, suspicious or unusual transaction or the like, usually as the result of observation or inquiry; pursuant to the provisions of this Bill or any other relevant law or regulations (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"self-regulatory body" is a body that represents a profession and which is made up of members of that profession, and

- (a) has a role in regulating the persons that are qualified to enter and who practice in the profession, and

- (b) to some extent performs supervisory or monitoring functions (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "self-regulatory body" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"shell bank" has the same meaning applicable to it in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and Regulations made pursuant to the Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"supervisory authorities" has the same meaning applicable to it in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and Regulations made pursuant to the Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"suspicious" means a matter which is beyond mere speculations and based on some foundation (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"suspicious transaction" means a transaction that falls within a description of transactions in section 6 of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

"terrorism", "terrorist", "terrorist act", "terrorist financing" and "terrorist organisation" shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them under the Terrorism (Prevention) Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "terrorism", "terrorist", terrorist act" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"wire transfer" has the same meaning applicable to it in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act and Regulations made pursuant to the Act (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

- (2) A word or phrase not defined in this Bill but defined in the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, or the Terrorism (Prevention) Act, has the meaning given to it in those Acts (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 32: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

(This Memorandum does not form part of the above Bill but is intended to explain its purport)

This Bill seeks to give a legal framework to the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit as the central authority in Nigeria responsible for requesting, receiving, analyzing and disseminating financial and other information to all law enforcement and security agencies and other relevant authorities (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit as the Central Body in Nigeria Responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Report and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities and for Related Matters (*Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole reconsidered the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit as the Central Body in Nigeria Responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Report and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities; and for Related Matters and approved Clauses 1 - 32, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

17. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till 3.15 p.m. (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.10 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 7 March, 2018, page 2,187, *leave out* all the words in Recommendation (vii) and *insert* the following:

“(vii) urge NAHCON to immediately commence refund of money paid for wrist band to pilgrims that have paid and established not to have benefitted”.