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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (EVIDENCE) ACT TO MAKE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT APPLY TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Colleagues, permit me to lead the debate on the general principles of a Bill for an Act to amend the Council of Ministers (Evidence) Act.

The Primary Objective of this Bill is to amend the Principal Act by substituting for the words "Council of Ministers" with the words "Executive Council of the Federation".

And by also substituting for the words "Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Government" wherever it appears in the Act with the words "Secretary to the Government of the Federation".

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker, My respected Colleagues, It is paramount that the Act is long overdue to be amended to reflect the current positions as held and and make provisions of the Act apply to the Executive Council of the Federation in line with the Section 144 (1) (a) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999. I believe that this is a very straight forward Bill.

I therefore call on my respected Colleagues to support that the Bill be read for the Second time