

LEAD DEBATE ON BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Senate Leader

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, it is my honour and pleasure to lead the debate on the following Bills from the House of Representatives for our concurrence.

The Bills are:-

1. Nigerian in Diaspora (Establishment) Commission Bill, 2017 (HB. 160);
2. Chartered Institute of Project Managers of Nigeria (Establishment, etc) Bill 2017 (HB. 18);
3. Chartered Institute of Loan and Risk Management of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 77);
4. Chartered Institute of Local Government and Public Administration Bill, 2017 (HB. 108);
5. Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 28);
6. Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. (78);
7. Nigerian Council for Social Work (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (HB. 161); and
8. Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 85).

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, the Nigerian in Diaspora (Establishment) Commission Bill, 2017 (HB. 160) was read the first time in this Chamber on 6th October, 2016. This Bill seeks to establish Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, provide for the engagement of Nigerians in Diaspora in the policies, projects and participation in the development of Nigeria and for the purpose of utilizing the human, capital and material resources of Nigerians in Diaspora towards the overall socio-economic, cultural and political development of Nigeria.

The Chartered Institute of Project Managers of Nigeria (Establishment, etc) Bill 2017 (HB. 18) was read the first time in this Chamber on 11th October, 2016. This Bill seeks to institutionalize the entire project management system, establish procedures, processes and mechanisms for the practice of Project Management in Nigeria in

order to achieve a standardized level of professionalism that is at par with international best practices.

The Chartered Institute of Loan and Risk Management of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 77) was read the first time in this Chamber on 27th September, 2016. This bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Chartered Institute of Loan & Risk Management to provide for the control of its membership and to promote the practice of Loan and Risk Management in Nigeria.

The Chartered Institute of Local Government and Public Administration Bill, 2017 (HB. 108) was read the first time in this Chamber on 6th October, 2016. This Bill seeks to establish the Institute of Local Government and Public Administration and also make provisions for determining the standard of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons seeking to be Chartered Local Government and Public Administrators.

The Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 28) was read the first time in this Chamber on 4th October, 2016. This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria, charged, among other things, with the responsibility of entrenching professional excellence and setting the standards for best practices in learning and performance among human capital development practitioners in Nigeria.

The Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 78) was read the first time in this Chamber on 11th October, 2016. This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Chartered Institute of Public Management to provide for the control of its membership and to promote the practice of Public Management in Nigeria.

The Nigerian Council for Social Work (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2017 (HB. 161) was read the first time in this Chamber on 12th October, 2016. This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Institute of Social work charged with the responsibility of regulating its members and advancing the practice of Social Work in Nigeria.

The Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria Bill, 2017 (HB. 85) was read the first time in this Chamber on 11th October, 2016. This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria to provide for the control of its membership and to regulate the practice of Commodity Brokerage in Nigeria.

Mr President, my respected Colleagues, these Bills are not controversial. They are establishment Bills, and were subjected to rigorous scrutiny and Public Hearings in the House of Representatives before passage. The Bills were also referred to the Senate Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters for their inputs and the Committee has written to support the passage of the Bills for Second Reading.

I therefore urge you to support the Second Reading of these Bills.

Thank You.