



**THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

REPORT ON

A BILL

FOR

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THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, AND
FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.519).**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2018 (HB. 519) was passed by the House of Representatives on Tuesday 17th October, 2017 and in the Senate, it was passed on Thursday 19th July, 2018. However, there were noticeable differences in the two versions of the Bill, as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives. Consequently, a Conference Committee was constituted in the House of Representatives on *Thursday 8th November, 2018* and in the Senate on *Wednesday 5th December, 2018*, to among other things, reconcile the areas of differences that were noticed in the two versions of the Bill, as passed by the two Chambers.

The mandate of the Conference Committee therefore, was to harmonise the areas of differences in the two versions of the Bill and make appropriate recommendations for adoption by

the two Chambers in order to have a harmonised version of Bill in line with Section 58 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, as amended.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

The Conference Committee consists of the following members:

2.1 Senate

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| i. | Senator Suleiman Adokwe | - | Chairman |
| ii. | Senator Ibrahim Abdullahi D. | - | Member |
| iii. | Senator Ben Murray-Bruce | - | Member |
| iv. | Senator Umar I. Kurfi | - | Member |
| v. | Senator Dino Melaye | - | Member |
| vi | Senator Binta Masi Garba | - | Member |
| | Mrs. Amina Nworie | - | Committee Clerk |

2.2 House of Representatives

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| i. | Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun | - | Co.Chairman |
| ii. | Hon. Hassan Lawal Anka | - | Member |
| iii. | Hon. Golu Timothy | - | Member |
| iv. | Hon. Okechukwu Tobi | - | Member |

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| v. | Hon. Mohammed Ayuba Bello | - | Member |
| vi. | Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai | - | Member |
| vii. | Abdullahi Dan-Alkali | - | Member |
| | Mr. Jekop Dan Ali | - | Committee Clerk |

3.0 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Conference Committee met on ***Thursday 13th December, 2018*** to identify the areas of differences noticed in the two versions of the Bill with a view to harmonising them. The Committee deliberated on the areas of differences and harmonised them accordingly. Thereafter, the Committee resolved and adopted the harmonised version, for recommendation to each of the Chambers of the National Assembly, for approval.

4.0 Brief Comments on the Areas of Differences

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, at this juncture, I wish to state that the areas of differences noticed in the two versions of the Bill, borders on editorial corrections, redraft of some provisions of the Bill, among others. It should be stated here that in the House version, most of the side-notes as well as the Schedules to the Bill were inadvertently omitted. Whilst in the Senate version, all these concerns

were addressed in order to ensure that the Bill conforms to the required legislative drafting style and format.

In this regard, the Conferees deliberated extensively on the noticeable differences in the two versions and resolved to adopt the version of the Bill as passed by the Senate, as it is the improved version. The rationale for adopting the Senate version, as set out in the attached table, is premised on the fact that the Senate version has holistically addressed all the apparent shortcomings of the Bill.

For the avoidance of doubt, it should be pointed out here that most of the provisions in the House version were merged in the Senate version because they do not have the outlook of stand-alone-clauses due to similarities of intendments as they seek to address the same subject matter. As a result, the clauses were reduced from 77 in the House version to 45 in the Senate version.

5.0 Recommendation

The Conference Committee hereby recommends as follows:

*"That the Senate do consider and approve the
Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act*

to Establish the National Agency for Ethics and Values and Provide for the Functions and Powers of the Agency, the Qualifications and Procedures for the Appointment of the Chairman and Members, and for Related Matters, as recommended”.

We so move.

6.0 Conclusion

On behalf of Members of the Conference Committee, I wish to thank the National Assembly for the opportunity to resolve the areas of differences in this Bill and commend its adoption by this distinguished Senate.

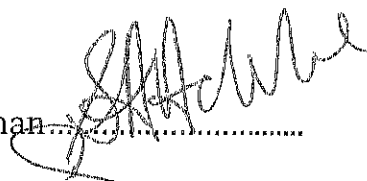
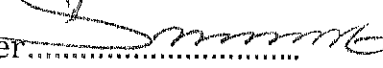
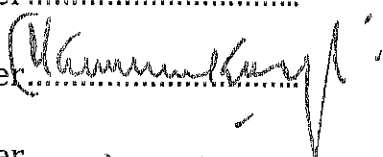
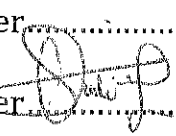
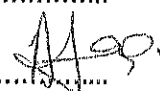


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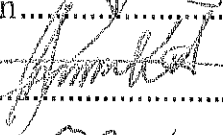
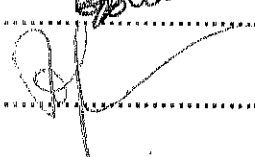
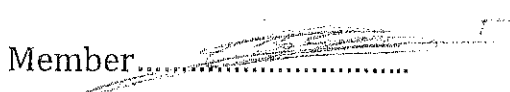
Chairman

ENDORSEMENT PAGE

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