



LEAD DEBATE ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMMISSION ACT CAP. N11, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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Mr Speaker, my respected colleagues, permit me to lead the debate on the general principles of A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. Hon. Members will recall that the Bill was read for the first time in this hallowed Chamber on 23rd July, 2019.

2. This Bill seeks to amend The National Broadcasting Commission Act Cap. N11, Laws of The Federation of Nigeria 2004 by substituting the entire Section 14 of the Principal Act as set out below-

"14. (1) The Funds of the Commission shall consist of:

(a) such funds as budgetary allocations, trust funds, subventions, grants-in-aid and loans as may, from time to time, be made by the Federal Government;

(b) such sums or property which may, from time to time by way of loans or grants and gifts accrue to the Commission from any other Government, non-governmental bodies or individuals; and

(c) other monies received by the Commission which may in any way, become payable to or vested in the Commission by way of revenues, fees, levies, taxes, penalties, gifts, grants-in-aid, testamentary disposition and all other assets that may from time to time accrue to the Commission.

(2) All monies received by or on behalf of the Commission shall be receipted and shall be paid into the Federation Account within 24 hours of receipt or the next working day."

Mr. Speaker, my respected Colleagues, this is a very straight forward piece of legislation that seeks to bring the Act in conformity with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and to also provide transparency, accountability of disbursement and usage of funds. I therefore appeal for your overwhelming support that the Bill be read for the second time and refer to the relevant committee of the House for further legislative action please.