



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 26th July, 2017

1. The Senate met at 11:03 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 25th July, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**
(a) **Special Invitation:**
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Solomon A. Olamilekan (*Lagos West*) as follows:



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SEN. SOLOMON OLAMILEKAN ADEOLA, FCA
Lagos West Senatorial District
Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Communications

24th July, 2017

*The Senate President,
The Senate
National Assembly
Abuja, FCT.*

Your Excellency,

**RE: NOTIFICATION AND SPECIAL INVITATION TO SECOND TOWN HALL MEETING
AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME**

I have the pleasure to extend warm greetings to you and all Members of this Distinguished 8th Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I write to formally notify and specially invite Your Excellency and my Distinguished colleagues to my Second Town Hall Meeting and Constituency Empowerment Programme.

The event is slated for 10 am on Tuesday, 1st August, 2017 at VIP Chalets, Topo Road, Badagry, Lagos State.

It will be of great delight for me to welcome and host your able self and my Distinguished Colleagues in the largest Senatorial District of Nigeria in terms of population.

Please kindly accept the assurance of my esteemed regards always.

Thank you sir.

(Signed)

Solomon Olamilekan Adeola FCA (YAYI)

(b) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Students of the Department of Political Science, Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State;
- (ii) Students of the Department of Political Science, University of Calabar, Cross River State;
- (iii) Members of Charmante's Etiquette Training Consultancy, off Airport Road, Abuja; and
- (iv) Staff and Students of Ibrahim Dodo Musa Junior Secondary School, Suleja, Niger State.

4. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Nelson A. Efiang (*Akwa Ibom South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Emmanuel T. Ekpeowoh, against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), over wrongful dismissal. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (ii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Temitope O. Stephen Esq. on behalf of Mrs. Winner Faith, against Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), over stagnation of promotion for twenty-four (24) years. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (iii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Mao A. Ohuabunwa (*Abia North*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Ubani & Co. on behalf of Inspector Hillary O. Ejim, against the Nigeria Police, over forceful retirement from the Service. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (iv) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Anthony C. Orji of Mathan Nigeria Limited, against some commercial Banks and Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), over mismanagement of funds for the construction of Comprehensive Health Centres in the 774 Local Government Areas of Nigeria. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Philip T. Aduda (*FCT*) drew the attention of the Senate to the recent Newspaper Reports on the Twenty (20) Permanent Secretaries vacancies in the Federal Civil Service, and the examination conducted for Directors to fill in the vacancies. He informed the Senate that three (3) Directors representing Federal Capital Territory (FCT) wrote the examination but their names were not short listed for the interview. These according to him contravenes the Principles of Federal Character as enshrined in the 1999 Constitution as amended, therefore, he urged the Senate to unraveled the circumstances that led to their names being missing.

The Senate mandated the Committee on Establishment and Public Service to engage the relevant Establishment and report to Senate.

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act 2000 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.544) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Federal University Uga (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 522) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Free Integrated Maternal Child Health Care Bill, 2017 (SB. 277) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Committee on Local and Foreign Debts:

Report on the Pipeline Projects for 2016 - 2018 Medium Term External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan for State Governments:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts on the Pipeline Projects for 2016 - 2018 Medium Term External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan for State Governments (*Senator Shehu Sani — Kaduna Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. Committee on Establishment and Public Service:

Report on the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurs (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 07):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service on the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurs (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (*Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker — Bayelsa Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

9. Committee on Anti - Corruption and Financial Crimes:

Report on the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 535):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Anti - Corruption and Financial Crimes on the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (*Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi — Enugu North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

10. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on:

- a. Abduction, Wrongful Restraints and Wrongful Confinement for Ransom Bill, 2017 (SB. 118);
- b. Prohibition and Protection of Persons from Lynching, Mob Action and Extra Judicial Executions Bill, 2017 (SB. 109); and
- c. Arbitration and Conciliation Act CAP A18 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 427) (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid:

11. Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes:

Report on the Proceeds of Crimes Bill, 2017 (SB. 376):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes on Proceeds of Crimes Bill, 2017 (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

12. Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Foreign Affairs:

Report on the Motion on the urgent need to regularize the agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the United Kingdom:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Conference Committee:

Report on the Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 232):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Conference Committee Report on the Procurement Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Senator Joshua C. Dariye — Plateau Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

14. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Request of the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory on the confirmation of the appointment of Abdullahi Oteh Attah as Chairman of the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service Board (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to report to the Senate next Legislative day.

15. Petroleum Industry Administration Bill, 2017 (SB.540):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Host Community's Entitlement and Protection Bill, 2017 (SB.404):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. Petroleum Industry Fiscal Framework Bill, 2017 (SB.472):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Committee on Constitution Review:**(1) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:**

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**No. 1: Composition of Members of the Council of State**

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO INCLUDE FORMER HEADS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN THE COUNCIL OF STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of Third Schedule.

Part I of the Third Schedule is altered in paragraph 5, by substituting for subparagraphs (e) and (f), new subparagraphs "(e)" and "(f)" -

"(e) the President of the Senate and all former Presidents of the Senate:

Provided that such a person was not removed from office by the process of impeachment

- (f) the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and all former Speakers of the House of Representatives:

Provided that such a person was not removed from office by the process of impeachment.

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No.1, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to include former heads of the National Assembly in the Council of State; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to include former heads of the National Assembly in the Council of State; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(2) ***Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:***

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 2: Authorization of Expenditure

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REDUCE THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OR THE GOVERNOR OF A STATE MAY AUTHORISE THE WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES FROM THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND IN THE ABSENCE OF AN APPROPRIATION ACT FROM 6 MONTHS TO 3 MONTHS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	93
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 82.

Section 82 of the Principal Act is altered by -

- (a) substituting for the word, "six" in line 5, the word, "three"; and
- (b) deleting, in lines 5 and 6, the words " or until the coming into operation of the Appropriation Act whichever is earlier:"

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	93
NOES	-	1

ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 122.

Section 82 of the Principal Act is altered by -

- (a) substituting for the word, "six" in line 5, the word, "three"; and
- (b) deleting, in lines 5 and 6, the words " or until the coming into operation of the Appropriation Act whichever is earlier: "

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	93
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 2, 2017.

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	93
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the period within which the President or the Governor of a State may authorise the withdrawal of monies from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the absence of an Appropriation Act from 6 months to 3 months; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the period within which the President or the Governor of a State may authorise the withdrawal of monies from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the absence of an Appropriation Act from 6 months to 3 months; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-4 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(3) *Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:*

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 3: Devolution of Powers

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO MOVE CERTAIN ITEMS FROM THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST TO THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST TO GIVE MORE LEGISLATIVE POWERS TO STATES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 46

NOES - 48

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 2: Alteration of Second Schedule.

The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in Part I, by —
 - (i) inserting, after item 40, a new item "40A" - "40A "National security and civil defence";
 - (ii) substituting for item 46, a new item "46" -
"46. Post and telecommunications"; and
 - (iii) deleting items 40, 44, 55 and 58.
- (b) in Part II, by: —
 - (i) inserting, in alphabetical order, the following new "items" -

"Agriculture"

- (1) The National Assembly may make laws —
 - (i) on Agricultural policies for the federation and implementation of international standards in relation to bio-diversity; and
 - (ii) for the management and regulation of lands for Agricultural purposes in the Federal Capital Territory.
- (2) A House of Assembly may make laws relating to Agricultural Policies, management and regulation of lands for Agricultural purposes within the State.

Arbitration

- (1) The National Assembly may make laws for the federation or any part thereof with respect to —
 - (i) Inter-State Arbitration (involving parties resident in different states of the federation or where the arbitration is conducted in a state other than where the parties reside, carry on business or the subject matter of the arbitration is located);
 - (ii) international arbitration including arbitration on commercial transactions of an international nature or involving foreigners or persons not resident in Nigeria;
 - (iii) industrial arbitration and other forms of arbitration relating to labour, employment and trade disputes matters;
 - (iv) arbitration on items over which the National Assembly has exclusive legislative powers.
- (2) A House of Assembly may make laws for the State with respect to —
 - (i) Intra-State Arbitration involving parties resident or carrying on business within the state or where the arbitration is conducted in the same state where the subject matter of the arbitration is located;
 - (ii) arbitration in relation to items over which the State Assembly has residual legislative powers under the Constitution.

Environment

- (1). The National Assembly may make laws for the federation or any part thereof with respect to —
 - (i) environmental issues affecting more than one state or transcending the boundaries of more than one state;
 - (ii) environmental issues relating to coastal management and relating to the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federation and other areas recognized under international law as territories belonging to Nigeria;
 - (iii) environmental issues relating to, arising from, pertaining to and connected with oil and gas exploration, mining activities and other forms of energy exploitation, extraction, transportation and processing;
 - (iv) environmental issues relating to freshwater bodies, ecosystem management, groundwater and other naturally occurring resources the extent of which transcends the boundaries of more than one state; and
 - (v) management of fisheries and freshwater aquatic animals within the federation's coastal regions and Exclusive Economic Zone, wildlife, national reserves and parks as may be designated by the National Assembly to be of national interest and affecting more than one state.
- (2) The House of Assembly may subject to paragraph (1) hereto make laws relating to —
 - (i) environmental issues relating to matters within the state's territorial limit;
 - (ii) issues relating to sanitation, environmental management and protection of the environment of a state;
 - (iii) establishment and management of game reserves, parks, wildlife management and forestry within the state;
 - (iv) Urban development, housing and infrastructural planning within the state.

Railway

- (1) the National Assembly may make laws for the Federation or any part thereof with respect to: —
 - (i) construction and maintenance of inter-state railway tracks and infrastructures;
 - (ii) Inter-State railway regulation and establishment of a national railway agency for regulation and management of railway operations throughout the federation;
 - (iii) maintenance of a national railway carrier for inter-state transportation throughout the federation.
- (2) A House of Assembly of a State may make laws for the State with respect to —
 - (i) establishment and maintenance of agencies for railway transportation within the state; and

- (ii) establishment of a state railway carrier and regulation of activities related to and connected with railway systems within the state including the construction and maintenance of railway tracks and infrastructures within the state.

Health

- (1) The National Assembly shall have powers to make laws for the Federation or any part thereof with respect to —
 - (i) establishment of a National Health System, including the setting of minimum standards in relation to healthcare practice, healthcare provision, services and general access to healthcare throughout the Federation;
 - (ii) establishment of a National Health Insurance for the advancement of health of all persons within the Federation;
 - (iii) regulation of professional bodies in the healthcare sector throughout the Federation, including the conditions for entrance and admissions of persons entitled to practice as health professionals in Nigeria;
 - (iv) establishment and regulation of tertiary health institutions and institutions for professional health education and health research; and
 - (v) regulation of public health and primary healthcare.
- (2) A House of Assembly may make laws for the State with respect to the establishment within the State Tertiary, Secondary and Primary Healthcare institutions for the provision of health services within the state; and
- (3) Nothing in the foregoing paragraphs shall be construed so as to limit the powers of the House Assembly to make laws for the State with respect to the regulation of public health, primary and secondary healthcare, including institutions for the pursuit of the objectives of such laws.

Land Use and Management

- (1) The National Assembly may make laws for the federation or any part thereof with respect to -
 - i. The allocation, use and management of all lands in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja as designated under this Constitution.
 - ii. The allocation, use and management of all lands vested in the Federal Government within the States.
 - iii. The management and use of all lands required for the execution of matters for which exclusive powers is conferred on the National Assembly by this Constitution.
- (2) The House of Assembly may make laws for the State or any part thereof with respect to the allocation, use and management of all lands within the jurisdiction of the State, except those vested in the Federal Government.
- (d) substituting for paragraph 14(b), a new paragraph 14(b) -

"14(b) the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity within that State or in collaboration with any other State; and".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 46

NOES - 48

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 3: Alteration of Part I of the Third Schedule.

Part I of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered by deleting, after the word, "Federal", in line 1 of the head notes, the word, "Executive".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 46

NOES - 48

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 4: Alteration of Part II of the Third Schedule.

Part II of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered by deleting, after the word, "States", in line 1 of the head note the word, "Executive".

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 46

NOES - 48

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 5: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 3, 2017.

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 46

NOES - 48

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on A Bill for An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to move certain items from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List to give more legislative powers to States; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to move certain items from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List to give more legislative powers to States; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-5 — Negatived

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

(4) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 4: Financial Autonomy of State Legislature

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF STATES DIRECTLY FROM THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND OF THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	90
NOES	-	5
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 121.

Section 121 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for subsection (3), a new subsection "(3)"- "(3) Any amount standing to the credit of the —

(a) House of Assembly of the State, and

(b) Judiciary,

in the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State shall be paid directly to the said bodies respectively; in the case of judiciary, such amount shall be paid directly the heads of the courts concerned.

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	90
NOES	-	5
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 4, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	90
NOES	-	5
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill For an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for funding of the House of Assembly of States directly from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State; and for related matters 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for funding of the House of Assembly of States directly from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State; and for Related Matters 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(5) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 5: Distributable Pool Account

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ABROGATE THE STATE JOINT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS AND EMPOWER EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN SPECIAL ACCOUNT AND MAKE PROVISIONS FOR SAVINGS IN THE FEDERATION ACCOUNT BEFORE DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 84

NOES - 8

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 93

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: **Substitution for section 162.**
Substitute for section 162 of the Principal Act, a new "162"-

"Distributable Pool Account

162. (1) The Federation shall maintain a special account to be called "the Federation Account" into which shall be paid all revenues collected by the Government of the Federation, except the proceeds from the personal income tax of the personnel of the armed forces of the Federation, the Nigeria Police, the Ministry or department of government charged with responsibility for Foreign Affairs and the residents of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

(2) The Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission, shall table before the National Assembly proposals for revenue allocation from the Federation Account, and in determining the formula, the National Assembly shall take into account, the allocation principles especially those of population, equality of States, internal revenue generation, land mass, terrain as well as population density;

Provided that the principle of derivation shall be constantly reflected in any approved formula as being not less than thirteen per cent of the revenue accruing to the Federation Account directly from any natural resources.

(3) Any amount standing to the credit of the Federation Account shall be distributed among the Federal and State Governments and the Local Government Councils in each State on such terms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the National Assembly.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, ten percent of any amount paid into the Federation Account shall be deducted and saved in a separate account prior to distribution to the respective levels of government and shall be held on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly.

(5) The amount standing in the Federation Account being savings shall not be distributed to the respective levels of government until at least five years from the date it was so saved.

(6) Any amount standing to the credit of the States and Local Government Councils in the Federation Account shall be distributed among the States and Local Government Councils on such terms and in such manner as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly.

(7) Each local Government Council shall maintain a special account to be called "Local Government Council Allocation Account" into which shall be paid directly such allocation to the Local Government Council from the Federation Account and from the Government of the State.

- (8) Each State shall pay to Local Government Councils in its area of jurisdiction such proportion of its internally generated revenue on such terms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the House of Assembly.
- (9) The House of Assembly of each State shall by law prescribe such portion of the money allocated to the State and its Local Government Council from the Federation Account to be used for the purpose of payment of salaries of primary school teachers and such other purposes as it may determine.
- (10) For the purpose of subsection (9), the Federation Account Allocation Committee shall deduct and remit the salaries of primary school teachers to a body as may be prescribed by the House of Assembly of each State."

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	84
NOES	-	8
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	93

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 5, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	84
NOES	-	8
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	93

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to abrogate the State Joint Local Government Accounts and empower each Local Government Council to maintain its own special account and make provisions for savings in the Federation Account before distribution to other levels of Government; and for related matters, 2017..

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to abrogate the State Joint Local Government Accounts and empower each Local Government Council to maintain its own special account and make provisions for savings in the Federation Account before distribution to other levels of Government; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(6) *Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:*

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 6: Local Government

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION, 2017.

Clause 1: **Alteration of the Constitution.**

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - **88**

NOES - **7**

ABSTAIN - **1**

TOTAL - **96**

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: **Alteration of section 7.**

Section 7 of the Principal Act is altered by —

(a) substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)" —

- "(1) The system of Local Government by democratically elected Local Government Councils is under this Constitution guaranteed."
- (b) inserting, after subsection (1), new subsections "(1A)" - "(1D)" -
- "(1A)A Local Government Council —
- (a) not democratically elected shall not be recognized by any authority and persons and shall not be entitled to any revenue allocation from the Federation Account or the state Government nor exercise any function exercisable by a Local Government Council under this Constitution or any law for the time being in force; and
- (b) shall stand dissolved at the expiration of a period of three years, commencing from the date the members of the Council were sworn in.
- (1B)The democratically elected Local Government Council shall be a tier of government in Nigeria and shall consist of executive and legislative arms.
- (1C)The House of Assembly of every State shall ensure the existence of democratically elected Local Government Councils under a Law which provides for the establishment, elections, structure, composition, finance and functions of such councils.
- (1D) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, a person shall be qualified for election into the Local Government Council if he is a member of a political party and is sponsored by that party or he is an independent candidate"; and
- (c) substituting for subsection (5), a new section "(5)" - (5) In addition to the functions conferred upon Local Government Councils as specified in the Fourth Schedule to this Constitution, a House of Assembly of a State may by law confer other functions on the Local Government Councils"; and
- (d) deleting subsection (6).

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	88
NOES	-	7
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 318.

Section 318 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, in alphabetical order, the following interpretation -

"Bye-law" means enactment of a Local Government Council;

"Chairman" or "Vice-Chairman" when used with reference to a Local Government Council means Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Local Government Council;

"Councillor" means a member of a Local Government Legislative Council; and

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 88

NOES - 7

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Alteration of Part I of the Fifth Schedule.

Part I of the Fifth Schedule to the Principal Act is altered in paragraph (3) by inserting, after the word, "State", in line 4, the words, "Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councilors of Local Government Councils."

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 88

NOES - 7

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 6, 2017.

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 88

NOES - 7

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to strengthen Local Government administration in Nigeria; and for related matters Alteration of the Constitution, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to strengthen Local Government administration in Nigeria; and for Related Matters Alteration of the Constitution, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-5 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(7) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 7: State Creation and Boundary Adjustment

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REMOVE AMBIGUITIES IN STATE CREATION AND BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	47
NOES	-	48

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 8.

Section 8 (1) of the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in subparagraph(a) (iii), by inserting, before the word, "Local", in line 1, the words, "democratically elected".
- (b) by substituting for paragraphs (b) - (d), new paragraphs "(b)" - "(d)" - "(b) a proposal for the creation of the State is thereafter approved in a referendum by at least two-thirds majority of the registered voters of the Local Government Councils in the Area voting at the referendum where the demand for creation of the State originated ;
- (c) the result of the referendum is then approved by a simple majority of members of State Houses of Assembly of not less than two-thirds majority of all the states of the Federation; and
- (d) the approved proposal is passed by a resolution of not less than two-thirds majority of members of each House of the National Assembly."

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 47

NOES - 48

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No.7, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 47

NOES - 48

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to remove ambiguities in State creation and boundary adjustment; and for related matters Alteration of the Constitution, 2017. .

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to remove ambiguities in State creation and boundary adjustment; and for related matters Alteration of the Constitution, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-3 — Negatived.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

(8) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 8: The Legislature

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE IN RESPECT OF WORDS SPOKEN OR WRITTEN AT PLENARY SESSIONS OR COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS AND INSTITUTIONALISE LEGISLATIVE BUREAUCRACY IN THE CONSTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 93

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 4.

Section 4 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting after subsection (7), a new subsection "(7A)" -

"(7A) In the course of exercising the foregoing legislative powers, no civil or criminal proceedings shall be instituted against a member of a legislative House in respect of words spoken or written before the House or a Committee thereof."

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 93

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Substitution for section 51.

Substitute for section 51 of the Principal Act, a new section "51" -

"Establishment of the National Assembly Service Commission

51(1) There is established the National Assembly Service Commission whose composition, tenure, structure, finance, functions and powers shall be as prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly.

(2) There shall be the Clerk to the National Assembly and such other staff as may be required.

(3) The method of appointment of the Clerk and such other staff of the National Assembly, shall be as prescribed by the Commission".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 93

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Alteration of section 67.

Section 67 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)" -

"(1) The President -

- (a) shall attend a joint session of the National Assembly on the first legislative day of the month of May of each year to deliver an address in respect of the State of the Nation; and
- (b) may attend any joint session of the National Assembly, either to deliver an address on national affairs including fiscal measures, or to make such statement on the policy of government as he considers to be of national importance."

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	93
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Alteration of section 68 of the Constitution.

Section 68 (1) (e) of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after the word, "Law" in line 3, the words, "except by virtue of office".

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	93
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Substitution for section 93.

Substitute for section 93 of the Principal Act, a new section "93" -

"Establishment of State House of Assembly Service Commission

- 93. (1) There is established a State House of Assembly Service Commission whose composition, tenure, structure, finance, functions and powers shall be as prescribed by a Law of the House of Assembly of the State.
- (2) There shall be the Clerk to the State House of Assembly and such other staff as may be required.
- (3) The method of appointment of the Clerk and such other staff of the State House of Assembly, shall be as prescribed by the Commission".

Question: That Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 93

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Alteration of section 109.

Section 109 of the Constitution is altered by inserting, after the word, "law", in line 3, the words, "except by virtue of office".

Question: That Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 93

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 8: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 8, 2017.

Question: That Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 93

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill For An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide immunity for members of the legislature in respect of words spoken or written at plenary sessions or Committee proceedings and institutionalise legislative bureaucracy in the Constitution; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide immunity for members of the legislature in respect of words spoken or written at plenary sessions or Committee proceedings and institutionalise legislative bureaucracy in the Constitution; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-8 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(9) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 9: Political Parties and Electoral Matters

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION WITH SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONDUCT BYE-ELECTIONS AND PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR DE-REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 90

NOES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 134.

Section 134 of the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in subsection (4), by substituting for the figure, "7" in line 2, the figures, "21"; and
- (b) in subsection (5), by substituting the figure, "7" in line 2, the figures, "21".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 90

NOES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of Section 179.

Section 179 of the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in subsection (4), by substituting for the word, 'seven' in line 2, the figures, "21"; and
- (b) in subsection (5), by substituting for the word, "seven" in line 2, the figures, "21"

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 90

NOES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Insertion of section 225A.

Insert, after section 225, a new section "225A" -

"225A. The Independent National Electoral Commission shall have power to de-register a political party for —

- (a) breach of any of the requirements for registration;
- (b) failure to win at least twenty-five percent of votes cast in —
 - (i) one State of the Federation in a Presidential election, or
 - (ii) one Local Government of the State in a Governorship election;

- (c) failure to win at least —
- (i) one ward in the Chairmanship election,
 - (ii) one seat in the National or State House of Assembly election,
or
 - (iii) one seat in the Councillorship election".

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	90
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 9, 2017.

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	90
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide the Independent National Electoral Commission with sufficient time to conduct bye-elections and provide grounds for de-registration of political parties; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide the Independent National Electoral Commission with sufficient time to conduct bye-elections and provide grounds for de-registration of political parties; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-5 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(10) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 10: Presidential Assent

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR TIMELY PASSAGE OF BILLS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 58.

Section 58 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after subsection (5), a new subsection "(6)" -

"(6) Where the President neither signifies that he assents or that he withholds assent, the Bill shall, at the expiration of thirty days from the date of receipt, become law."

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 59.

Section 59 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for sub-section (4), a new subsection "(4)" -

"(4) Where the President within 30 days after the presentation of a Bill to him, fails to signify his assent or where he withholds his assent, then —

- (a) the President of the Senate shall, within 7 days, convene a joint sitting of the National Assembly to reconsider the Bill; and
- (b) if passed by two-thirds majority of members of both Houses at such joint sitting, the Bill shall become law and the assent of the President shall not be required."

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Alteration of section 100.

Section 100 of the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) by inserting, after subsection (4), a new subsection "(5)" -

"(4A) Where the Governor neither signifies that he assents nor that he withholds assent, the Bill shall at the expiration of thirty days from the date of receipt become law"; and

- (b) by renumbering the section appropriately.

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	1

ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Citation:

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 10, 2017.

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for timely passage of Bills; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for timely passage of Bills; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-5 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(11) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 11: Time frame for submitting Ministerial or Commissioners Nominees

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR TO SUBMIT THE NAMES OF PERSONS NOMINATED AS MINISTERS OR COMMISSIONERS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE OR STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: **Alteration of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Cap. 23 LFN 2004)**

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Act referred to as "Constitution") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 75

NOES - 19

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: **Amendment for Section 147.**

Section 147 of the Constitution is altered by inserting after subsection (6), a new subsection "(7)" -

"(7)" Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (2) of this Section —

(a) the nomination of any person to the office of a Minister for confirmation by the Senate shall be within thirty days after the date the President has taken the Oath of Office;

Question: That Clause 2(a) do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 75

NOES - 19

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

(b) the submission of names of the Ministerial nominees to the Senate for confirmation shall be accompanied by the assigned portfolio of each nominee; and

Question: That Clause 2(b) do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	78
NOES	-	16
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

(c) thirty-five percent of persons appointed as Ministers shall be women:

Provided that the President may appoint a Minister at any other time during his tenure and such appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Question: That Clause 2(c) do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	49
NOES	-	43
ABSTAIN	-	2
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 3: Amendment for Section 192.

Section 192 of the Constitution is altered by inserting after subsection (5), a new subsection "(6)"-

"(6)" Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this Section —

(a) the nomination of any person to the office of a commissioner for confirmation by the House of Assembly shall be within thirty working days after the date the Governor has taken the oath of office;

Question: That Clause 3(a) do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	84
NOES	-	7
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	91

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

- (b) the submission of the names of nominees for the office of Commissioners for confirmation by the House of Assembly shall be accompanied by the assigned portfolio of each nominee; and

Question: That Clause 3(b) do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	87
NOES	-	8
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

- (c) thirty-five percent of persons appointed as Commissioners shall be women;

Question: That Clause 3(c) do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	61
NOES	-	35
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	96

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Provided that the Governor may appoint a Commissioner at any other time during his tenure and such appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the House of Assembly.

Clause 4: Citation.

This Act may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 11, 2017.

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	87
NOES	-	8
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to require the President and Governor to submit the names of persons nominated as Ministers or Commissioners within thirty days of taking the Oath of Office for confirmation by the Senate or State House of Assembly; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to require the President and Governor to submit the names of persons nominated as Ministers or Commissioners within thirty days of taking the Oath of Office for confirmation by the Senate or State House of Assembly; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1& 2(a)(b)	—	As Recommended
Clause 2(c)	—	Negatived
Clause 3(a)(b)	—	As Recommended
Clause 3(c)	—	Negatived
Clause 4	—	As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(12) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

NO. 12: Appointment of Minister from FCT

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MINISTER FROM THE FCT, ABUJA TO ENSURE THAT FCT IS REPRESENTED IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 77

NOES - 12

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 92

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of Section 147.

Section 147 (3) of the Principal Act is altered by —

(a) substituting for the word, "form", in line 4, the word, "from"; and

(b) inserting, after the word, "State", in line 4, the words, "and the Federal Capital Territory".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 77

NOES - 12

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 92

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 12, 2017

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 77

NOES - 12

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 92

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the appointment of a Minister from the FCT, Abuja to ensure that FCT is represented in the Executive Council of the Federation, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the appointment of a Minister from the FCT, Abuja to ensure that FCT is represented in the Executive Council of the Federation, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(13) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 13: Change of Names of some Local Government Councils

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN THE NAMES OF SOME LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	84
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	2
TOTAL	-	88

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of Part I of the First Schedule.

Part I of the First Schedule is altered by substituting for —

- (a) the words, "Afikpo North" and "Afikpo South", in paragraph 11, line 1, the words, "Afikpo" and "Edda";
- (b) the words, "Egbado North" and "Egbado South", in paragraph 28, line 2 with the words "Yewa North" and "Yewa South";
- (c) the word "Atigbo" in paragraph 30 line 1 with the word, "Atisbo";
- (d) the words, "Barkin Ladi", in paragraph 31 line 1, the word, "Gwol"
- (e) the words, " Obia/Akpor" in paragraph 32 line 4 with the words, "Obio/Akpor";

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	84
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	2
TOTAL	-	88

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of Part II of the First Schedule.

Part II of the First Schedule is altered in the definition of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, in line 9, by substituting for the word —

- (a) "Plateau", the word, "Nasarawa." And
- (b) "Kawu", the word, "Karu".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	84
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	2
TOTAL	-	88

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, No. 13, 2017.

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:**YES - 84****NOES - 2****ABSTAIN - 2****TOTAL - 88**

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for a change in the names of some Local Government Councils; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for a change in the names of some Local Government Councils; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 4 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(14) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**No. 14: Independent Candidature**

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATURE IN ELECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "Constitution") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 82

NOES - 5

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 7.

Section 7 of the Principal Act is altered in subsection (4), by inserting before the word "the" in line 1, the words, "Subject to the provisions of section 106 of this Constitution";

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 82

NOES - 5

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 65.

Section 65 of the Principal Act is altered —

(a) in subsection (2) (b), by inserting, after the last word, "party", the words, "or he is an independent candidate"; and

(b) by inserting, after subsection (2), a new subsection "(3)" -

"(3) The requirements and conditions for the nomination of an independent candidate under this Constitution shall be as may be specified by an Act of the National Assembly".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 82

NOES - 5

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Alteration of section 106.

Section 106 (d) of the Principal Act is altered after the last of word, "party", the words, "or he is an independent candidate."

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 82

NOES - 5

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Alteration of section 131.

Section 131 (c) of the Principal Act is altered by inserting after the word, "party" in line 2, the words, "or he is an independent candidate."

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 82

NOES - 5

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Alteration of section 177.

Section 177 (c) of the Principal Act is altered by inserting after the word, "party" in line 2, the words, "or he is an independent candidate."

Question: That Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 82

NOES - 5

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Alteration of section 228.

Section 228 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after paragraph (c), a new paragraph "(ca)" -

"(ca) for procedures, guidelines and qualifications for access to the ballot by political parties and independent candidates"

Question: That Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 82

NOES - 5

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 8: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 14, 2017.

Question: That Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 82

NOES - 5

ABSTAIN - 3

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for independent candidature in elections; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for independent candidature in elections; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 8 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(15) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 15: The Nigeria Police Force

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE POLICE FROM NIGERIA POLICE FORCE TO NIGERIA POLICE TO REFLECT THEIR CORE MANDATE OF PROVIDING CIVIL SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 87

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 34.

Section 34 (2) (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police Force", in line 2, the words, "Nigeria Police".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 87

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 35.

Section 35 (7) (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police Force" in line 3, the words, "Nigeria Police".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	87
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Alteration of section 39.

Section 39 (3) (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police Force", in line 3, the words, "Nigeria Police".

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	87
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Alteration of section 214.

Section 214 of the principal Act is altered —

(a) in the Heading, by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police Force", the words, "Nigeria Police" and

(b) in subsections (1) and (2) by substituting for the words,

"Nigeria Police Force", the words, "Nigeria Police".

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	87
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Alteration of Section 215.

Section 215 of the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in the marginal note, by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police Force", the words, "Nigeria Police";
- (b) in subsection (1), by substituting for paragraph (a), a new subsection "(a)" —
 - "(a) an Inspector-General of Police who, subject to Section 216 (2) of this Constitution shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Nigeria Police Council from serving members of the Nigeria Police and subject to confirmation of such appointment by the Senate."; and
- (c) by substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection "(2)" - "(2) The Nigeria Police shall be under the command of the Inspector-General of Police and contingents of the Nigeria Police stationed in a State shall, subject to the authority of the Inspector-General of Police, be under the command of the Commissioner of Police of that State."

Question: That Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	87
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Alteration of section 216.

Section 216 of the Principal Act is Altered by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police Force", in line 5, the words, "Nigeria Police".

Question: That Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	87
NOES	-	2

ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 8: Alteration of the Third Schedule.

Part 1 of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in paragraph 8 (1) (a), by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police Force", in line 4, the words, "Nigeria Police";
- (b) in paragraph 28 (a), by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police Force", the words, "Nigeria Police"; and
- (c) in paragraph 30 (a), by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police Force", the words, "Nigeria Police";

Question: That Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	87
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 9: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 15, 2017

Question: That Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	87
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to change the name of the police from Nigeria Police Force to Nigerian Police to reflect their core mandate of providing civil services; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to change the name of the police from Nigeria Police Force to Nigeria Police to reflect their core mandate of providing civil services; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 9 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(16) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

NO. 16: Restriction of Tenure of the President and Governor

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO DISQUALIFY A PERSON WHO WAS SWORN-IN AS PRESIDENT OR GOVERNOR TO COMPLETE THE TERM OF THE ELECTED PRESIDENT OR GOVERNOR FROM BEING ELECTED TO THE SAME OFFICE FOR MORE THAN A SINGLE TERM; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 88

NOES - 0

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 89

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 137.

Section 137 of the Principal is altered, by inserting, after subsection (2), a new subsection "(3)" - "(3) A person who was sworn-in as President to complete the term for which another person was elected as President shall not be elected to such office for more than a single term".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	88
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	89

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 182.

Section 182 of the Principal Act is altered, by inserting, after subsection (2), a new subsection "(3)" - "(3) A person who was sworn-in as Governor to complete the term for which another person was elected as Governor shall not be elected to such office for more than a single term".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	88
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	89

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 16, 2017.

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	88
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	89

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to disqualify a person who was sworn-in as President or Governor to complete the term of the elected President or Governor from being elected to the same office for more than a single term; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to disqualify a person who was sworn-in as President or Governor to complete the term of the elected President or Governor from being elected to the same office for more than a single term; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 4 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(17) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 17: Separation of the Office of Accountant-General

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SEPARATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "Constitution") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	89
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	89

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Insertion of sections 84A - 84F.

Insert, after section 84 of the Principal Act, new sections "84A - 84F" -

"Appointment of Accountant-General of the Federation

84A. There shall be an Accountant-General of the Federation who shall be —

- (a) appointed by the President on the recommendation of National Economic Council, subject to confirmation by the Senate;
- (b) responsible for the administration and disbursement of allocations from the Federation Account to the tiers of government; and
- (c) a certified Accountant and has been so qualified for a minimum of ten years.

Power of the Accountant-General of the Federation

84B. The Accountant-General of the Federation shall have power to supervise and administer the Federation Account.

Tenure of office of Accountant-General of the Federation

84C. (1) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall hold office for a term of five years which may be renewed for a further term of five years.

- (2) The Accountant-General shall remain in office until he attains the age of sixty years or thirty-five years of public service, whichever is earlier.

Removal of Accountant-General of the Federation

84D. The Accountant-General of the Federation shall be removed by the President acting on a resolution supported by two-thirds majority of the Senate praying that he be so removed for inability to discharge the functions of his office (whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause) or for misconduct or incompetence.

Appointment of Accountant-General of the Federal Government

84E. There shall be an Accountant-General of the Federal Government who shall—

- (a) be appointed by the President;
- (b) supervise and administer the Federal Government Account; and
- (c) be a certified accountant and has been so qualified for a minimum of ten years.

Tenure of office of Accountant-General of the Federal Government

84F. (1) The Accountant-General of the Federal Government shall hold office for a term of five years which may be renewed for a further term of five years.

(2) The Accountant-General shall remain in office until he attains the age of sixty years or thirty-five years of public service, whichever is earlier.

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	89
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	89

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 17, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	89
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	89

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to establish the office of the Accountant-General of the Federal Government separate from the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill:

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to establish the office of the Accountant-General of the Federal Government separate from the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(18) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 18: Office of the Auditor-General

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO MAKE THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE FEDERATION AND FOR THE STATE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT BY PLACING THEM ON THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE OF THE FEDERATION AND OF THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 81.

Section 81 of the Principal Act is further altered by-

- (a) Substituting for subsections (3)(a) -(c), new subsections "(3)(a) - (e)"-
 - (a) National Assembly;
 - (b) Independent National Electoral Commission;
 - (c) Judiciary;
 - (d) Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation; and
 - (e) Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation."

- (b) inserting after the word "bodies" in line 6, the words " or offices."

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 121.

Section 121 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for subsection (3), a new subsection "(3)"

"3" Any amount standing to the credit of the-

(a) House of Assembly of the State;

(b) Office of the Attorney-General of the State;

(c) Office of the Auditor-General of the State; and

(d) Judiciary;

in the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State shall be paid directly to the said bodies or offices respectively, in the case of judiciary, such amount shall be paid directly to the heads of the courts concerned.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 18, 2017

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to make the office of the Auditor-General for the Federation and for the State financially independent by placing them on the Consolidated Revenue of the Federation and of the State; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to make the office of the Auditor-General for the Federation and for the State financially independent by placing them on the Consolidated Revenue of the Federation and of the State; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 4 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(19) *Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:*

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 19: Separation of the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation and of the State from the office of the Minister of or Commissioner for Justice

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION AND OF THE STATE SEPARATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF, OR COMMISSIONER FOR, JUSTICE OF THE STATE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE OFFICES OF THE ATTORNEYS-GENERAL INDEPENDENT AND INSULATED FROM PARTISANSHIP; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Substitution for section 150.

Substitute for section 150, a new section "150" -
"Appointment of Minister of Justice"

150 (1) There shall be a Minister of Justice who shall be a Minister and Chief Law Officer of the Government of the Federation.

(2) A person shall not be qualified to hold or perform the functions of the office of Minister of Justice of the Government of the Federation unless he is qualified to practise as a legal practitioner in Nigeria and has been so qualified for not less than fifteen years".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Insertion of new sections 174A - 174I.

Insert, after section 174 of the Principal Act, new sections "174A-174I-
"Appointment of Attorney-General of the Federation"

174A. There shall be an Attorney-General of the Federation who shall be appointed by the President subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Qualification

174B A person shall not be qualified to hold or perform the functions of the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation unless he is —

- (a) qualified to practise as a legal practitioner in Nigeria and has been so qualified for not less than fifteen years, with knowledge of the working of the criminal justice system; and
- (b) a person of integrity and is not a member of any political party.

Independence of Attorney-General of the Federation

174C. The Attorney-General of the Federation shall, in the discharge of his functions under this Constitution, be independent and not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority.

Powers of Attorney-General of the Federation

174D (1) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Attorney-General of the Federation shall have power to —

- (a) institute and undertake criminal proceedings against any person before any court of law in Nigeria, other than a court-martial, in respect of any offence created by or under an Act of the National Assembly;
 - (b) take over and continue any such criminal proceeding that may have been instituted by any other person or authority;
 - (c) discontinue, at any stage before judgment is delivered, any such criminal proceeding instituted or undertaken by him or any other person or authority;
 - (d) supervise, monitor, control and ensure that all government agencies with investigative and prosecutorial powers carry out their functions in accordance with the law establishing them; and
 - (e) carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon him by the National Assembly.
- (2) The powers conferred upon the Attorney-General of the Federation under subsection (1) of this section may be exercised by him in person or through officers of his department.
 - (3) In exercising his powers under this section, the Attorney-General of the Federation shall have regard to the public interest, the interest of justice and the need to prevent abuse of legal process.

Tenure of office

174E The Attorney-General of the Federation shall hold office for a single term of six years and no more or until he attains the age of sixty-five years or thirty-five years in public service, whichever is earlier.

Declaration of assets and oaths of office

- 174F (1) A person appointed to the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation shall not begin to perform the functions of that office until he has declared his assets and liabilities as prescribed in this Constitution and has been sworn in.
- (2) The oath referred to under subsection (1) of this section shall be administered by the Chief Justice of Nigeria or the person for the time being appointed to exercise the functions of that office.

Removal

174G The Attorney-General of the Federation shall be removed or suspended from office by the President acting on a resolution supported by two-thirds majority of the Senate praying that he be so removed or suspended for inability to discharge the functions of his office (whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause) or for misconduct, negligence of duty or incompetence.

Records of accounts and audit

174H The Attorney-General of the Federation shall cause to be kept, proper records of the accounts of his office in respect of each year and shall cause the accounts of his office to be audited within six months from the end of each financial year by auditors appointed from the list approved from time to time by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

Annual returns

174I The Attorney-General of the Federation shall prepare and submit to the National Assembly, not later than six months after the end of each financial year, a report on the activities of his office for the preceding year and include therein the audited account of his office for the year under review with the auditor's report thereon".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Substitution for section 195.

Substitute for section 195 of the Principal Act, a new section "195" -

Commissioner for Justice

195 (1) There shall be a Commissioner for Justice of the Government of a State."

(2) A person shall not be qualified to hold or perform the functions of the office of Commissioner for Justice of the Government of a State unless he is qualified to practise as a legal practitioner in Nigeria and has been so qualified for not less than ten years."

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	1

ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Insertion of sections 211A - 211H.

Insert, after section 211 of the Principal Act, new sections "211A - 211H" -
"Appointment of Attorney-General of a State"

211A. There shall be an Attorney-General of a State who shall be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the State House of Assembly.

Independence of Attorney-General of a State

211B. The Attorney-General of a State shall, in the discharge of his functions under this Constitution, be independent and not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority.

Qualification

211C. A person shall not be qualified to hold or perform the functions of the office of the Attorney-General of a State unless he is —

- (a) qualified to practise as a legal practitioner in Nigeria and has been so qualified for not less than ten years;
- (b) a person of integrity and is not a member of any political party.

Powers of the Attorney-General

211D. (1) Subject to this Constitution, the Attorney-General of a State shall have power to —

- (a) institute and undertake criminal proceedings against any person before any court of law in the State, other than a court-martial, in respect of any offence created by or under a Law of the House of Assembly;
- (b) take over and continue any such criminal proceeding that may have been instituted by any other person or authority;
- (c) discontinue, at any stage before judgment is delivered, any such criminal proceeding instituted or undertaken by him or any other person or authority; and
- (d) supervise, monitor, control and ensure that all government agencies with investigative and prosecutorial powers carry out their functions in accordance with the law establishing them;
- (e) carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon him by the House of Assembly.

- (2) The powers conferred upon the Attorney-General of the State under subsection (1) of this section may be exercised by him in person or through officers of his department.

- (3) In exercising his powers Under this section, the Attorney-General of a State shall have regard to the public interest, the interest of justice and the need to prevent abuse of legal process.

Tenure of office

211E. The Attorney- General of a State shall hold office for a single term of six years and no more or until he attains the age of sixty-five years or thirty-five years in public service, whichever is earlier.

Declaration of assets and liabilities and oath of office

211F. (1) A person appointed to the office of the Attorney-General of a State shall not begin to perform the functions of that office until he has declared his assets and liabilities as prescribed in this Constitution and has been sworn in.

- (2) The oaths referred to under subsection (1) of this section shall be administered by the Chief Judge of a State or the person for the time being appointed to exercise the functions of that office.

Removal

211G. The Attorney-General of a State shall be removed or suspended from office by the Governor acting on a resolution supported by two-thirds majority of Members of the House of Assembly praying that he be so removed or suspended for inability to discharge the functions of his office (whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause) or for misconduct, negligence of duty or incompetence.

Records of accounts and audit

211H. The Attorney-General of a State shall cause to be kept, proper records of the accounts of his office in respect of each year and shall cause the accounts of his office to be audited within six months from the end of each financial year by auditors appointed from the list approved from time to time by the Auditor-General of the State.

Annual returns

211I. The Attorney-General of a State shall prepare and submit to the House of Assembly of the State, not later than six months after the end of each financial year, a report on the activities of his office for the preceding year and include therein the audited account of his office for the year under review with the auditor's report thereon."

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Alteration of Section 318.

Section 318 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, in alphabetical order, the following definitions-

"Chief Law Officer of the Federation" means a person appointed as the Minister of Justice under section 150(1) of this Constitution who shall be the chief legal adviser in all legal matters of the Federal Government other than the duties assigned to the Attorney-General under section 174D of this Constitution.

"Chief Law Officer of the State" means a person appointed as the Commissioner for Justice under section 211D of this Constitution who shall be the chief legal adviser in all legal matters of the State other than the duties assigned to the Attorney-General under section 211A of this Constitution."

Question: That Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Alteration of Part III to the Third Schedule.

The Third Schedule, Part III, to the Principal Act is altered in paragraph (1), by substituting for subparagraph (b), a new subparagraph "(b)" - "(b) the Minister of Justice"

Question: That Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 1

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 8 Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 19, 2017.

Question: That Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	1
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to establish the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation and of the State separate from the office of the Minister of, or Commissioner for, Justice of the State in order to make the offices of the Attorneys-General independent and insulated from partisanship; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to establish the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation and of the State separate from the office of the Minister of, or Commissioner for, Justice of the State in order to make the offices of the Attorneys-General independent and insulated from partisanship; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 8 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(20) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No 20: Submissions from the Judiciary

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE JUDICIARY FOR SPEEDY DISPENSATION OF JUSTICE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 233.

Section 233 of the Principal Act is altered by —

- (a) deleting subsection (2) (a);
- (b) renumbering the subsection appropriately; and
- (c) substituting for subsection (4), a new subsection "(4)" -

"(4) Three Justices of the Supreme Court sitting in Chambers may dispose of any application for leave to appeal from any decision after consideration of the record of proceedings if the Justices are of the opinion that the interest of Justice does not require an oral hearing of the application and such decision shall be final".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 237.

Section 237 (2) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for paragraph (b), a new subparagraph "(b)"- "(b) such number of Justices of the Court of Appeal, not less than one hundred of which at least twelve shall be learned in the law and practice of industrial relations and employment conditions, not less than three learned in Islamic Personal Law, and not less than three learned in Customary Law, as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly."

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - **95**

NOES - **2**

ABSTAIN - **0**

TOTAL - **97**

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4 **Alteration of section 241.**

Section 241 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after subsection (1), a new subsection "(1A)" -

"(1A) A Court or Tribunal shall not stay any proceedings on account of interlocutory appeal".

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - **95**

NOES - **2**

ABSTAIN - **0**

TOTAL - **97**

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: **Alteration of section 243.**

Section 243 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for subsection (3), a new subsection "(3)" -

"(3) An appeal shall lie from the decision of the National Industrial Court to the Court of Appeal only with leave of the Court of Appeal and such decision shall be final".

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - **95**

NOES - **2**

ABSTAIN - **0**

TOTAL - **97**

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Alteration of section 246.

Section 246 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after subsection (1), a new subsection "(1A)" -

"(1A) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, no appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal from any decision of an election tribunal in respect of an interlocutory decision,"

Question: That Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to:

Clause 7: Alteration of section 247.

Section 247 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after subsection (1), a new subsection "(2)" -

"(2) Three Justices of the Court of Appeal sitting in Chambers may dispose of any application for leave to appeal from any decision after consideration of the record of proceedings if the Justices are of the opinion that the interest of Justice does not require an oral hearing of the application".

Question: That Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to:

Clause 8: Alteration of section 250.

Section 250 of the Principal Act is altered in subsection (1), by substituting for the word, "advice", in line 2, the word, "recommendation".

Question: That Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 9: Alteration of Section 267.

Section 267 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after the word, "Law" in line 4, the words, "and related matters".

Question: That Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 10: Alteration of section 281.

Section 281 of the Principal Act is altered in subsection (1), by substituting for the word, "advice", in line 3, the word, "recommendation".

Question: That Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Alteration of Section 282.

Section 282 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after the word, "Law", in line 3, the words, "and related matters".

Question: That Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 12: Alteration of section 291.

Section 291 (3) of the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in paragraph (a), by substituting for the word, "fifteen", in line 1, the word, "ten"; and
- (b) in paragraph (b), by substituting for the word, "fifteen", in line 1, the word, "ten".

Question: That Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 13: Alteration of the Third Schedule.

Part I of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in paragraph 12 —
 - (i) subparagraph (b), by inserting, after the word, "Appeal", the words, "who shall be the Deputy Chairman",
 - (ii) by substituting for subparagraph (c), a new subparagraph "(c)" -
 "(c) Minister of Justice";
- (b) in paragraph 13, by substituting for subparagraph (c), a new subparagraph "(c)" -
 "(c) appoint, promote and exercise disciplinary control over the Chief Registrars and Deputy Chief Registrars of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, Federal High Court, the National Industrial Court, Code of Conduct Tribunal and all other members of staff of the judicial service of the Federation not otherwise specified in this Constitution and of the Federal Judicial Service Commission."; and
- (c) by substituting for paragraph 20, a new paragraph "20" -
 "20.-(1) The National Judicial Council shall comprise the following members —
 - (a) the Chief Justice of Nigeria, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the next most senior Justice of the Supreme Court, who shall be the Deputy Chairman;

- (c) the President of the Court of Appeal;
 - (d) three retired Justices of the Supreme Court, to serve for a period of three years only;
 - (e) two retired Justices of the Court of Appeal, to serve for a period of three years only;
 - (f) the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court;
 - (g) the President of the National Industrial Court;
 - (h) three Chief Judges to serve in rotation for two years;
 - (i) one retired Chief Judge of the Federal High Court and one retired President of the National Industrial Court and one retired Chief Judge of a State High Court to serve for a period of three years only;
 - (j) one Grand Kadi of a Sharia Court of Appeal to be appointed from among the Grand Kadis of the Sharia Courts of Appeal to serve in rotation for two years only;
 - (k) one President of a Customary Court of Appeal to be appointed from among the Presidents of the Customary Courts of Appeal to serve in rotation for two years only;
 - (l) the President of the Nigerian Bar Association to serve for a period of two years only;
 - (m) four senior members of the Nigerian Bar Association who have been qualified to practice for a period of not less than ten years, nominated by the National Executive Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association to serve for a period of two years only; and
 - (n) two persons not being legal practitioners, who in the opinion of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, are of unquestionable integrity.
- (i) The Chief Justice of Nigeria shall, in exercising his power of appointment of members under subparagraph (l) of this paragraph, consult other Justices of the Supreme Court. "; and
- (d) by substituting for subparagraph (a), a new subparagraph "(a)":

"(a) recommend to the President from among the list of persons submitted to it by the Federal Judicial Service Commission, persons for appointment to the offices of Chief Justice of Nigeria, the Justices of the Supreme Court, the President and Justices of the Court of Appeal, the Chief judge and Judges of the Federal High Court, the President and Judges of the National Industrial Court, the Chief judge and Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Chairman and Members of the Code of Conduct Tribunal, the Grand Kadi and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and the President and Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja".

Question: That Clause 13 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 14: Alteration of Part II of the Third Schedule.

Part II, paragraph 5 of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered by —

- (a) inserting, after subparagraph (a), a new subparagraph "(aa)" - "(a) the next most senior Head of Court who shall be the Deputy Chairman"; and
- (b) substituting for subparagraph (b), a new subparagraph "(b)" - "(b) Commissioner for Justice"

Question: That Clause 14 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	95
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 15: Alteration of Part III of the Third Schedule.

Part III of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) by deleting the word, "EXECUTIVE" in the heading;
- (b) by substituting for subparagraph (b), a new subparagraph "(b)" - "(b) the next most senior Head of Court who shall be the deputy Chairman";
- (c) by substituting for paragraph 2 (c), a new paragraph "2 (c)" -
 "2 (c). The Committee shall have the power to appoint, promote and exercise disciplinary control over the Chief Registrar and Deputy Chief Registrars of the High Court, the Sharia Court of Appeal and the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, if any, magistrates, Area Court Judges, Customary Court Judges, and all other members of staff of the judicial service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja not otherwise specified in this Constitution and of the Judicial Service Committee of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja".

Question: That Clause 15 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - **95**

NOES - **2**

ABSTAIN - **0**

TOTAL - **97**

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 16: Alteration of the Third Alteration No. 3, 2011.

The Constitution (Third Alteration No. 3, 2011) is further altered —

- (a) in section 6, by inserting, after paragraph (cc), a new paragraph "(cd)"- "(cd) Code of Conduct Tribunal"; and
- (b) in section 13, by inserting, after the word, "Court", the words, Chairman and members of the Code of Conduct Tribunal".

Question: That Clause 16 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - **95**

NOES - **2**

ABSTAIN - **0**

TOTAL - **97**

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 17: Alteration of Part I of the Fifth Schedule.

Paragraph 15 of the Fifth Schedule to the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in subparagraph (1), by substituting for the words, "a Chairman and two other persons", in line 2, the expression - "(a) a Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal; and
- (b) such number of members of the Code of Conduct Tribunal not less than twenty-four as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly";
- (b) by substituting for subparagraph (3), a new subparagraph "(3)"- "(3) The Code of Conduct Tribunal shall be duly constituted if it consists of at least three members of the tribunal"; and
- (c) by inserting, after subparagraph (3), new subparagraphs "(3A)"- "(3C)"- "(3A) A person shall not be qualified to hold or perform the functions of the office of the Chairman or member of the Code of Conduct Tribunal unless he is qualified to practise as a legal practitioner in Nigeria and has been so qualified for a period of not less than ten years.

(3B) If the office of the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal is vacant or the person holding such office is, for any reason, unable to perform the functions of the office, then until a person has been appointed to and has assumed the functions of that office, or until the person holding the office has resumed those functions, the President shall appoint the most senior member of the Code of Conduct Tribunal to perform those functions.

(4C) Except on the recommendation of the National Judicial Council, an appointment made under sub-paragraph (3B) of this paragraph shall cease to have effect after the expiration of three months from the date of such appointment, and the president shall not re-appoint a person whose appointment has lapsed."

Question: That Clause 17 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 18: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 20, 2017.

Question: That Clause 18 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 95

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to establish the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation and of the State separate from the office of the Minister of, or Commissioner for, Justice of the State in order to make the offices of the Attorneys-General independent and insulated from partisanship; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to further strengthen the judiciary for speedy dispensation of justice; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 18 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(21) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 21: Determination of Pre-Election Matters

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE TIME FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PRE-ELECTION MATTERS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of Constitution .

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	97
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 285 of the Constitution.

Section 285 of the Principal Act is further altered by —

(a) by substituting for the marginal note, a new "marginal note"-

"Time for Determination of Pre-Election Matters, Establishment of Election Tribunals and Time for Determination of Election Petitions";

- (b) by substituting for subsection (8), anew subsection "(8)" -

"(8) Where a preliminary objection or any other interlocutory issue touching on the jurisdiction of the tribunal or court in any pre-election matter or on the competence of the petition itself is raised by a party, the tribunal or court shall suspend ruling thereon and deliver same at the stage of final judgment"; and

- (c) by inserting, after subsection (8), new subsections "(9) - "(14)":

"(9) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution, every pre-election matter shall be filed not later than 14 days from the date of the occurrence of the event, decision or action complained of in the suit.

- (10) A Court in every pre-election matter shall deliver its judgment in writing within 180 days from the date of filing of the suit.

- (11) An appeal from a decision in a pre-election matter shall be filed within 14 days from the date of delivery of the judgment appealed against.

- (12) An appeal from a decision of a Court in a pre-election matter shall be heard and disposed of within 60 days from the date of filing of the appeal".

- (13) An election tribunal or court shall not declare any person a winner at an election in which such a person has not fully participated in all stages of the election."

- (14) for the purpose of this section, "pre-election matter" means any suit by—

(a) an aspirant who complains that any of the provisions of the Electoral Act or any Act of the National Assembly regulating the conduct of primaries of political parties and the provisions of the guidelines of a political party for conduct of party primaries has not been complied with by a political party in respect of the selection or nomination of candidates for an election;

(b) an aspirant challenging the actions, decisions or activities of the Independent National Electoral Commission in respect of his participation in an election or who complains that the provisions of the Electoral Act or any Act of the National Assembly regulating elections in Nigeria has not been complied with by the Independent National Electoral Commission in respect of the selection or nomination of candidates and participation in an election; and

(c) a political party challenging the actions, decisions or activities of the Independent National Electoral Commission disqualifying its candidate from participating in an election or a complaint that the provisions of the Electoral Act or any other applicable law has not been complied with by the Independent National Electoral Commission in respect of the nomination of candidates of political parties for an election, timetable for an election,

registration of voters and other activities of the Commission in respect of preparation for an election".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	97
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 21, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	97
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide time for the determination of pre-election matters; and for related matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide time for the determination of pre-election matters; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(22) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 22: Consequential Amendment on Civil Defence

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REFLECT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE NIGERIA SECURITY AND CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	79
NOES	-	15
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Insertion of new heading DA- Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps.
Insert, after section 213 of the Principal Act, a new heading "AA"-
"AA- National Security and Civil Defence Corps

Establishment of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps

213A (1) There shall be a Civil Defence Corps for Nigeria which shall be known as the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Civil Defence Corps shall be responsible for —

- (a) the management of natural and man-made disasters, search, rescue and recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration of displaced persons and to help them recover from the immediate effects of hostilities or disasters and provide the conditions necessary for their survival; and

- (b) the protection of critical national assets which shall not be limited to oil industry infrastructure, railways, solid mineral minefields, telecommunication infrastructure, power infrastructure, hydrological infrastructure, nuclear infrastructure, cattle ranches, but critical national assets as may be strategically declared by an Act of the National Assembly.
- (3) The Civil Defence Corps shall —
 - (a) regulate Private Guard Companies as an industry regulator;
 - (b) register, monitor, supervise, sanction, deregister and determine the operational guidelines of private guard companies all over Nigeria as the nation strives to establish it as a viable tier of security;
 - (c) bear arms to enable it perform all or part of its functions; and
 - (d) train, regulate, supervise, oversee and support the activities of vigilante groups, neighborhood security organisations or agencies, and any other such groups, agencies or organizations with a paramilitary character enacted by an Act of a State Assembly for the purpose of enhancing the security of any state of the federation.

Appointment of Commandant-General

213B. There shall be Commandant-General for the Civil Defence Corps who shall be appointed by the President from its officer cadre to administer and manage the Corps in a manner prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	79
NOES	-	15
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 22, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	79
NOES	-	15
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the establishment and core functions of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the establishment and core functions of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(23) *Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:*

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 23: Citizenship and Indigeneship

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ENTITLE MARRIED WOMEN CLAIM THE INDEGINESHIP OF THE STATE OF THEIR HUSBANDS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: **Alteration of the Constitution.**

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 49

NOES - 46

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 2: Insert, after section 25 of the Principal Act, a new Section "25A"-

"25A. A citizen of Nigeria is an indigene of a particular community of a State in Nigeria if being a woman, who is married to an indigene of the community of that State, unless she chooses to retain the indigeneship of her parental community".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 49

NOES - 46

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 23, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 49

NOES - 46

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to entitle married women claim the indigeneship of the State of their husbands; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to entitle married women claim the indigineship of the State of their husbands; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — Negatived

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

(24) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 24: Procedure for Overriding Presidential Veto in Constitutional Alteration

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR PASSING A CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL WHERE THE PRESIDENT WITHHOLDS ASSENT, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 92

NOES - 4

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 9.

Section 9 of the Principal Act is altered —

(a) in subsection (2), by substituting for the words, "An Act of " in line 1, the words, "A Bill before";

(b) by substituting for the word, "Act" in line 2, the words "a Bill";

(c) by substituting for the words, "the proposal " in line 3, the words, "the Bill"

(d) by inserting a new subsection "(3A)"-

"(3A) Where the President withholds his assent and the bill is again voted upon by each House of the National Assembly by two-thirds majority, the bill shall become law".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 92

NOES - 4

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 24, 2017

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 92

NOES - 4

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 96

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to provide for the procedure for passing a Constitution Alteration Bill where the President withholds assent, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on A Bill for an Act to provide for the procedure for passing a Constitution Alteration Bill where the President withholds assent, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(25) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 25: Removal of Law-making Powers of the Executive

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REMOVE THE LAW-MAKING POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF GOVERNMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	89
NOES	-	3
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	92

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of Section 315.

Section 315 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting —

(a)

(b) subsection (4)(a)(i) - (iii) and (c); and

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	89
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NOES	-	3
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	92

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 25, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	89
NOES	-	3
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	92

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to remove the law-making powers of the Executive Arm of Government and delete the Acts establishing the National Youth Service Corps, the Public Complaints Commission, the National Security Agencies and the Land Use from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to remove the law-making powers of the Executive Arm of Government and delete the Acts establishing the National Youth Service Corps, the Public Complaints Commission, the National Security Agencies and the Land Use from the Constitution; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(26) *Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:*

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 26: Investment and Securities Tribunal

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REFLECT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INVESTMENTS AND SECURITIES TRIBUNAL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Act referred to as the "Principal Act" is altered as set out under this Bill.

Third Alteration

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	76
NOES	-	14
ABSTAIN	-	5
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 6.

Section 6 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting in the heading, after the word, "Nigeria", the words, "and Investments and Securities Tribunal".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	76
NOES	-	14
ABSTAIN	-	5
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 84.

Section 84 (4) of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after the words, "Judge of the National Industrial Court", the words, "Chairman of the Investments and Securities Tribunal, Member of the Investments and Securities Tribunal."

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 76

NOES - 14

ABSTAIN - 5

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Alteration of section 240.

Section 240 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after the words, "National Industrial Court", the words, "the Investments and Securities Tribunal".

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 76

NOES - 14

ABSTAIN - 5

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Alteration of section 243.

Section 243 of the Principal Act is altered by —

(a) inserting, after the words, "National Industrial Court" in the marginal note and in the section, the words "the Investments and Securities Tribunal"; and

(b) inserting, after sub-section (4), new subsections "(5)"-"(7)"-

"(5) An appeal shall lie from the final decision of the Investments and Securities Tribunal as of right to the Court of Appeal on capital market dispute as it relates to matters upon which the Investments and Securities Tribunal has jurisdiction.

(6) An appeal shall only lie from the decision of the Investments and Securities Tribunal to the Court of Appeal as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly:

Provided that where an Act or law prescribes that an appeal shall lie from the decisions of the Investments and Securities Tribunal to the Court of Appeal, such appeal shall be with the leave of the Court of Appeal.

- (7) Without prejudice to the provisions of section 254C (5) of this Constitution., the decision of the Court of Appeal in respect of any appeal arising from any civil jurisdiction of the Investments and Securities Tribunal shall be final".

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	76
NOES	-	14
ABSTAIN	-	5
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Alteration of Chapter VII, Part 1.

Chapter VII, Part 1 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after section 254F, a new sub-heading "CB" and sections "254G -254K" -

"CB- The Investments and Securities Tribunal

Establishment and composition of the Investments and Securities Tribunal

254G (1) There shall be established for the Federation an Investments and Securities Tribunal.

- (2) The Investments and Securities Tribunal shall consist of —
- (a) a Chairman of the tribunal; and
 - (b) twelve other members of the tribunal.

Appointments of Chairman and members of the Investments and Securities Tribunal

254H (1) The appointment of the Chairman of the Tribunal shall be made by the President on the recommendation of the National Judicial Council subject to confirmation of such appointment by the Senate.

- (2) The appointment of members of the Tribunal shall be made by the President on the recommendation of the National Judicial Council.
- (3) A person shall not be eligible to be Chairman or a member of the Tribunal unless the person is qualified to practise as a legal practitioner in Nigeria and has been so qualified for a period of not less than ten years with cognate experience in capital market matters.

- (4) If the office of the Chairman of the Tribunal becomes vacant, or if the person holding the office is for any reason unable to perform the functions of the office, then, until a person has been appointed to and assumed the functions of that office or until the person holding the office has resumed those functions, the President shall appoint the most senior member of the Tribunal having the qualification to be appointed as Chairman of the tribunal as provided under sub section(5) of this section to perform those functions.
- (5) Except on the recommendation of the National Judicial Council, an appointment pursuant to the provisions of sub section(4) of this section shall cease to have effect after the expiration of three months from the date of such appointment and the President shall not re-appoint a person whose appointment has lapsed.

Jurisdiction**254I (1)**

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 251, 257, 272 and anything contained in this Constitution and, in addition to such other jurisdiction as may be conferred upon it by an Act of the National Assembly, the Investments and Securities Tribunal shall, to the exclusion of any other court of law or body in Nigeria, exercise jurisdiction to hear and determine any question of law dispute involving: —

- (a) a decision or determination of the Commission in the operation and application of the Investments and Securities Act, and, in particular, relating to any dispute—
 - (i) between capital market operators;
 - (ii) between capital market operators and their clients,
 - (iii) between an investor and a securities exchange or capital trade point or clearing and settlement agency, or
 - (iv) between capital market operators and self-regulatory organisations;
 - (b) the Commission and self-regulatory organisation;
 - (c) a capital market operator and the Commission;
 - (d) an investor and the Commission;
 - (e) an issuer of securities and the Commission; and
 - (f) disputes arising from the administration, management and operations of collective investment schemes.
- (2) The Tribunal shall also exercise jurisdiction in any other matter as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly.
 - (3) In the exercise of its jurisdiction, the Tribunal shall have power to interpret any law, rule or regulation as may be applicable.

- (4) The Investments and Securities Tribunal shall have and exercise jurisdiction and powers to entertain any application for the enforcement of the award, decision, ruling or order made by any arbitral tribunal or commission, administrative body, or board of inquiry relating to or connected with, arising from or pertaining to any matter of which the Investments and Securities Tribunal has the jurisdiction to entertain.
- (5) The Investments and Securities Tribunal shall have and exercise jurisdiction and powers in criminal causes and matters arising from any causes or matter of which jurisdiction is conferred on the Investments and Securities Tribunal by this section or any other Act of the National Assembly or by any other law.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution, the Investment and Securities Tribunal shall have the jurisdiction and power to deal with any matter connected with or pertaining to the application of any international convention, treaty or protocol of which Nigeria has ratified relating to the capital market or matters connected therewith.
- (7) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution, appeal shall lie from the final decision of the Investments and Securities Tribunal from matters in sub section (1) of this section to the Court of Appeal as of right.

Powers

- 254J. (1) For the purpose of exercising any jurisdiction conferred upon it by this Constitution or as may be conferred by an Act of the National Assembly, the Investments and Securities Tribunal shall have all the powers of a Federal High Court.
- (2) Notwithstanding sub section(1) of this section, the National Assembly, make provisions conferring upon the Investments and Securities Tribunal powers additional to those conferred by this section as may appear necessary or desirable for enabling the Tribunal to be more effective in exercising its jurisdiction.

Constitution of the Tribunal

5. (1) For the purpose of exercising any jurisdiction conferred upon it by this constitution or any other law, the Investments and Securities Tribunal shall be duly constituted if it consists of not less than three members of the Tribunal.
- (2) For the purpose of exercising its criminal jurisdiction, the Chairman of the Tribunal may hear and determine or assign three members of the Tribunal to hear and determine such matter.
- (3) For the purpose of exercising any jurisdiction conferred upon it by the Constitution or any other law, the Tribunal may, if it deems it expedient to do so or in a manner prescribed under any enactment, law or rule of court, call in aid, one or more assessors specially qualified to try and hear the cause or matter wholly or partly with the assistance of such assessors.

- (4) For the purpose of sub subsection (3) of this section, an assessor shall be a person who is specially qualified and experienced in capital market and who has been so qualified for a period of not less than ten years.

Practice procedure

254K. (1) subject to the provisions of any Act of the National Assembly, the Chairman of the Tribunal may make rules for regulating the practice and procedure of the Tribunal.

- (2) For the purpose of exercising its criminal jurisdiction, the provisions of the Criminal Code, Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, Administration of Justice Act, Evidence Act and other relevant laws shall apply.

Question: That Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 76

NOES - 14

ABSTAIN - 5

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Alteration of section 292.

Section 292(1) (a) (i) of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after the words, "President of the National Industrial Court", the words, "Chairman of the Investments and Securities Tribunal."

Question: That Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 76

NOES - 14

ABSTAIN - 5

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 8: Alteration of section 294 (4).

Section 294(4) of the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after the words, "National Industrial Court", the words, "Investments and Securities Tribunal".

Question: That Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	76
NOES	-	14
ABSTAIN	-	5
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 9: Alteration of section 295.

Section 295 of the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in subsection (1), by inserting —
 - (i) after the words, "National Industrial Court", the words, "Investments and Securities Tribunal", and
 - (ii) after the word, "National Industrial Court" the words "Investments and Securities Tribunal"; and
- (b) in subsection (2), by inserting, after the words, "National Industrial Court", the words, "Investments and Securities Tribunal".

Question: That Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	76
NOES	-	14
ABSTAIN	-	5
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 10: Alteration of section 318.

Section 318 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting under the interpretation of —

- (a) judicial office, after the words, " National Industrial Court", the words "the office of the Chairman or Member of the Investments and Securities Tribunal; and
- (b) Public Service of the Federation, after the words", the National Industrial Court", "the Investments and Securities Tribunal" immediately".

Question: That Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	76
NOES	-	14
ABSTAIN	-	5
TOTAL	-	95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Alteration of Third Schedule to the Principal Act.

The Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered —

- (a) in paragraph 12, by inserting, after paragraph (dd), a new paragraph "(db)" —

"(db]" the Chairman of the Investments and Securities Tribunal";

- (b) in paragraph 13(a), by inserting new subparagraphs "(via)" and "(vib)", after the subparagraph "(vi)":

"(via) the Chairman of the Investments and Securities Tribunal"; and

"(vib) a Member of the Investments and Securities Tribunal";

- (c) in paragraph 13(c) by inserting, after the words, "National Industrial Court", the words "Investments and Securities Tribunal";

- (d) in paragraph 20, by inserting immediately after subparagraph "(ee)" a new subparagraph (eb):

"(eb)" the Chairman of the National Industrial Court"; and

- (e) in paragraph 21 (a) (i), by inserting, after the words, "National Industrial Court", the words "Chairman and Members of the Investments and Securities Tribunal".

Question: That Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 76

NOES - 14

ABSTAIN - 5

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 12: Alteration of Seventh Schedule to the Principal Act.

The Seventh Schedule to the Principal Act is altered by inserting, after the words "President/Judge of the National Industrial Court under "Judicial Oath", the words "Chairman/Member of the Investments and Securities Tribunal".

Question: That Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 76

NOES - 14

ABSTAIN - 5

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 13: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 Bill, 2017.

Question: That Clause 13 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 76

NOES - 14

ABSTAIN - 5

TOTAL - 95

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the establishment of the Investments and Securities Tribunal under the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the establishment of the Investments and Securities Tribunal under the Constitution; and for related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 13 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(27) *Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:*

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

No. 27: Reduction of Age for Election

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REDUCE THE AGE FOR QUALIFICATION FOR THE OFFICES OF THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	86
NOES	-	10
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 65.

Section 65(1)(b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the word, "thirty", in line 2, the word, "twenty-five".

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	86
NOES	-	10
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of Section 106.

Section 106(b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting the words "Thirty" with the words "Twenty-five".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	86
NOES	-	10
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Alteration of Section 131.

Section 131(b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the word, "forty", the word, "thirty-five".

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	86
NOES	-	10
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 27, 2017.

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	86
NOES	-	10
ABSTAIN	-	1
TOTAL	-	97

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the age for qualification for the offices of the President and membership of the House of Representatives and the State House of Assembly; and for other Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the age for qualification for the offices of the President and membership of the House of Representatives and the State House of Assembly; and for other related matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 5 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(28) *Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:*

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)*Bill No. 28 Authorization of Expenditure (1)*

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO SPECIFY THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OR THE GOVERNOR OF A STATE SHALL PRESENT THE APPROPRIATION BILL BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OR HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution:

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 94

NOES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of section 81:

Section 81 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for subsection (1) a new subsection "(1)" -

"(1) The President shall cause to be prepared and laid before each House of the National Assembly not later than ninety days to the end of a financial year estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the Federation for the next following financial year."

"(a) The President shall cause to be prepared and laid before each House of the National Assembly not later than ninety days to the end of a financial year estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Federation for the next following financial year.

(b) The National Assembly shall pass the Appropriation Bill before the commencement of the next financial year."

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	94
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of section 121:

Section 121 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for subsection (1) a new subsection "(1)" -

"(1) The Governor shall cause to be prepared and laid before the House of Assembly not later than ninety days to the end of a financial year estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the State for the next following financial year."

"(a) The President shall cause to be prepared and laid before each House of the National Assembly not later than ninety days to the end of a financial year estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the Federation for the next following financial year.

(b) The National Assembly shall pass the Appropriation Bill before the commencement of the next financial year."

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	94
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 28, 2017.

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	94
NOES	-	0
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to specify the period within which the President or the Governor of a State shall present the Appropriation Bill before the National Assembly or House of Assembly; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to specify the period within which the President or the Governor of a State shall present the Appropriation Bill before the National Assembly or House of Assembly; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-4 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(29) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)*Bill No. 29. Deletion of the NYSC Decree from the Constitution*

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO DELETE THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS DECREE 1993 FROM THE CONSTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution:

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 88

NOES - 3

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 91

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of Section 315.

Section 315 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting -

(a) subsection (5) (a); and

(b) subsection (6)

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 88

NOES - 3

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 91

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation:

This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 29, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	88
NOES	-	3
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	91

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete the National Youth Service Corps Decree 1993 from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete the National Youth Service Corps Decree 1993 from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(30) Report on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Bill. No. 30 Deletion of the Public Complaints Commission Act from the Constitution

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO DELETE THE PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION ACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution:

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 90

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 2

TOTAL - 93

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of Section 315.

Section 315 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting -

(a) subsection (5) (b); and

(b) subsection (6)

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 90

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 2

TOTAL - 93

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 30, 2017

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 90

NOES - 1

ABSTAIN - 2

TOTAL - 93

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete the Public Complaints Commission Act from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete the Public Complaints Commission Act from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(31) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Bill. No. 31. Deletion of National Security Agencies Act

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO DELETE THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCIES ACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution:

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 92

NOES - 2

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of Section 315.

Section 315 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting -

- (a) subsection (5) (c); and
- (b) subsection (6)

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	92
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation:

This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 31, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	92
NOES	-	2
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete the National Security Agencies Act from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete the National Security Agencies Act from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-3 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

(32) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Bill. No. 32 Deletion of the Land Use Act from the Constitution

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO DELETE THE LAND USE ACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution:

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 46

NOES - 44

ABSTAIN - 0

TOTAL - 90

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 2: Alteration of Section 315.

Section 315 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting -

(a) subsection (5) (d); and

(b) subsection (6)

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	46
NOES	-	44
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Clause 3: Citation:

This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 32, 2017.

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	46
NOES	-	44
ABSTAIN	-	0
TOTAL	-	90

Question by E-Vote — Negatived.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete the Land Use Act from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete the Land Use Act from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-3 — Negatived

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in the Affirmative.

(33) Reports on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017:

Motion made: That the Senate do resolved into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Constitution Review on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as Amended (Alteration) Bill, 2017 - e-voting (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)*No.33 Deletion of State Independent Electoral Commission (SIEC) from the Constitution*

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO DELETE STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION FROM THE CONSTITUTION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2017.

Clause 1: Alteration of the Constitution:

The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Question: That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 73

NOES - 19

ABSTAIN - 2

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Alteration of Section 197:

Section 197 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting subsection (1) (b).

Question: That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 73

NOES - 19

ABSTAIN - 2

TOTAL - 94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Alteration of Part I of the Second Schedule:

Part I of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is altered in paragraph 22 by substituting for the word "excluding" in line 3, the word "including".

Question: That Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES - 73

NOES - 19

ABSTAIN	-	2
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Alteration of Part II of the Second Schedule.

Part II of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is altered by deleting paragraphs 11 and 12.

Question: That Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	73
NOES	-	19
ABSTAIN	-	2
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Alteration of Part I of the Third Schedule:

Part I of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered in paragraph 15 (a) by inserting immediately after the word "Federation" in line 4, the words "and to the offices of Chairman and Councillors of Local Government Councils."

Question: That Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	73
NOES	-	19
ABSTAIN	-	2
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 33, 2017.

Question: That Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill:

E-VOTING:

YES	-	73
NOES	-	19
ABSTAIN	-	2
TOTAL	-	94

Question by E-Vote — Agreed to.

Attached hereto, as Annexure to the Votes and Proceedings, are individual details of E-Voting on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete State Independent Electoral Commission from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution on a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to delete State Independent Electoral Commission from the Constitution; and for Related Matters, 2017 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 6 — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

19. Senate Committees:

Report on the 2017 Budget of Corporations and Agencies of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Biodun C. Olujimi (*Ekiti South*) drew the attention of the Senate on the just concluded E-voting on the 4th alteration of 1999 Constitution, in which she appreciated the vote in favour of the affirmative action for the women. She stated that women won the popular vote and enjoined the Senate to allow the Clause to be inserted in the Gender Equality Bill.

By leave of the Senate, affirmative action for the women endorsed for inclusion in the Gender Equality Bill.

20. Adjournment:

And it being 3:04 p.m. the Senate President adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 27th July, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3:04 p.m.

Abubakar Olubukola Saraki, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

