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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

REPORT ON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED PURPOSES, 2015.

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REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT BILL, 2015

Your Excellency, The President of the Senate,

My Distinguished Colleagues.

1.0 Introduction:

The Senate may wish to recall that on Wednesday, 18th November, 2015, the National Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2015 was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Health for further legislative action.

It is pertinent to draw the attention of my Colleagues to the fact that Cancer has been identified as one of the public health problems worldwide. The disease affects all categories of humanity. Cancer is known to be the second common cause of death in developed countries and third leading cause of death in developing countries of which Nigeria, with its population is highly affected.

According to World Health Organization (WHO), about 24.6 million people live with cancer worldwide, whilst about 12.5% of all death is attributed to Cancer. Furthermore, the WHO has warned that if urgent steps are not taken mortality rate arising from Cancer would reach an alarming stage by 2020.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, it may interest you to know that the Control, Treatment and Research on Cancer has

tremendously improved in the developed economies and even in some developing nations like India, where efforts of science and improved national strategy against Cancer have been harnessed and deployed to fight Cancer related deaths. Such achievements were only made possible through the establishment of advanced Cancer research infrastructures, new Cancer centres and improved treatment procedures.

It is sad to note, that Nigeria has not done enough to fight Cancer as evident by lack of adoption of a national strategy that focuses on research, improved awareness and provision of treatment centres. This certainly must be the reason the spread of the ailment is not abating in Nigeria.

All the above led to the sponsoring of this very important Bill.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, you will recall that the National Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment Bill received your strong support at the second reading when general principles of the Bill was thoroughly debated.

2.0 Membership of the Committee:

1.	Sen. Dr. OLANREWAJU A. Tejuoso	-	Chairman
2.	Sen. Matthew Urhoghide	-	Vice Chairman
3.	Sen. Suleiman Nazif	-	Member
4.	Sen. Theodore A. Orji	-	Member
5.	Sen. Jonah Jang	-	Member
6.	Sen. Andy Uba	-	Member

3.0 Objectives of the Bill:

The objectives of the Bill include among other things to:

a) Provide a national leadership in Cancer research, prevention, control and treatment;

b) Guide scientific improvements to Cancer research prevention, treatment and care;

c) Coordinate and liaise between wide range of groups and healthcare providers with an interest in Cancer; and

d) Assist with the implementation of government policies and programmes in Cancer research, prevention, control and care.

4.0 Methodology:

The Committee adopted the following methodology in carrying out its assignment:

a) Committee Meetings: The Committee held meetings to consider the proposed Bill and to also map out strategies on how to carry out the assigned task within the time given.

b) Convention of a One Day Public Hearing

c) Collation and analysis of submissions from the public hearing and written memoranda from stakeholders, etc.

4.1 Public Hearing:

In view of the importance of the Bill, the Committee decided to conduct a One Day Public Hearing involving practitioners in the health sector, the Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Development Partners, various medical professional associations, to enable them air their views and contributions on the proposed legislation. Specifically the Committee sent invitations for

input and appearance at the Public Hearing to the following key stakeholders/institutions:

i) Federal Ministry of Health
ii) Nigeria Medical Association
iii) Pharmacists Council of Nigeria
iv) Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria
v) Health Reform Foundation (HERFON)
vi) Nigeria Cancer Society
vii) Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria
viii) Health Information Management Association of Nigeria/ National Hospital Abuja
ix) Albino Foundation of Nigeria
x) World Health Organization (WHO)
xi) Nigeria Nuclear Regulatory Agency
xii) Federal Teaching Hospitals
xiii) Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria
xiv) Nigeria Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives
xv) Joint Health Sector Union (JOHESU)
xvi) Association of Hospital and Administrative Pharmacists of Nigeria
xvii) Society of Public Health Professionals of Nigeria
xviii) Prof. F. A. Durosinmi Etiti, OFR
xix) Dr. Ibikunle L. Pegbe-Ote Molu, etc.

The Committee also requested for memoranda from the general public through paid publications in two Nigerian dailies and the internet. The public hearing was held in Senate Conference Room 022 on Monday, 11th April, 2016 by 10.00 a.m. and was declared opened by the Representative of the Senate President, Senator Biodun

Olujimi, the Deputy Minority Whip of the Senate. The Public Hearing was well attended by stakeholders and members of the general public.

Some of the invited persons who could not attend the public hearing sent in memoranda. The public hearing examined every aspect of the proposed Bill with stakeholders making reasoned suggestions for certain amendments and inclusion to the proposed Bill.

The Committee at its last meeting on the Bill held on Wednesday, 4th May, 2016 deliberated on the draft report on the Bill and arrived at the recommendations which are contained in this report presented today for consideration by the Senate.

5.0 Analysis of the Bill / Highlights of Some Provisions of the Bill:

The participants at the public hearing agreed with the intentions of the Bill. Its intent is to ensure that all forms of Cancer disease are prevented, controlled and treatment and care for Cancer patients provided, with national strategy that focuses on Cancer research. The Bill contains Seventeen (17) clauses and One (1) Schedule, with amendments proposed following stakeholders input at the public hearing.

The Committee adopted some of the amendments proposed, while others which were seen not to have further enriching effects on the Bill were set aside. Because of these amendments re-numbering of some sub-sections became imminent. By and large, majority of the clauses were adopted/retained.

Clause One (1) provides for the establishment of the National Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment. The Committee and indeed, stakeholders in conformity with the acknowledged international best practices adopted the use of the word "*Institute*" instead of the word "Centre". In this regard, the word "Centre" wherever it occurs was changed to "*Institute*" thereof.

Clause Four (4) deals with the Membership of the Board. The composition, as it is in the Principal Bill, Clause 4(b) recommends appointment of the "*Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health*" as a Board Member. The Committee and indeed, stakeholders recommended an amendment to Clause *4(b)* which reads; "*A nominee of the Minister of Health preferably a Civil Servant with 10 years' experience*". This provision/amendment is preferred in order to give the Minister more options in the appointment.

Also in *Clause 4(c)(iv)* the Committee recommended Eight (8) persons instead of five (5) persons, one from each of the following groups; *Radiologists, Medical Laboratory Scientists, Physiotherapists, Nigeria Cancer Society, Civil Society Organizations, A Cancer Survivor Living free of Cancer for a minimum of 5 years*, National Complementary and Alternative medical Association (NACAMA) and National Association of Nigeria Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) This was specified in order to avoid ambiguity.

Clause Seven (7) deals with the appointment of the Director and Staff of the Institute. The Committee recommended that the Director of the Institute should be *an Oncologist with 10 years research and administrative experience and preferably a Professor*. It also

recommended additional sub-sections *(h-j)* in conformity with international best practices.

Clause Ten (10) deals with the Financial Provisions. The Committee recommended an additional sub-section (3) to read: *"The Board shall establish Public Private Partnership (PPP) wherever possible for providing clinical services, defray costs and maximize efficiency"*. This is in tandem with best global practices.

6.0 Findings/Observations:

At the end of the Public Hearing, the Committee made the following findings and observations.

1. The consensus of opinion of stakeholders and the general public favoured the enactment of the legislation (i.e. National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment Bill, 2016).

2. The absence of legal framework for the management of cancer has greatly affected the delivery of appropriate control, prevention, treatment and care of the disease in Nigeria.

3. From the stakeholders' meeting, it was evident that Nigeria was yet to do enough in the area of improved national strategy in the fight against cancer.

4. All health Professional bodies agitated for their inclusion in the Membership of the Board. While the Committee agreed to the inclusion of some Professional Associations, it recommended that the Board Membership be limited to avoid a situation whereby the Board is over blotted.

5. There was a general consensus on the need to apply the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model in the management and care of Cancer in Nigeria to be in line with global best practices.

7.0 Recommendation:

The Senate Committee on Health hereby recommends as follows:

"That the Senate do consider and Pass the Bill for "*An Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment and for Other Connected Purposes, 2016*".

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8.0 Conclusion:

The Committee wishes to thank the Senate President, the entire leadership of the Senate and all our Distinguished Colleagues for this opportunity given us to serve. It is our hope that this legislation will impact positively on the lives of Nigerians.

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Senator Dr. OLANREWAJU A. Tejuoso	Danladi Angulu
Chairman	Committee Clerk

9.0 Endorsement Page:

Sen. OLANREWAJU Tejuoso	-	Chairman	.....
Sen. Matthew Urhoghide	-	Vice – Chairman	.....
Sen. Suleiman Nazif	-	Member	.....
Sen. Emmanuel Andy Uba	-	Member	.....
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BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

Provisions of the Bill	*Committee's Recommendation*	*Remarks.*
Establishment of the National Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment **1.** There is hereby established the National Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment (in this Act referred to as "the Centre").	**Establishment of the National *Institute* for Cancer Research and Treatment** **1.** There is hereby established the National *Institute* for Cancer Research and Treatment (in this Act referred to as "the *Institute*").	
Objectives and functions of the Centre **2.** -(1) The Centre shall have the following as functions:	**Objectives and functions of the *Institute*** **2.** -(1) The *Institute* shall have the following as functions:-	
(a) to provide national leadership in cancer research, control and treatment;	***Retained***	
(b) to guide scientific improvements to cancer prevention, treatment and care;	***Retained***	
(c) to coordinate and liaise between the wide range of groups and health care providers with an interest In cancer;	***Retained***	
(d) to make recommendations to the Government about cancer policy and priorities;	***Retained***	
(e) to oversee a dedicated budget for research into cancer;	***Retained***	
(f) to assist with the implementation of Government policies and programs in cancer control;	***Retained***	
(g) to provide financial assistance, out of money appropriated by the National Assembly, for research and treatment as mentioned in paragraph	***Retained***	

(e) and for the implementation of policies and programs mentioned in paragraph (f). (2) The centre may carry out such other activities as are necessary or expedient for the full discharge of any of the functions of the centre under this Act.	***Retained*** (2) The *Institute* may carry out such other activities as are necessary or expedient for the full discharge of any of the functions of the *Institute* under this Act.	
Establishment of the Advisory Board **3.**-(1) There is hereby established a Board to be known as The National Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment Advisory Board (in this Act referred to as the "Board") (2) The Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.	***Retained*** **3.**-(1) There is hereby established a Board to be known as The National *Institute* for Cancer Research and Treatment Advisory Board (in this Act referred to as the "Board") ***Retained***	
Membership of the Board **4.** The Board shall consist of: (a) a Chairman to be appointed by the President; (b) Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health; (c) a representative each of: (i) Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria; (ii) Nigerian Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria; (iii) National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives; (iv) Five persons with relevant qualification and cognate experience who shall represent public interest.	***Retained*** ***Retained*** ***Retained*** (b) *A nominee of the Minister of Health preferably a Civil Servant with 10 years' experience.* ***Retained*** ***Retained*** ***Retained*** ***Retained*** (iv) Eight persons with relevant and cognate experience who shall represent *each of the following groups: Radiologists, Medical Laboratory Scientists, Physiotherapists, Nigerian Cancer Society, Civil Society Organizations, A Cancer Survivor living free of Cancer for a minimum of 5 years, National Complementary and Alternative Medical Association*	

	(NACAMA) and National Association of Nigeria Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP).	
(d) the Director of the Centre.	(d) the Director of the *Institute*.	
Tenure of Office of members 5.-(1) Subject to the provision of this Section, a member of the Board shall hold office for four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of four years.	***Retained*** ***Retained***	
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (1) of this section, the President may at anytime remove a member from the Board.	***Retained***	
(3) Any member may, in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister at anytime.	***Retained***	
(4) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant if:	***Retained***	
(a) the period of his appointment has expired;	***Retained***	
(b) he absents himself without leave of the Board from three consecutive meetings of the Board and without reasonable excuse for so doing;	***Retained***	
(c) he is guilty of misconduct in his office as a member and a resolution of the Board approves the termination of his membership;	***Retained***	
(d) he dies, resigns or is removed from office.	***Retained***	
(5) Soon after the office of a member of the Board becomes vacant, the authority by whom he was appointed shall appoint another person in his place in accordance with the provisions of this Act.	***Retained***	
(6) Members of the Board, other than ex-officio members, shall be paid out of money at the disposal of the Board, such remunerations and allowances as the Minister may, with the approval of the President determine.	***Retained***	

(7) The provisions contained in the schedule proceedings to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained therein.	***Retained***	
Power of the Board **6.** The Board shall have power to: (a) erect, provide equip and maintain research, centres, training schools with state of the art facilities as are necessarily suitable for the or required for any of the objects of the *c*entre; (b) encourage and provide for research at the centre; (c) accept gifts, legacies and donations which are consistent with the objects of this centre; (d) enter into contract; (e) acquire and hold movable and Immovable property; (f) with the approval of the Minister: (i) subject to the land use Act sell, mortgage, transfer or otherwise deal with movable or immovable property; (ii) borrow at interest on the security of land or movable property of the Board such moneys as the Board may, from time to time require for the purpose of this Act; (iii) invest the funds of the Board as it thinks fits; (g) do anything which in its opinion, may advance the objects of which the *c*entre was set up.	***Retained*** ***Retained*** a) erect, provide equip and maintain research, centre, training schools with state of the art facilities as are necessarily suitable for the or required for any of the objects of the *Institute*; (b) encourage and provide for research at the *Institute*; (c) accept gifts, legacies and donations which are consistent with the objects of this *institute* ***Retained*** ***Retained*** ***Retained*** ***Retained*** ***Retained*** ***Retained*** (g) do anything which in its opinion, may advance the objects of which the *Institute* was set up.	

Director and other Staff of the Centre 7.-(1) There shall be a director of the centre who shall be appointed by the President, on the recommendations of the Minister. (2) A person shall not be qualified to be appointed as a Director, unless he is a medical Doctor with at least twenty years research and administrative experience in a reputable establishment. (3) The Board shall not exercise any disciplinary control over the director, without the approval of the Minister. (4) Subject to the provision of this Act and the control of the Board over the matters affecting finance of the *c*entre, the director shall be the chief executive of the *c*entre and shall be charged with the general responsibility for the management and administration of the affairs of the *c*entre and in particular: (a) direct and regulate the programme of work at the centre; (b) promote research within and outside of the centre; (c) keep safe custody of all records of the centre; (d) demand and receive from any person attending training or courses at the centre fees as the Board may, from time to time determine; (e) prepare and present to the Board annual and other reports on the progress of work at the centre and on the expenditure or liabilities by the centre;	**Director and other Staff of the *Institute*** 7.-(1) There shall be a director of the *Institute* who shall be appointed by the President, on the recommendations of the Minister. (2) A person shall not be qualified to be appointed as a Director, unless he is *an Oncologist with 10 years research experience and preferably a Professor with administrative experience.* ***Retained*** (4) Subject to the provision of this Act and the control of the Board over the matters affecting finance of the *Institute*, the director shall be the chief executive of the *c*entre and shall be charged with the general responsibility for the management and administration of the affairs of *Institute* and in particular: (a) direct and regulate the programme of work at the *Institute*; (b) promote research within and outside of the *Institute*; (c) keep safe custody of all records of the *Institute*; (d) demand and receive from any person attending training or courses at the *Institute* fees as the Board may, from time to time determine; (e) prepare and present to the Board annual and other reports on the progress of work at the centre and on the expenditure or liabilities by the *Institute*;	

(f) be responsible for the day to day running and management of the centre; (g) exercise such powers and performs such duties as may be determined from time to time by the President.	(f) be responsible for the day to day running and management of the *Institute;* ***Retained*** *(h) create a Central Online data base for statistical analysis to create access by both public and private individuals with a view to attracting donor agencies.* *(i) establish a department of telemedicine for collaboration with peers both within and outside the country.* *(j) responsible for establishing a Cancer preventive protocol according to age and family history of every Nigerian with a view to carrying out a public awareness campaigns for screening right from the primary health centre to the secondary and tertiary hospitals with the ultimate referral centre for everything cancer being the Institute; this is aimed at eradicating medical tourism by the theme " Operation know your health Centre and Referral Point".*	
Appointment of the Secretary and other Staff **8.**-(1) There shall be for the centre an administrative secretary who shall be appointed by the Board to perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board. (2) Subject to Section 7 of this Act, the Board may appoint such other staff for the Centre as it may determine and pay to its staff such remunerations and allowances as payable to persons on equivalent in the civil service of the federation.	***Retained*** **8.**-(1) There shall be for the *Institute* an administrative secretary who shall be appointed by the Board to perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board (2) Subject to Section 7 of this Act, the Board may appoint such other staff for the *Institute* as it may determine and pay to its staff such remunerations and allowances as payable to persons on equivalent in the civil service of the federation.	
Pension Reform Act 2004 **9.**-(1) Service in the centre shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004	***Retained*** **9.**-(1) Service in the *Institute* shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004.	

(2) Officers and employees in the centre shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed in the Pension Reform Act 2004, so however that nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which or other retirement benefit in respect of that office.	(2) Officers and employees in the *Institute* shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed in the Pension Reform Act 2004, so however that nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which or other retirement benefit in respect of that office.	
Financial Provision **10.**-(1) The Board shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed with the general or specified approval of the Minister in any case, all expenditure incurred by the Board. (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section: (a) such sums as may be provided by the Federal Government or a State Government for payment into the fund; (b) all moneys raised for the general purposes of the centre; (c) all moneys accruing to the Board on behalf of the centre by any means, including grants -in- aid, endowments and donations. (d) all charges, dues, fees for services rendered by the fund.	***Retained*** ***Retained*** ***Retained*** ***Retained*** (b) all moneys raised for the general purposes of the *Institute*; (c) all moneys accruing to the Board on behalf of the *Institute* by any means, including grants -in- aid, endowments and donations. ***Retained*** (3) *the Board shall establish Public Private Partnership (PPP) wherever possible for providing clinical services using (PPP) model to defray costs and maximize efficiency.*	
Account and Audit **11.** -(1)The Board shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause to be prepared in each year: (a) a statement showing the income and expenditure of the centre for immediately preceding year; and	***Retained*** ***Retained*** (a) a statement showing the income and expenditure of the *Institute* for immediately preceding year; and	

(b) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the centre as at the last day of the immediately preceding year. (2) The Board shall cause every statement prepared under this section to be audited within six months after the end of the year to which the statement relates by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor General for the Federation.	(b) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the *Institute* as at the last day of the immediately preceding year. ***Retained***	
Annual estimate **12.** The Board shall cause to be prepared not later than 1st June in each year an estimate of the expenditure necessary to carry out the programme approved by the Board during the immediately preceding year, and shall not later than 31st October in each year, submit to the Minister the estimate of expenditure and that of its income during the next succeeding year.	***Retained*** ***Retained***	
Annual Report **13.**-(1) The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister once every year a report, in such form as the Minister may direct, on the activities of the Board during the immediately preceding year, and shall include in the report a copy of the credited accounts of the center for that year and the auditor's report thereon.	***Retained*** ***Retained***	
Power to Give Directive **14.** The minutes may give directives of a general power to nature with regard to the carrying out the objects of the centre under this Act and it shall be the duty of comply with such directives.	***Retained*** **14.** The minutes may give directives of a general power to nature with regard to the carrying out the objects of the *Institute* under this Act and it shall be the duty of comply with such directives	
Regulation **15.** The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, may make regulations generally for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act and due administration of the centre.	***Retained*** ***Retained***	
Interpretation **16.** In this Act unless the context otherwise requires: "Board" means the National Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment Advisory Board established under Section 3 (1) of this Act;	***Retained*** ***Retained***	

	"Board" means the National *Institute* for Cancer Research and Treatment Advisory Board established under Section 3 (1) of this Act;	
"Cancer" means the uncontrolled growth of the cells in the human body and the ability of these cells to migrate from the original site and spread to distant sites and includes but is not limited to skin cancer, lung cancer, colon cancer, breast cancer (in women), and prostate cancer (in men), cancer of the kidneys, ovaries, uterus, pancreas, bladder, rectum, and blood and lymph node cancer (*leukemias and lymphomas*);	***Retained***	
"Centre' means the National Centre for Cancer research and Treatment established by Section 1 of this Act;	"*Institute*' means the National *Institute* for Cancer Research and Treatment established by Section 1 of this Act;	
"Director" means the Director of the centre appointed under Section 7(1) of this Act;	"Director" means the Director of the *Institute* appointed under Section 7(1) of this Act;	
"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for matters relating to Health;	***Retained***	
"Power" includes duties and functions.	***Retained***	
Citation **17.** This bill may be cited as the National Centre for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment), etc. Bill, 2015.	***Retained*** **17.** This bill may be cited as the National *Institute* for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment), etc. Bill, 2016.	

SCHEDULE	***Retained***
Section	
Proceedings of the Board, etc	***Retained***
1. Subject to this Act and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders to regulate the proceedings of the Board or any committee thereof.	***Retained***
2.-(1) The Board shall meet not less than two times in every year for the exercise of its functions under this Act and at such times and places as the chairman may, from time to time appoint.	***Retained***
(2) The chairman shall, if required to be so by notice in writing by not less than five other members, call a special meeting of the Board to be held within 28 days from the date on which the notice is given.	***Retained***
(3) Any notice given under sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph shall state the matters to be discussed at the special meeting and any matter not so stated shall not be discussed at the meeting.	***Retained***
(4) At every meeting of the Board, the chairman shall preside and in his absence the members present shall appoint one of their numbers to preside at that meeting.	***Retained***
3. The quorum of the Board shall be four and the quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.	***Retained***
4. Minutes of every meeting of the Board shall be regularly entered in a book to be kept for the purpose and shall, after approval by members, be signed by the chairman at the next ensuing meeting.	***Retained***
5. The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the fact that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.	***Retained***

6.-(1) The seal of the Board shall not be used or affixed to any document, except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Board.	***Retained***	
(2) The fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of chairman or the director or of some other member authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board.	***Retained***	
(3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Board.	***Retained***	
(4) Any document purporting to be document duly executed under the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.	***Retained***	
7. Members of the Board who are not public officers shall be paid out of the money at the disposal of the Board such traveling and other allowances, in accordance with such scales as may be approved, from time to time, by the Minister.	***Retained***	
8. Any member of the Board or a committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or purposed to be considered by the Board or a committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Board or committee and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement.	***Retained***	
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM	***Retained***	
The Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Centre for Cancer research and Treatment to research into cancer and to provide treatment to patients in Nigeria.	The Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National *Institute* for Cancer Research and Treatment to research into cancer and to provide treatment to patients in Nigeria.	