



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 20 February, 2020

1. The House met at 11.38 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 19 February, 2020.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Deputy Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Premier International School*, Wuse II, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Early Beginners International School*, Lokogoma, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of *K. K. International School*, Kubwa, Abuja;

5. **Petitions**

- (i) A petition from Rivers Civil Society Organization and Sewell Law Firm, on behalf of Ohaneze Ndigbo, Rivers State chapter, on the gruesome murder of Chuma Ikwunado and 4 others by officers of the Nigeria Police Force, Mile One Division, Rivers State Command, was presented and laid by Hon. Chinyere Igwe (*Port Harcourt II Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Itas District Elders Forum, Itas/Gadua Local Government Area, Bauchi State, on alleged diversion of materials for the production of National Identity Cards by the Authorities of National Identity Management Commission, was presented and laid by Hon. Bashir Uba Mashema (*Jama'are/Itas/Gadua Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Joseph Akoko, on his dismissal from the Nigerian Army, was presented and laid by Hon. Richard Gbande (*Katsina Ala/Logo/Ukum Federal Constituency*); and

- (iv) A petition from Ubani & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of the Automobile Dealers Friends Association, Lagos State chapter, on alleged invasion and sealing of business premises by officers of the Nigeria Customs Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Chinedu Emeka Martins (*Ahiazu/Ezinihitte Mbaize Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

- (i) ***Call on the Federal Government to Appoint More Justices of the Supreme Court to Expedite Justice Delivery in the Country:***

Hon. Onofio Akpan Luke (*Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Call on the Federal Government to Appoint More Justices of the Supreme Court to Expedite Justice Delivery in the Country:

The House:

Notes that the Supreme Court of Nigeria is the final court of the land with original and appellate jurisdiction over the entire country to adjudicate on disputes arising on any subject matter;

Also notes that as a result of its original and appellate jurisdiction over the entire country, the Supreme Court is faced with the huge responsibility of handling high volume of cases with a minimal number of justices;

Aware that the number of justices of the Supreme Court has been reduced to 13 with the recent retirement of Hon. Justice Aminu Sanusi from the court, and the situation will become worse owing to the impending retirement of another justice of the court in few months from now;

Also aware that section 230 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the number of justices of the Supreme Court shall not exceed 21 and the court, in its history, has not had a full complement of the prescribed 21 number of justices;

Worried that the reduction in the number of justices is slowing down the dispensation of justice and affecting the pace at which matters are being determined, and is putting the available number of justices of the court under immense pressure as there are many cases to be decided by the court;

Concerned that some cases stay undecided in the Supreme Court for over ten years and that as of now, the diary of the Supreme Court is full with no date for a new appeal until 2021.

Cognizant that appointing new justices to the Supreme Court will accelerate justice dispensation, expand the course of justice and increase citizens' access to justice;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to appoint more justices of the Supreme Court in order to accelerate the determination of cases and dispensation of justice; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Judiciary to ensure compliance (*Hon. Onofiolok Akpan Luke — Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubiom Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.*

The House:

Noted that the Supreme Court of Nigeria is the final court of the land with original and appellate jurisdiction over the entire country to adjudicate on disputes arising on any subject matter;

Also noted that as a result of its original and appellate jurisdiction over the entire country, the Supreme Court is faced with the huge responsibility of handling high volume of cases with a minimal number of justices;

Aware that the number of justices of the Supreme Court has been reduced to 13 with the recent retirement of Hon. Justice Aminu Sanusi from the court, and the situation will become worse owing to the impending retirement of another justice of the court in few months from now;

Also aware that section 230 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the number of justices of the Supreme Court shall not exceed 21 and the court, in its history, has not had a full complement of the prescribed 21 number of justices;

Worried that the reduction in the number of justices is slowing down the dispensation of justice and affecting the pace at which matters are being determined, and is putting the available number of justices of the court under immense pressure as there are many cases to be decided by the court;

Concerned that some cases stay undecided in the Supreme Court for over ten years and that as of now, the diary of the Supreme Court is full with no date for a new appeal until 2021;

Cognizant that appointing new justices to the Supreme Court will accelerate justice dispensation, expand the course of justice and increase citizens' access to justice;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to appoint more justices of the Supreme Court in order to accelerate the determination of cases and dispensation of justice; and
 - (ii) mandate the Committee on Judiciary to ensure compliance (**HR. 39/02/2020**).
- (ii) ***Need to Investigate and Arrest the Looming Out Break of Deadly Epidemics in Oye-Obi of Orihi Council Ward, Obi Local Government Area, Benue State:***
Hon. Samson Okwu (*Oju/Obi Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Investigate and Arrest the Looming Out Break of Deadly Epidemics in Oye-Obi of Orihi Council Ward, Obi Local Government Area, Benue State:

The House:

Notes the outbreak of deadly epidemics in Oye-Obi of Orihi Council Ward, Obi Local Government Area of Benue State which has claimed several lives and left many others in coma with no hope of survival in various hospital where they are admitted;

Also notes that Oye-Obi Community of Obi Local Government Area has an estimated Population of over 6,000 people and share common boundary with Ekpong-Ainu, Ogboma Ainu and Ogege Idelle in Oju Local Government Area, of Benue State and it is imminent that the deadly disease which is fast spreading like whirlwind will engulf the areas and further claim lives of other innocent people;

Further notes that the outbreak of the epidemic was reported by a Health Officer and the Chairman of Obi Local Government Council on 29 January, 2020 and that the victims were said to have contracted the deadly disease after drinking water from River Oyongwo in the area;

Aware that despite the quick response and effort of Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State who sent his Commissioner for Health to access the situation, death toll still continue to increase daily as the nature of the epidemic is yet to be identified hence enough curable measures have not been put in place to arrest the situation;

Still notes that life of every citizen of Nigeria is sacrosanct, as often propagated that the primary purpose of every government is to provide welfare, good health and security of lives of people and property which is also in line with the International Policy of World Health Organization (WHO) and other International Humanitarian Protocols;

Worried that there are inadequate medical facilities and personnel in Obi and Oju LGAs to take care of the looming health challenge of the people, particularly in the affected area;

Concerned that the outbreak of this epidemic has caused economic stagnation and hardship to the people because of fear of contracting the unknown deadly disease while undertaking business venture;

Observes that unless very urgent steps are taken by this Honourable House to arrest the imminent rapid spread of the epidemic, many innocent people of Oju/Obi Federal Constituency and her immediate neighbouring communities will lose their lives;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Health to send medical experts to Oye-Obi in Orihi Council Ward of Obi LGA as well as Oju LGA to access the situation with a view to arresting this ugly epidemics;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to declare Oye-Obi a disaster area unsafe to settle until the area is certified otherwise by the relevant authorities;
- (iii) call on the Benue State Government to provide decent boreholes and other social infrastructure as well as medical facilities and qualified medical personnel to the affected areas;
- (iv) further urge the Federal Ministry of Health and its relevant Health Agencies to lend support with the view to wipe out the epidemics in Oye-Obi in Orihi Council Ward of Obi LGA; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on Health Institutions to urgently liaise with the Federal Ministry of Health to take pro-active step on this vexed issue of Epidemic outbreak in Oye-Obi in Orihi Council Ward of Obi LGA (*Hon. Samson Okwu — Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the outbreak of deadly epidemics in Oye-Obi of Orihi Council Ward, Obi Local Government Area of Benue State which has claimed several lives and left many others in coma with no hope of survival in various hospital where they are admitted;

Also noted that Oye-Obi Community of Obi Local Government Area has an estimated Population of over 6,000 people and share common boundary with Ekpong Ainu, Ogboma Ainu and Ogege Idelle in Oju Local Government Area, of Benue State and it is imminent that the deadly disease which is fast spreading like whirlwind will engulf the areas and further claim lives of other innocent people;

Further noted that the outbreak of the epidemic was reported by a Health Officer and the Chairman of Obi Local Government Council on 29 January, 2020 and that the victims were said to have contracted the deadly disease after drinking water from River Oyongwo in the area;

Aware that despite the quick response and effort of Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State who sent his Commissioner for Health to access the situation, death toll still continue to increase daily as the nature of the epidemic is yet to be identified hence enough curable measures have not been put in place to arrest the situation;

Still noted that life of every citizen of Nigeria is sacrosanct, as often propagated that the primary purpose of every government is to provide welfare, good health and security of lives of people and property which is also in line with the International Policy of World Health Organization (WHO) and other International Humanitarian Protocols;

Worried that there are inadequate medical facilities and personnel in Obi and Oju LGAs to take care of the looming health challenge of the people, particularly in the affected area;

Concerned, that the outbreak of this epidemic has caused economic stagnation and hardship to the people because of fear of contracting the unknown deadly disease while undertaking business venture;

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- (v) mandate the Committee on Health Institutions to urgently liaise with the Federal Ministry of Health to take pro-active step on this vexed issue of Epidemic outbreak in Oye-Obi in Orihi Council Ward of Obi LGA (HR. 40/02/2020).

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 673).
- (2) National Food Technology Development Agency Bill, 2020 (HB. 712).
- (3) Federal College of Food Technology, Ikwo (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 713).
- (4) National Orientation Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 714).
- (5) Federal College of Education (Technical), Ikot Uko (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 715).
- (6) National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 ((HB. 716).
- (7) Environmental Health and Safety Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 717).
- (8) Voting Rights of Nigerian Citizens Living Outside Nigeria Bill, 2020 (HB. 718).
- (9) National Primary Education Commission, etc. Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 719).
- (10) National Religious Equity Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 720).
- (11) Federal University of Technology, Asaba (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 721).
- (12) Civil Society Regulatory Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 722).
- (13) Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria Bill, 2020 (HB. 723).
- (14) Federal College of Education, Umunneochi (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 724).
- (15) National Agency for Population Programmes and Development Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 725).
- (16) National Institute for Labour Studies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 726).

- (17) National Agency for the Great Green Wall Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 727).
- (18) Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 728).
- (19) Nigerian Entrepreneurship Development Bank (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 729).

8. **Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)**

Hon. Benjamin Kalu Okezie (*Bende Federal Constituency*), and Chairman, Committee on Media and Publicity, drew the attention of House to the launching of the Green Chamber Magazine by the House on Wednesday, 19 February, 2020. He noted that the Magazine was the first of its kind and expressed appreciation to the House for the successful outing.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Orogun, Delta State; and for Related Matters (HB. 642) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Orogun, Delta State; and for Related Matters (HB. 642) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education Illo, Kebbi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 643) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education Illo, Kebbi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 643) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

11. **A Bill for an act to Provide for the Establishment of the Modibbo Adama University, Yola; and for Related Matters (HB. 647) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an act to Provide for the Establishment of the Modibbo Adama University, Yola; and for Related Matters (HB. 647) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Funtua, Katsina State; and for Related Matters (HB. 645) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Funtua, Katsina State; and for Related Matters (HB. 645) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Steel Development Act, Cap.N134, LFN, 2004 and Enact the Nigeria Iron and Steel Development Bill and for Related Matters (HB. 130) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. **Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the under-listed Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly:

- (i) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB.69),
- (ii) Witness Protection Programme Bill, 2019 (HB. 207),
- (iii) Companies and Allied Matters Bill, 2019 (HB. 544),
- (iv) Federal University of Technology, Auchi (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 527), and
- (v) Chartered Institute of Finance and Control of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 680);

Aware that the Bills were re-gazetted as HB. 69, HB. 207, HB. 544, HB. 527 and HB. 680 respectively and read the first time:

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulani Birniwai/Kiri-Kasanma/Guri Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

15. **Need to Dredge the Anambra River to Avert Flooding of Communities in Anambra, Enugu and Kogi States**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Anambra River had depth which enabled it to contain large volume of water emptying into it from various rivers and tributaries during the rainy season without any recorded incident of overflowing its banks to ravage the coastal areas;

Recalls that in 2012 heavy rainfall caused flood to occur, which ravaged the coastal plains and caused water currents to reach the coastal soils, and in the process, moved sands into Anambra River bed, thereby making the river depths to become shallow, as a result of which, whenever large volume of water empties into the river, it overflows its bank into the coastal communities, wreaking havoc on homes, schools, worship places, farmlands and other valuable places;

Aware that the yearly overflowing of the river overwhelms Enugu, Otu, Mkpunando, Ezi Agulu Otu, Umueze Anam, Wite Anam, Ezi Anam, Nzam, Olumbana'asa and Umundeze communities in Anambra State, Ojor, Igga and Asaba communities in Enugu State and Odeke, Echonu and Obale Communities in Kogi State, destroying farmlands and house hold items worth billions of naira;

Also notes that the economic losses to the annual flooding on those communities as a result of the shallowness of the Anambra river depth cannot be compared with the cost of dredging the river to reclaim its normal depth which will enable it contain large volume of water whenever it is emptied into the river, as obtainable in the past before its siltation;

Cognizant that dredging the Anambra River will provide an alternative route for evacuation of oil which is currently being explored in the Anambra basin;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Water Resources, Transportation, and Works and Housing, and the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) to initiate the process of dredging Anambra River to get it back to its normal depth to contain the large volume of water that is emptied into it during the rainy season;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the victims of flooding whenever it happens; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Ports and Harbours, Inland Waterways, Works, and Appropriations to ensure the provision of funds for the dredging of the Anambra River in the 2021 budget estimates (*Hon. Chinedu Obidigwe — Anambra East/Anambra West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 41/02/2020).

Motion referred to the Committees on Water Resources, Ports and Harbours, Inland Waterways, Works, and Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

16. **Need to Provide Leadership support Mechanism for the teeming Youth in Nigeria**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the youth population is the greatest asset of any nation as they constitute the socio-economic and political leadership transforming a capital base for the development and sustenance of the country's present and future generations;

Also notes that without adequate leadership development mechanism the country's future leadership may remain in deficit since the youth serve as a good measure to the extent to which the country can reproduce and sustain itself;

Aware of the need to integrate the youth population into the mainstream leadership and consequently provide legislative and policy frameworks to enhance leadership skills among the youth;

Also aware that although different national policies on youth development exist, they are currently insufficient to cater for the current youth bulge and the growing youth organisations, non-governmental organisations and student bodies;

Concerned that the current youth development structures have become grossly inadequate and as a result, some have emigrated outside the shores of the country to find greener pastures, thereby dissipating the country's human capital potentials;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports to review and expand current centers to cater for the growing social needs among the youth; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Civil Societies and Development Partners to liaise with development partners and relevant ministries and agencies to support the design leadership training modules and the establishment of youth leadership development centers across the six geopolitical zones to bridge the leadership gap among the growing youth population (*Hon. Karu Simon Elisha — Kaltungo/Shongom Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to incorporate leadership training course in the university curriculum" (*Hon. Fatoba Olubola — Ado-Ekiti/Irepodun/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iv) as follows:
"Urge the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to incorporate leadership modules into the one year scheme" (*Hon. Kabir Amadu — Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the youth population is the greatest asset of any nation as they constitute the socio-economic and political leadership transforming a capital base for the development and sustenance of the country's present and future generations;

Also noted that without adequate leadership development mechanism the country's future leadership may remain in deficit since the youth serve as a good measure to the extent to which the country can reproduce and sustain itself;

Aware of the need to integrate the youth population into the mainstream leadership and consequently provide legislative and policy frameworks to enhance leadership skills among the youth;

Also aware that although different national policies on youth development exist, they are currently insufficient to cater for the current youth bulge and the growing youth organisations, non-governmental organisations and student bodies;

Concerned that the current youth development structures have become grossly inadequate and as a result, some have emigrated outside the shores of the country to find greener pastures, thereby dissipating the country's human capital potentials;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports to review and expand current centers to cater for the growing social needs among the youth;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to incorporate leadership training course in the university curriculum;
- (iii) further urge the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to incorporate leadership modules into the one year scheme; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Civil Societies and Development Partners to liaise with development partners and relevant ministries and agencies to support the design leadership training modules and the establishment of youth leadership development centers across the six geopolitical zones to bridge the leadership gap among the growing youth population (HR. 42/02/2020).

17. **Rehabilitation of Abinsi-Agasha-Tyulen-Tse-Ikyo-Anyiin-Arufu-Gbeji-Wukari Road**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Abinsi-Agasha-Tyulen-Tse-Ikyo-Anyiin-Arufu-Gbeji-Wukari Road is an inter-State Road constructed during the then Benue- Plateau State linking Benue/Plateau with the then Gongola State;

Also notes that the 120-kilometer Road is a gazetted trunk "A" Federal Road with a crossing point across River Katsina-Ala at Tyulen in Guma Local Government Areas and runs through two Federal Constituencies in Benue and Taraba States and is also essential in the conveyance of farm produce to the North East and North-Central States of Nigeria;

Observes that since the construction of the road in 1975, about 45 years ago, there has been no form of maintenance or reconstruction of the failed sections of the high way which links Guma and Logo Local Government Areas in Benue State and Wukari Local Government Area in Taraba State;

Aware that the high way has deteriorated over the years with potholes in many parts thus making it impossible for motorists to ply the road thereby, leaving communities and major settlements along the road like Agasha, Tyulen, Tse Abi, Tse-Ikyo, Ayilamo, Anyiin, Arufu, Iorja, Gbeji, Vaase in Benue and Wukari in Taraba State almost abandoned in spite their high level production of agricultural produce along the axis;

Worried that the poor state of the road has paralyzed socio-economic activities hitherto experienced along the major settlements located along the highway as armed Robbers and kidnapers have taken over the once busy road, creating insecurity and economic hardship in the areas;

Concerned that residents of Guma and Logo in Benue State and Wukari in Taraba State, being majorly agrarian, need a good road network for movement of people and farm produce to other parts of the country, particularly to the North East;

Convinced that rehabilitation of the road will boost socio-economic activities in major settlements located along the corridor of the highway and will also drastically curtail the armed robbery and kidnapping incidents frequently experienced on the road;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to commence the rehabilitation of Abinsi-Agasha-Tyulen-Tse-Ikyo-Anyiin-Arufu-Iorja-Gbeji-Wukari Road;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to include the rehabilitation of the Road in the 2021 intervention projects or the 2021 budget estimates; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Benjamin Mzondu — Makurdi/Guma Federal Constituency and 2 others*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 43/02/2020).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

18. **Deplorable Conditions of Armed Forces, Police and Paramilitary Barracks in Eti-Osa Federal Constituency, Lagos State**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Eti-Osa Federal Constituency houses 19 barracks belonging to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Police and also a Correctional Centre;

Aware that the various military and para-military barracks serve as major pillars in the sustenance of security and maintenance of peace in the country;

Concerned about the deplorable conditions of structures in the barracks which also lack water supply, thus raising the likelihood of outbreak of epidemic in the barracks due to environmental decay;

Also concerned that members of the military and para-military forces are living with members of their families at those dilapidated barracks in utter negligence for their welfare, thus affecting the psychological wellbeing of the security personnel, thereby endangering the safety of all;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to ensure prompt rehabilitation of military and para-military barracks at Eti-Osa Federal Constituency; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Defence, Police Affairs, and Interior to interface with the military and paramilitary formations to identify barracks affected by decay and negligence and cause their rehabilitation (*Hon. Ibrahim Babajide Obanikoro — Eti-Osa Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word "Interior", insert the words "and Reformatory Institutions" (Hon. Ifeanyi Momah Chudy — Ihiala Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Eti-Osa Federal Constituency houses 19 barracks belonging to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Police and also a Correctional Centre;

Aware that the various military and para-military barracks serve as major pillars in the sustenance of security and maintenance of peace in the country;

Concerned about the deplorable conditions of structures in the barracks which also lack water supply, thus raising the likelihood of outbreak of epidemic in the barracks due to environmental decay;

Also concerned that members of the military and para-military forces are living with members of their families at those dilapidated barracks in utter negligence for their welfare, thus affecting the psychological wellbeing of the security personnel, thereby endangering the safety of all;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to ensure prompt rehabilitation of military and para-military barracks at Eti-Osa Federal Constituency; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Defence, Police Affairs, Interior, and Reformatory Institutions to interface with the military and paramilitary formations to identify barracks affected by decay and negligence and cause their rehabilitation (HIR. 44/02/2020).

19. **Need to Investigate Allegations of Breach of Due Process in the ongoing Recruitment Exercise by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

20. **Need to Ensure the Implementation of the National Assembly Budget of 2018, Particularly on Staff matters**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on Thursday, 20 December, 2018 the Report of the Committees on Finance, and Judiciary on the need to ensure the implementation of the National Assembly Budget of 2018 was adopted;

Also notes that the Report of the Committees and the provision of the 2018 Appropriation Act showed that on monthly basis, what the National Assembly and the Judiciary received on First Line Charge was short by ₦1,208,333,333.33 and ₦833,333,333.33 respectively from January to November 2018;

Aware of the Resolution of the House that urged the Minister of Finance to release 100% Funds on First Line Charge for both the National Assembly and Judiciary as captured in the 2018 Appropriation Act;

Concerned that the failure of the Minister of Finance to comply with the Resolution of the House has continued to affect the smooth operations of the National Assembly;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to:

- (i) liaise with the Minister of Finance to ensure that all outstanding arrears on First Line Charge to both the National Assembly and the Judiciary relating to 2018 and 2019 Appropriations Acts are paid;
- (ii) invite the Management of the National Assembly to brief the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the status of releases to the National Assembly from January 2018 to December 2019 (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Thursday, 20 December, 2018 the Report of the Committees on Finance, and Judiciary on the need to ensure the implementation of the National Assembly Budget of 2018 was adopted;

Also noted that the Report of the Committees and the provision of the 2018 Appropriation Act showed that on monthly basis, what the National Assembly and the Judiciary received on First Line Charge was short by ₦1,208,333,333.33 and ₦833,333,333.33 respectively from January to November 2018;

Aware of the Resolution of the House that urged the Minister of Finance to release 100% Funds on First Line Charge for both the National Assembly and Judiciary as captured in the 2018 Appropriation Act;

Concerned that the failure of the Minister of Finance to comply with the Resolution of the House has continued to affect the smooth operations of the National Assembly;

Resolved to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to:

- (i) liaise with the Minister of Finance to ensure that all outstanding arrears on First Line Charge to both the National Assembly and the Judiciary relating to 2018 and 2019 Appropriations Acts are paid; and
- (ii) invite the Management of the National Assembly to brief the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the status of releases to the National Assembly from January 2018 to December 2019 (*HR. 45/02/2020*).

21. Need to Investigate the Involvement of the Nigerian Ports Authority in the Non-Remittance of Eight Trillion Naira into the Federation Account

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. World Day of Social Justice: A Call to Eliminate Inequalities and Barriers in Nigeria
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that February 20 every year has been declared as the World Day of Social Justice aimed at removing barriers based on Gender, Age, Race, Ethnicity, Religion, Culture and Disability;

Also notes that since 2009, every 20 February has been observed as the World Day of Social Justice whose purpose is to focus on eliminating Social Injustice and to press for improvement and inclusive solutions for Social Justice;

Further notes that this year's theme is tagged "Closing the inequalities gap to achieve Social Justice", focussing attention on inequalities as it affects labour relations such as exploitation in employment and decent work agenda;

Worried that five out of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN) (no Poverty, Zero Hunger, Gender Equality, Decent Work and Economic (Growth and Inequalities) covers issues that relates to Social Justice;

Aware that the acts of Social Justice visible in Nigeria includes; trafficking in women, political/social exclusion, inequality of opportunity, exploitation in employment, child labour, denial of human rights, environmental injustice;

Concerned that these social injustice indicators have a direct implication on the extreme poor and also widening the inequalities gap in Nigeria;

Believes that in commemoration of this years' theme on social justice, there is an urgent need to call on government agencies, Community Based Organizations and other relevant stakeholders to mobilize action to eliminate barriers that people face like unemployment, social exclusion and poverty, as Nigeria is signatory to the Copen Hagen declaration of 14 March, 1995, 45 years after.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal government to develop short and long term action plans focussed on eliminating these acts of inequality in Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Women Affairs and Social Development, Justice and Labour, Employment and Productivity to ensure compliance (*Hon. Nkeriuka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that February 20 every year has been declared as the World Day of Social Justice aimed at removing barriers based on Gender, Age, Race, Ethnicity, Religion, Culture and Disability;

Also noted that since 2009, every 20 February has been observed as the World Day of Social Justice whose purpose is to focus on eliminating Social Injustice and to press for improvement and inclusive solutions for Social Justice;

Further noted that this year's theme is tagged "Closing the inequalities gap to achieve Social Justice", focussing attention on inequalities as it affects labour relations such as exploitation in employment and decent work agenda;

Worried that five out of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN) (no Poverty, Zero Hunger, Gender Equality, Decent Work and Economic (Growth and Inequalities) covers issues that relates to Social Justice;

Aware that the acts of Social Justice visible in Nigeria includes; trafficking in women, political/social exclusion, inequality of opportunity, exploitation in employment, child labour, denial of human rights, environmental injustice;

Concerned that these social injustice indicators have a direct implication on the extreme poor and also widening the inequalities gap in Nigeria;

Believed that in commemoration of this years' theme on social justice, there is an urgent need to call on government agencies, Community Based Organizations and other relevant stakeholders to mobilize action to eliminate barriers that people face like unemployment, social exclusion and poverty, as Nigeria is signatory to the Copen Hagen declaration of 14 March, 1995, 45 years after.

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal government to develop short and long term action plans focussed on eliminating these acts of inequality in Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Women Affairs and Social Development, Justice and Labour, Employment and Productivity to ensure compliance (HR. 46/02/2020).

23. **Need for the Federal Government to Grant Operational Rights to the Bayelsa Airport**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in February 2019 the Bayelsa State Government completed the construction of its International Airport, which has a runway of 3.7Km (one of the longest in the country) with the capacity of providing about 2000 formal and informal jobs for the indigenes of the state;

Further notes that the Airport was constructed with a whopping sum of ₦60 billion of tax payers money and it has some of the best and latest equipment in the aviation industry;

Aware that since February 2019 when the Airport was completed till date the National Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) is yet to grant the airport operational rights and permit for a smooth take off, thereby causing the indigenes untold hardships and massive revenue loss to the state;

Also aware that the continuous denial of a permit has stalled the rapid development which the airport is meant to bring depriving about 2000 indigenes of the state employment opportunities;

Concerned that traveling to and from Bayelsa is to either through Omagwa in Rivers State or Sam Mbakwe airport in Imo State, which takes nearly 2hrs while is completely unnecessary and a waste of time and scarce resources since Bayelsa airport has been completed;

Cognizant that if urgent action is not taken to grant operational rights to the airport, Bayelsans will continue to suffer the difficulty of movement In and out of the state, deny the indigenes of the over 2000 jobs opportunities as well as business opportunities a functional airport would be availing the state;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge Federal Government to direct the NCAA and FAAN to immediately grant operational right to the Bayelsa Airport; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks (Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu — Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency and 6 others).

Agreed to.

(HR. 47/02/2020).

Motion referred to the Committee on Aviation, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

24. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo for the Promotion and Development of Teacher Education in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 426) (Committee of the Whole):*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo for the Promotion and Development of Teacher Education in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 426)" (Hon. Makinde Abiola — Ondo East/Ondo West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADEYEMI FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION; ONDO FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 426)

Consideration deferred to enable the sponsor re-examine the provisions of the Bill.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo for the Promotion and Development of Teacher Education in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 426).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

- (ii) *A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Sabon Gida, Langtang to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 291) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (iii) *A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria and to make Provisions, among other things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Public Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.329) (Committee of the Whole):*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria and to make Provisions, among other things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Public Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.329)" (Hon. Gideon Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF NIGERIA AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FOR MEMBERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THE PROFESSION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF NIGERIA

Clause 1: Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria.

(1) There is established the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") which —

(a) shall be a body corporate with —

(i) perpetual succession, and

(ii) a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may direct;

(b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and

(c) may acquire, hold and dispose of any property, moveable or immovable.

(2) The Institute shall have the general duty of —

(a) determining the level of knowledge and skills to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the profession and reviewing such standards from time to time as may be required;

(b) establishing and maintaining of register of members and the publication of the register in line with the provisions of this Bill;

(c) regulating the practice of Public Administration in Nigeria in all its ramifications; and

(d) performing all other functions conferred on the Council pursuant to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwanii — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Membership of the Institute.

(1) Subject to the provisions of section 12 of this Bill, a person admitted to membership of the Institute shall be registered as a member of the profession in the category of —

(a) Fellows;

(b) Full Members;

- (c) Associate Members;
 - (d) Graduate Members;
 - (e) Student Members; or
 - (f) Corporate or Institutional Members.
- (2) Every member of the Institute in all the categories listed in subsection (1) shall attend Mandatory Continuous Professional Training Programme (MCPTP) as specified by the Council for reorientation and development processes (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Membership privileges.

- (1) A member of the Institute is entitled to receive, from the Council, a certificate in such form as the Council may approve for that purpose.
- (2) A member is entitled to use such letters after his name as may be authorised by the Council and, if registered into the category of —
- (a) Fellows, he shall use the initials, "FCIPA";
 - (b) Full Members, he shall use the initials, "MCIPA"; and
 - (c) Associate Members, he shall use the initials, "ACIPA" (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Principal officers of the Institute and their responsibilities.

- (1) The Principal Officers of the Institute are —
- (a) President;
 - (b) Deputy President; and
 - (c) National Treasurer.
- (2) The Principal Officers shall —
- (a) be members of the Institute;
 - (b) be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Institute; and
 - (c) hold office each for a term of two years and may be eligible for re-election for one further term and no more.
- (3) The President shall be the Chairman at the meetings of the Institute and, in the event of the death, incapacitation or inability for any reason of the President to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy President shall act in his place for the unexpired portion of the term of office or as the case may require, and references in this Bill to the President shall be construed accordingly.

- (4) The President, Deputy President, and the National Treasurer shall be the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Treasurer of Council respectively.
- (5) If the President, the Deputy President, or the National Treasurer ceases to be a member of the Institute, he shall cease to hold any office designated under this section (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Establishment of the Governing Council.

- (1) There is established for the Institute a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") charged with responsibility for the administration and general management of the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of —
 - (a) the President of the Institute as Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy President of the Institute as Vice-Chairman;
 - (c) the Treasurer;
 - (d) the Registrar as Secretary;
 - (e) one person, representing the Federal Ministry of Education;
 - (f) five (5) members who are Heads of Service of states and nominated by Council for two (2) years
 - (g) three educational and training Institutions nominated by the Council;
 - (h) Chairman, Board of Fellows; and
 - (i) the immediate past President of the Institute and Chairman of the Council.
- (3) The provisions of the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and other matters mentioned in the First Schedule (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Board of Fellows.

- (1) There shall be appointed annually by the Council a Board of Fellows to coordinate the activities of Fellows of the Institute and to recommend to the Council on a yearly basis admission of members to the membership category of Fellows.
- (2) The Board of Fellows shall consist of persons who have been duly elected as Fellows of the Institute (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 7: Fund of the Institute.

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a Fund, the management and control of which shall be in the hands of the Council and into which shall be paid —
 - (a) all fees and other money payable to the Institute under this Bill;
 - (b) all revenue from other sources both local and international.
- (2) There shall be paid out of the Fund of the Institute —
 - (a) all expenditure incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under the Bill;
 - (b) the remuneration and other allowances of the Registrar and other staff of the Institute; and
 - (c) such reasonable traveling and subsistence allowances of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the duties of the Council as the Council may determine.
- (3) The Council may invest money in any bond or other security created, issued by, or guaranteed on behalf of the Federal Government or in any other securities in Nigeria approved by the Council (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 8: Power to borrow.

The Council may borrow money for the purposes of the Institute and any interest payable on the money borrowed shall be paid out of the Fund of the Institute (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 9: Accounts and audit.

- (1) The Council shall keep proper accounts on behalf of the Institute in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited by an auditor appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.
- (2) The report of the audited accounts shall be submitted to the members of the Institute for approval by them at a meeting of the Institute.
- (3) The auditor appointed for the purpose of this section shall not be a member of the Council (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART III — REGISTRAR AND THE REGISTER

Clause 10: Appointment, duties and responsibility of the Registrar.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person as the Registrar of the Institute for the purpose of this Bill.

- (2) The Registrar shall be a —
- (a) financial member of the Institute; and
 - (b) Fellow of the Institute.
- (3) The Registrar shall be the Chief Executive of the Institute and Secretary to the Council.
- (4) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rules made by the Council under subsection (5), a register of names, addresses, approved qualifications and other relevant requirements as may be specified from time to time for all persons who are enrolled as Fellows, Full Members, Associate Members, Graduate Members and Student Member of the Institute.
- (5) The Council shall make rules as to the form and keeping of the register and the making of entries thereon in particular for —
- (a) application for enrolment;
 - (b) determining the qualification which is relevant to the profession and accepted for the purpose of this Bill; and
 - (c) specifying the fees and subscription to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names into the register and authorising the Registrar to refuse to enter any name until a specified fee is paid
(*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Publication of register and list of corrections.

- (1) The Registrar shall —
- (a) correct in accordance with the Council's direction, any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the Council's opinion an entry which is incorrectly made;
 - (b) make, from time to time, any alterations in the registered particulars of registered members;
 - (c) remove from the register, the name of a registered member who has died or a person whose name is directed to be struck off as a result of disciplinary action;
 - (d) record the names of members of the Institute who are in default for more than four years in the payment of annual subscription and to take such actions as may be deemed fit under this Bill;
 - (e) cause the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public not later than two months from the commencement of this Bill;
 - (f) subsequently, in each year after the year in which the register is first published under paragraph (a), cause to be printed, published and put on sale either a corrected edition of the register or a list of corrections made to the register since it was last printed;

- (g) cause a print of each edition of the register and of its list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute; and
 - (h) keep the register and list so deposited and make the register and list available, at all reasonable times, for inspection by members of the public, either physically or virtually through an internet portal.
- (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register published under this section by authority of the Registrar, or document purporting to be print of an edition so published, shall without prejudice to any other mode of proof, be admissible in any proceeding as evidence that any person specified in the documents read together, as being registered was so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections as the case may be, and that any person not so specified was not so registered.
- (3) Where a person is, in any proceeding, shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purpose of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be, or not to be, so registered (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 12: Qualification for membership.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, an individual is eligible to be registered as a Public Administrator if he —
- (a) passes the qualifying examination accepted by the Council;
 - (b) completes the practical training prescribed by the Institute under this Bill;
 - (c) holds any other qualification accepted by the Institute for the time being; or
 - (d) qualifies for enrolment as a member in any of the categories specified for the purposes of this Bill.
- (2) An applicant shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that —
- (a) he is of good character;
 - (b) has attained the age of 21 years; and
 - (c) has not been convicted by any court of law in Nigeria or elsewhere for an offence involving fraud or dishonesty (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 13: Approval of qualification.

- (1) The Council shall, from time to time, publish particulars of qualifications accepted by the Council for registration.
- (2) The Council shall approve any institution for the purpose of this Bill, and may for such purpose approve —

- (a) any course of training at an approved institution which is intended for persons seeking to become or are already Public Administration of Nigeria practitioners and which the Council considers as designed to confer on persons relevant and sufficient knowledge and skills for admission into the Institute; or
- (b) any qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination indicating in the opinion of the members of the Council, that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill to practice the profession.
- (3) The Council may, if it deems fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing the approval, the Council shall —
- (a) give notice that it proposes to withdraw the approval to each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be;
- (b) give the person an opportunity of making representation to the Council with regard to the proposal; and
- (c) take into consideration any representation made in respect of the proposal.
- (4) Any period during which the approval of the Council under this section for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section, but the withdrawal of such an approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who by virtue of the approval was registered or eligible for registration immediately before the approval was withdrawn.
- (5) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in that instrument, and the Council shall —
- (a) publish, as soon as possible, a copy of every such instrument in the print media; and
- (b) not later than seven days before its publication, send a copy of the instrument to the Minister.
- (6) The members of the Council shall keep themselves informed of the nature of —
- (a) the instruction given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training; and

- (b) the examination as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and for the purpose of performing that duty, the Council may appoint, either from among its own member or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions, or to attend such examinations
(*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART IV — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 14: Visitation Panel.

- (1) The Council shall set up a Visitation Panel which shall, from time to time, report to the Council on —
- (a) the sufficiency of the instruction given to persons attending the approved course of training at the institution visited,
 - (b) the sufficiency of the examinations attended, and
 - (c) any other matter relating to the institution or examination on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request the Visitation Panel to report, but the Visitation Panel shall not interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.
- (2) On receiving a report made under this section, the Council may, if it deems fit, and shall, if so required by the Institute, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the Institution or responsible for the examination to which the report relates, requesting that person to make observations on the report to the Council within the period as may be specified in the request, not being less than one month beginning with the date of request (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 15: Establishment of an Investigating Panel and Disciplinary Tribunal.

- (1) There is established the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria Investigating Panel (in this Bill referred to as "the Panel"); charged with the duty of:
- (a) conducting preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a person registered has misbehaved in that person's capacity as member or shall for any other reason, be subject of proceedings before the Tribunal; and
 - (b) deciding whether the case may be referred to the Tribunal.
- (2) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of two members of the Council and three registered members who are not members of the Council.
- (3) There is established the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as "the Tribunal") charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Investigating Panel established under subsection (1).

- (4) The Tribunal shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and six other members appointed by the Council, one of who may be a legal practitioner with at least 10 years post call experience.

Third Schedule.

- (5) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as applicable to the Tribunal and Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 16: Penalties for unprofessional conduct.

- (1) Where —
- (a) a member is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect,
 - (b) a member is convicted by any court of law in Nigeria or elsewhere, having powers to award imprisonment for an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which, in the opinion of the Tribunal, is incompatible with the status of a professional Public Administrator consultant, or
 - (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered,

the Tribunal may, if it deems fit, give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the register.

- (2) The Tribunal may, if it deems fit, defer its decision as to the action taken under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal, but —
- (a) no decision shall be deferred under this provision for a period exceeding one year; and
 - (b) no person shall be a member of the Tribunal for the purpose of reaching a verdict on a deferred or further deferred decision unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal when the decision was deferred.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (1) (b), a person shall not be treated as a convict unless the conviction stands at a point where no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.
- (4) When the Tribunal gives a directive for the purpose of effecting penalties for unprofessional conduct, the Tribunal shall cause notice of the directive to be served on the person to whom it relates.
- (5) The person to whom such a directive relates, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of notice of the directive, may appeal against the directive to the Federal High Court and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directive to be given as to the costs of the appeal and proceeding before the Federal High Court, the Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party to the appeal whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.

- (6) A directive of the Tribunal under subsection (1) shall take effect where --
- (a) no appeal under this section is brought against the directive within the time limited for such an appeal, or at the expiration of the time;
 - (b) such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, or dismissed for lack of merit; or
 - (c) an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out, if and when the appeal is dismissed, shall not take effect under the provision of this section.
- (7) A person whose name is removed from the register following a directive of the Tribunal under this section is not entitled to be registered again except in pursuant to a direction in that behalf given by the Tribunal on the application of that person and a directive under this section for the removal of a person's name from the register may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of that period from the date of the direction (and where he has duly made an application, from the date of his last application) as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 16 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 17: When a person is deemed to practice as a professional Public Administration of Nigeria practitioner.

- (1) From the commencement of this Bill, any person who was not a member of the Institute before this Bill and who under this Bill, is qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the profession may, within the period of three months beginning with the date of the commencement of this Bill, apply for membership of the Institute in the manner prescribed by the Council and if approved, he shall be enrolled or registered, as the case may be, according to the person's qualification.
- (2) A person shall be deemed to be a professional Public Administration of Nigeria practitioner if, for consideration of remuneration to be received whether by himself or in partnership with any other person —
 - (a) he engages in the practice of Public Administration of Nigeria or holds himself out to the public as a professional Public Administration of Nigeria consultant;
 - (b) he renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to Public Administration of Nigeria or data; or
 - (c) renders any other service that may, by regulations made by the Council, be designated as service constituting practice as a professional Public Administration of Nigeria practitioner or consultant (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 17 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 18: Rules of practice.

- (1) The Council may make rules for —

- (a) the training of suitable persons in Public Administration of Nigeria;
 - (b) the licensing of persons employed in the Public Administration;
 - (c) prescribing the fees to be paid by Public Administration practitioners or consultants; and
 - (d) the restriction of right of practice where conditions are not met.
- (2) The Council may also make rules prescribing the amount and due date for payment for membership of annual subscription and for such purposes, different amounts may be prescribed by the rules according to the category of membership of the Institute.
- (3) Rules made under this section shall, if the Chairman of the Council directs, be published in the print media (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 18 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 19: Honourary membership.

The Council may award honorary membership of the Institute to persons it considers worthy of such honour, on terms and conditions prescribed by the Council and approved by the Institute in its general meeting (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 19 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 20: Library facilities.

The Institute shall —

- (a) provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications for the advancement of knowledge in Public Administration of Nigeria and such other books and publications as the Council may consider necessary for that purpose;
- (b) encourage research into Public Administration in Nigeria, methods and allied subjects to the extent that the Council may consider necessary; and
- (c) encourage the production and sale of materials, books and journals arising from its research and consultancy activities (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 20 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 21: Rules and regulations.

Rules and regulations made under this Bill shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at its next AGM or at a special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose, and if annulled, shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but without prejudice to anything done under any such rules (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 21 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 22: Transfer of property.

- (1) From the commencement of this Bill —

- (a) all properties held by or on behalf of the Incorporated Institute before this Bill, by virtue of this section shall be vested on the Institute; and
- (b) subject to subsection (2), any act, or matter made or done by the Incorporated Institute before this Bill shall continue to have effect.
- (2) The provisions of this Act shall have effect with respect to matters arising from the transfer by this section to the Institute of the property of the Incorporated Institute before this Act, and with respect to the other matters mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani -- Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 22 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 23: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Board" means the Board of Fellows (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Board" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Council" means the Governing Council of the Institute established under section 5 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Council" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"fees" includes annual subscription (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "fees" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"fund" means fund of the institute established under this Bill (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "fund" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for education (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"President" and "Deputy President" respectively mean the office holders as specified under section 4 of this Bill (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "President" and "Deputy President" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"register" means the register prepared and maintained under section 10 (4) of this Bill; and (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "register" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"tribunal" means the Disciplinary Tribunal established under section 15 (1) of this Bill (Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "tribunal" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 23 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 24: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria (Establishment) BILL, 2020 (Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency).

Question that Clause 24 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 5 (3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Qualification and Tenure of Office of Principal Officers of the Council

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, every elected principal officer of the Council shall hold office for a term of two years in the first instance beginning with the date of his appointment, and may be eligible for re-election for another term of two years and no more.
- (2) A principal officer of the Institute who ceases to be a member shall, if he is also a member of Council, cease to hold office on the Council.
- (3) Any elected member of the Council may by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President resign his office, and any appointed member may, likewise resign his office.
- (4) A person who retires from or otherwise ceases to be an elected member of the Council shall be eligible again to become a member of the Council, and any appointed member may be reappointed.
- (5) Election to the Council shall be held in the manner prescribed in the rules made by the Council and unless otherwise prescribed, they shall be decided by a secret ballot.
- (6) If an elected member vacates office, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the next general meeting of the Institute appears necessary to fill the vacancy, co-opt some fit persons for the period.
- (7) The election of members of the Council shall be effected in the manner prescribed

- (a) at least eight weeks before each AGM of the Institute, the Council may nominate candidates for election to the Council, provided that the number of candidates nominated shall not exceed 50 per cent of those retiring;
- (b) not less than seven weeks before each AGM of the Institute, the Secretariat shall issue to all professional members a notice which shall —
 - (i) specify the names of elected Council members whose terms of office will expire at the close of the next AGM,
 - (ii) specify any other vacancies in the membership of the Council which may be filled by election,
 - (iii) specify the names of any candidates nominated by the Council for election to the Council,
 - (iv) invite nominations of other candidates on the prescribed nomination form, and
 - (v) contain other particulars as may be prescribed by the Council;
- (c) candidates for election to the Council, other than candidates nominated in the following manner —
 - (i) at least five weeks before each AGM, nomination forms including details of all particulars required to be given shall be duly completed in the manner set out below and shall be sent to the Secretariat of the Institute, and
 - (ii) each nomination form shall relate to one candidate only and shall contain his class and grade of membership in the Institute, his full-time managerial or other appointment (if any) or, if retired, such appointment immediately before retirement and his date of retirement; and such other particulars as may be prescribed by the Council;
- (d) each candidate shall be sponsored by two persons who shall be members of the Institute entitled to vote and each nomination form shall contain, in addition to the particulars referred to in sub paragraph (c), a statement of the names, addresses, class and grade of membership of each of the sponsors; and
- (e) vote shall be taken by secret ballot at the AGM.

Powers of the Council

- 2. (1) The Council shall —
 - (a) have powers to engage in legal activities, which in its opinion will facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute;
 - (b) exercise such powers of the Institute and do on behalf of the Institute such acts as may be exercised and done by the Institute;

- (c) exercise any power granted by the Institute in a general meeting, and subject to such byelaws or provisions, as may be prescribed by the Institute in a general meeting, but no byelaw made by the Institute in a general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Council which would have been valid if such byelaw had not been made;
- (d) exercise powers on behalf of the Institute to borrow money, to mortgage or charge its undertaking and property or any part thereof and to issue debentures, debenture stocks, and other securities whether outright or security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Institute;
- (e) set up every year as soon as practicable after the AGM, an executive committee of the Council, which shall meet regularly and carry out the normal business of Council between the regular meetings of Council; and
- (f) establish a branch of the Institute in any locality within the country.

Power to make, alter or repeal byelaws of the Institute

- (2) The Council shall have power to make, alter or repeal any byelaw as the Council may deem necessary for the proper conduct and management of the Institute and the Council shall adopt the means deemed sufficient to bring to the notice of the Institute and all its members, any byelaws, alterations or repeals made under the powers conferred by this paragraph; provided that no byelaw shall be inconsistent with, affect or repeal anything contained in this Bill or constitute an amendment of, or addition to these presents as could only lawfully be made by special resolution.

Proceedings of the Council

- 3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may, in the name of the Institute, make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute or of the Council and, in the exercise of its powers under this Bill may, set up committees in the general interest of the Institute, and make standing orders for the committees.
- (2) Standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members and, in the event of equality of votes, for the President or the Chairman, as the case may be, to have a second or casting vote.
- (3) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the committee is to report back to the Council on any matter not within its competence to decide.
- (4) The quorum of the Council shall be seven and the Council shall fix the quorum of a committee.

Meetings of the Institute

(a) Annual General Meetings

- 4. (1) An Annual General Meeting of the Institute shall be held once in every calendar year, at a time and place as may be determined by the Council, provided that every AGM after the first annual general meeting shall be held not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding such meeting.

(b) Extra Ordinary General Meeting

- (2) All general meetings of the Institute, which are not annual general meetings, shall be called Extra Ordinary General Meetings.

- (3) The Council may call an Extraordinary General Meeting whenever it deems fit and an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened on request.

Quorum at General Meetings

- (4) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business, and unless otherwise provided, the quorum shall be 35 members present in person.

Adjournment of Meetings

- (5) If within an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved and in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or at such other place as the Chairman of the meeting shall appoint, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

Special Business

5. All business transacted at an Extraordinary Meeting, and an AGM except for the consideration of the account and balance sheet, the report of the Council and of auditors, the fixing of the remuneration of the auditors and the election of members of the Council at an Annual General Meeting, shall be deemed to be special business.

Notices — Mode of Service

6. (1) A notice may be served by the Institute upon any member of the Council, its committees and the Institute either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to the member at his address as it appears in the professional register of members or other records of members not being professional members.
- (2) A notice if served by post shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the letter containing the notice is put into the post/email and in proving such service, it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put in the email or post office as a prepaid letter.

Annual or Extra-Ordinary Meetings

7. (1) An Annual or Special Meeting of the Institute shall be convened by at least 21 days' notice in writing.
- (2) The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given and shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in case of business other than ordinary annual business of the Institute, the general nature of business.
- (3) In the case of an AGM, the Secretary shall also send to each member with the notice a copy of the annual report of the Council, a copy of the accounts of the Institute with the auditors' report thereon, and particulars of all motions to be brought before the meeting.

Special Motions at Annual General Meetings

8. A member desiring to bring before the AGM any motion not relating to the ordinary business of the AGM of the Institute may do so provided that

- (a) notice in writing of the proposed motion is sent or given to the Secretary not later than 45 days before the date of the AGM; and
- (b) no less than 10 members entitled to vote at the AGM shall have sent or given notice in writing to the Secretary not later than 30 days before the date of the AGM expressing their desire that the proposed motion be brought before the AGM and that the proposed motion relates to matters affecting the Institute.

Voting at General Meetings

9. (1) Except as provided in this Schedule regarding voting to elect members to fill vacancies on the Council; a resolution put to the vote at any AGM or Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Institute shall be decided on a show of hand unless (before or on the declaration of the show of hands) a poll is demanded by at least 10% of those present provided that the matter arrived at is not less than five.
- (2) No amendment shall be permitted to resolution, amend the Bill or the rules and bylaws of the Institute except with the consent of the Chairman of the meeting (whose decision shall be final) if the amendment is one of form only and not of substance.
- (3) If a poll is duly demanded or required to be taken, it shall be taken in accordance with the relevant bylaws and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll is demanded.
- (4) Except as provided in this Schedule regarding voting to elect members by ballot to fill vacancies on the Council, in the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting, at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is required to be taken, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- (5) A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on any question of adjournment shall be taken and a poll demanded or required to be taken of any other question shall be taken at such time and place as the Chairman of the meeting directs and any business other than that upon which a poll has been demanded or is required may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll.
- (6) On a show of hands or a poll, every member present in person shall (except as provided in the case of electing members to fill vacancies of the Council) have one vote.

Voting Rights of Corporate Members

10. Each corporate member's voting power at any meeting of the Institute shall be vested in a single person entitled as a "Voting Representative", who, if he is a professional member of the Institute in his own right, may exercise his rights to vote as an individual member in addition to voting as a representative.

Meeting of the Council

11. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing order or bylaw of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from the date on which the notice is given.

- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside, but if both are absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of them to preside at that meeting.
- (3) Where the Council desires to obtain advice from any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council deems fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Minister of Education, who may give such direction as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting.

Committees

12. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Institute or of the Council, such functions as the Council may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council, and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

Miscellaneous

13. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the President or of some other member of the Council authorised generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.
- (2) A contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute or the Council as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Council.
- (3) A document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (4) The validity of any proceeding of the Institute, Council or committee of the Council shall not be affected by any vacancy in membership, any defect in the appointment of member of the Institute, the Council or a person to serve on the committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
- (5) A member of the Institute or the Council, and any person holding office on a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council on behalf of the Institute, the Council or a committee, shall disclose his interest to the President or the Council as the case may be, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.
- (6) A person shall not, by reason only of his membership of the Institute, be required to disclose any interest relating solely to the audit of the accounts of the Institute (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of the First Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 22 (1)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, ETC.

Transfer of property

1. (1) Every agreement to which the Incorporated Institute was a party immediately before the commencement of this Bill, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations thereunder could be assigned by the Incorporated Institute, shall have effect from the commencement of the Bill so far as it relates to property transferred by this Bill to the Institute, as if —
 - (a) the Institute had been a party to the agreement; and
 - (b) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to a member or members of the Council or the Incorporated Institute there were substituted as respects anything failing to be done on or after the commencement of the Act —
 - (i) a reference to the Institute, and
 - (ii) a reference to a member or members of the Council under this Bill.
- (2) Other documents referring, whether specifically or generally, to the Incorporated Institute shall be construed in accordance with subparagraph (1).
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of this Schedule, where, by the operation of any of them or any section of this Bill, any right, liability or obligation vests in the Institute, the Institute and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, have the same rights, powers and remedies (and, in particular, the same rights as to the taking or resisting of legal proceedings or the making or resisting of applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have had if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the Institute.
- (4) Any legal proceeding or application to any authority pending on the commencement of this Bill by or against the Incorporated Institute and relating to property transferred by this Act to the Institute may be continued on or after that day by or against the Institute.
- (5) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter, apply with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property and the Council shall furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer in charge of the transfer accordingly.

Transfer of Functions

2. (1) At its first meeting, the Council of the Institute shall fix a date not later than six months after the commencement of this Bill, for the Annual General Meeting of the Institute.

- (2) The members of the Council of the Incorporated Institute shall be deemed to be the members of Council of the Institute until the date determined under subparagraph (1) when the Institute shall have its first Annual General Meeting, and they shall cease to hold office at the conclusion of such meeting.
- (3) A person who, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, held office as the President or Deputy President of the Incorporated Institute by virtue of the Articles of Association shall, on that day, become the President or, as the case may be, the Deputy President of the Institute, and shall be deemed to have been elected —
- (a) to that office in pursuance of the provision of this Bill, corresponding to the relevant provision in the said Articles of Association; and
- (b) on the date on which he took office, or last took office, in pursuance of the relevant provision of those articles.
- (4) The members of the Incorporated Institute shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, be registered as members of the Institute and, without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of this Schedule relating to the transfer of property, any person who, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, was a member of the staff of the Incorporated Institute shall on that day become the holder of an appointment with the Institute with the status, designations and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those appertaining to him in his capacity as a member of staff of the Incorporated Institute.
- (5) A person being an office holder on, or member of, the Council of the Incorporated Institute immediately before the commencement of this Bill and deemed under this paragraph to have been appointed to any position in the Institute, or the Council of the Institute, and hereafter ceasing to hold office otherwise than by reason of his misconduct, shall be eligible for appointment to the office in the Institute or to membership of the Council, as the case may be.
- (6) All regulations, rules and similar instruments made for the purpose of the Incorporated Institute and in force immediately before the commencement of this Bill shall, except in so far as they are subsequently revoked or amended by any authority having power in that behalf, have effect with necessary modifications, as if duly made for the corresponding purpose of the Institute (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani -- Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of the Second Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 15 (5)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL AND INVESTIGATING PANEL

The Tribunal

1. (1) The quorum of the Tribunal shall be four.
- (2) The Council shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Tribunal for the purpose of any proceeding and as to the procedure to be followed and rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Tribunal.
2. The rules shall in particular provide —

- (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given, at such time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;
 - (b) for determining who, in addition to that person, shall be a party to the proceedings;
 - (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requires, be entitled to be heard by the Tribunal;
 - (d) for enabling any party to the proceedings to be represented by a legal practitioner;
 - (e) subject to the provisions of section 16 (5) of this Bill, as to the costs of proceedings before the Tribunal;
 - (f) for requiring, in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Tribunal adjudges that the allegation has not been proved, it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates; and
 - (g) for publishing in the print media, a notice of any direction of the Tribunal, which has taken effect provided that a person's name shall be struck off a register.
3. For the purpose of any proceeding before the Tribunal, any member of the Tribunal may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the registry of the High Court writs of subpoena ad testificandum and ducestecum, but no person appearing before the Tribunal shall be compelled to —
- (a) make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or
 - (b) produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.
4. (1) For the purposes of advising the Tribunal on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall, in all such proceedings, be an assessor to the Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of no less than 10 years standing.
- (2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph and in particular such rules shall contain provisions for securing that —
- (a) where an assessor advises the Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matter specified by the rule, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appears thereat or, if the advice is tendered while the Tribunal is deliberating in private; that every such party or person shall be informed what advice the assessor has tendered; and
 - (b) every such party or person shall be informed if in any case the Tribunal does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question.
- (3) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceeding or class of proceeding, and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

The Panel

5. (1) The quorum of the Panel shall be three.
- (2) The Panel may, at any meeting of the Panel attended by the members of the Panel, make standing orders with respect to the Panel.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of any such standing orders, the Panel may regulate its own procedure.

Miscellaneous

6. A person ceasing to be a member of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be eligible for reappointment as a member of that body (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of the Third Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria to be charged with the responsibility for registration of persons seeking to be Public Administrators; and for the promotion, study and practice of the profession of Public Administration (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for An Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria and to Make Provisions, Among Other Things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Public Administration, and for Related Matters (HB. 329) (*Hon. Gideon Lucas Gwani — Kaura Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria and to make Provisions, among other things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Public Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.329) and approved Clauses 1 - 24, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

- (iv) *A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Social Work Practitioners and to make Provisions, among other things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Social Work, and for Related Matters (HB. 358) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Social Work Practitioners and to make Provisions, among other things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Social Work, and for Related Matters (HB. 358)" (Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTITIONERS AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FOR MEMBERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THE PROFESSION OF SOCIAL WORK, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Consideration deferred to enable the sponsor re-examine the provisions of the Bill.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Social Work Practitioners and to make Provisions, among other things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Social Work, and for Related Matters (HB. 358).

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

- (v) *A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps to Develop, Empower and Provide Gainful Employment for the Youth, Facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Neighbourhood Watch and Nation-Building; and for Related Matters (HB.17) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order read: deferred by leave of the House.

25. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 25 February, 2020 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.04 p.m.

Ahmed Idris
Deputy Speaker