



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15 July, 2021

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1. The House met at 12.04 p.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayer.
 2. The House recited the National Pledge
 3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 14 July, 2021.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Executive Session**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into a Closed Session" (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

Closed Session — 12.11 p.m.

House in Open Session — 01.18 p.m.

5. **Remarks by Mr Speaker**
Mr Speaker made the following remarks:

Protocols:

Honourable colleagues we have come to the end of the legislative year. We will shortly adjourn for the annual recess as is the practice of this honourable House. When we return, we will do so with renewed vigour and a greater commitment to the service of the Nigerian people in whose name we assemble in this hallowed chamber, and on whose behalf, we carry out the work of the legislature.

2. *It has been a remarkable year of tragedy and triumph. We have lost members of this House — friends and colleagues who served with us, and whose memories we carry in our hearts every day. Across the country, we have seen an increased spate of violence that has claimed the lives and traumatised many. We mourn those of our citizens who have lost their lives, and we pray God's grace and comfort for the families and loved ones they have left behind.*

3. *Through it all, the 9th House of Representatives has carried on its constitutional duty to make laws for the good government of the country. After multiple failed attempts over two decades, the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) has passed both House of the National Assembly and will shortly be transmitted to the President after proper harmonization with the Senator. Today, we will consider the report of the House Committee on Electoral Matters, and vote on the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill that has been laid before us by the Committee. This is part of our continued efforts to improve our elections and ensure that democracy thrives in our country.*

The stage is set and the world is watching. I encourage all members to vote their conscience informed ONLY by the best interest of the country and our people.

4. *It has been mentioned to me that landmark legislation such as the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) and the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill ought to have been considered using the electronic voting system in the House. While I agree with this suggestion, e-voting usually in most parts of the world is meant for single item pieces of legislation not 400 clause considerations, except on reports that contain limited number of clauses. As such, it is not ideal for this Bill.*

Nonetheless, I take the point and we will make sure that the system is fully deployed in advance of our resumption.

5. *On Monday, we submitted to His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR, the report of the Special Summit on National Security convened by the House of Representatives to seek solutions to the problem of insecurity in Nigeria. We have laid that same report before the House and have begun to implement the recommendations of the report that require legislative action.*

6. *The Constitutional amendment process in the House of Representatives continues apace. We have received submissions from across the country. We have conducted nationwide public hearings to seek the views of the Nigerian people so that the final product of the process reflects as much as is possible, the best expectations of our fellow citizens. As I have said before, this constitutional amendment process is unlike those that came before.*

7. *This time, we seek nothing less than a wholesale review of the constitution with the express intention of crafting a document that reflects the democratic ideal, and at the same time resolves those foundational conflicts of our nationhood that hinder our march to progress. The current constitution of our Federal Republic reflects our past. We need a constitution that speaks to our present and makes a better future possible. And it is our commitment in this 9th House of Representatives to deliver such a constitution.*

8. *This year there have been to many occasions when good faith efforts by the House of Representatives to address questions of law and regulation have been misconstrued as an attempt to perpetuate injustice against the people we serve. I am not unmindful of the fact that some of these reactions are result of years of broken promises by politicians and government. Yet, it is also evident that there are those who for profit and ambition, have devoted themselves to creating conflict, and engendering in our citizens the kind of cynicism that makes all constructive collaboration impossible.*

9. *Fellow Nigerians, let us take care not to give ourselves over to those who try to exploit our legitimate grievances to create chaos and disaffection. We must not heed the call of those who propose no solutions but stand ever ready to cast aspersions and insinuate the worst motives of our action. Our problems are real, and the challenges we face are significant. Those problems will not be made less real, nor will we overcome our challenges, if rather than work together in the cause of nation building, we stand in permanent opposition to one another -- tribe against tribe, region against region, partisan against partisan.*

10. *Citizens and leaders alike have choices to make about our future, about the country we want to live in and leave to the next generation. Some of such choices will be difficult, requiring us to make sacrifices and endure difficulties. Some other choices will sometimes cause us to disagree. We must decide at this moment in time whether we are prepared to learn from and call on the lessons of our*

history so that we may be inspired therefrom to rise once more in defence of our values, our interests, and the dignity of all our nation's people. Let us work to re-establish in our country, the bonds of brotherhood that allow us to disagree but never to forget that in the end, through whatever may come, we are family, bound one to another, and we must look out for each other.

Distinguished colleagues, unfortunately, despite the valiant efforts of scientists who have discovered a vaccine, and notwithstanding efforts by governments and others, to make those vaccines available, COVID-19 has emerged with a new and deadly variant that threatens our world once more. We have already seen the devastation that this disease is capable of, and as such, we must not allow ourselves to be left to its mercy.

11. It is time for us now to take the same precautions of personal hygiene and social interaction that we did last year when the pandemic was at its most potent. Let us take the opportunity of this recess to speak to our constituents and provide them the tools they need to protect themselves against this deadly disease.

12. As we come to the end of this legislative period, we recognise that where much has been done, there is still a lot left to do. We are aware that though much has been achieved, there remain many challenges that task us, that require of us that we work harder, collaborate better, and make the hard decisions that are required for progress and prosperity. This recess is therefore an opportunity for members of the Honourable House to engage with constituents to understand the areas of their most pressing concerns so that when we return, we can begin to address those as a matter of the highest priority.

13. The work of the legislature never ends. Even though we will not be here in chambers making laws and advocating for our people, our attentions will still be required in our constituencies on other engagements relating to our service in this House of Representatives. Nevertheless, let us all endeavour to use this recess to spend time with our families, and for deep reflection, to examine ourselves and assess the quality of the service we have each provided this year. It is from such reflection, that we will be able to determine those areas where improvements are needed, and where we need to do better than we did in the past year. To this end, all Committee assignments except finance working on MTEF and the Internal Security that will be working on the security on our premises, are suspended till resumption.

14. Honourable colleagues, let me say once more that it is a great honour to serve as Speaker of this 9th House of Representatives. I am eternally grateful to God for the opportunity to come here each day to work alongside so many dedicated public servants who despite differences and disagreements, are willing to set aside considerations of politics and other interests, to work with one another in partnership on behalf of the Nigerian people. I salute you all, and I thank you most sincerely.

15. I wish you all a good recess. May God bless and keep you. And may God bless our Federal Republic of Nigeria.

6. Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)

Hon. Bagos Dachung Musa (Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency), drew the attention of the House to the perverse impact of Covid-19 Delta variant and urged the Federal Government to activate quick response to enable citizens take precautionary measures.

Mr Speaker noted the Personal Explanation and the need for the general public to be cautious.

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) National Eye Care Centre, Kaduna (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1439).

- (2) Electronic Government (e-Government) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1432).
- (3) National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1445).
- (4) Industrial Training Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1447).
- (5) Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1534).
- (6) Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1535).
- (7) Border Communities Development Agency (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1536).
- (8) Borstal Institutions and Remand Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1537).
- (9) Family Support Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1538).
- (10) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021(HB. 1543).
- (11) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021(HB. 1544).
- (12) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021(HB. 1545).
- (13) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021(HB. 1546).
- (14) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1547).
- (15) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1548).
- (16) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1549).
- (17) Nigerian Legion Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1553).
- (18) Nigerian Directorate of Employment Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1554).
- (19) National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1555).
- (20) Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative Act (amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1556).
- (21) Agricultural (Control of Importation) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1557).
- (22) Federal College of Education (Technical), Onna (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1558).
- (23) Federal College of Education, Omuo, Ekiti State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1559).
- (24) Federal College of Education, Ugboha, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1560).
- (25) National Institute for Agricultural Research, Oria, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1561).
- (26) Federal Medical Centre, Uromi Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1562).

- (27) Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1563).
- (28) Nigerian Communications Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1564).
- (29) Nigeria Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1565).
- (30) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1566).
- (31) Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Research Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1567).
- (32) Donor Agencies Regulatory Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1568).
- (33) Niger Delta Natural Disaster Reserve Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1569).
- (34) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1570).
- (35) Chartered Institute of Director of Directors, Nigeria (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1571).

8. Presentation of Reports

(i) ***Report of the Conference Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill:***

Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Provide Legal, Governance, Regulatory and Fiscal Framework for the Nigerian Petroleum Industry, the Development of Host Communities and for Related Matters.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) ***African, Caribbean and Pacific States Parliamentary Assembly and ACP- EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive Report of African, Caribbean and Pacific States Parliamentary Assembly and ACP- EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly of the 56th Session of the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly (OACPS PA) and the Inter-Sessional Meetings of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (ACP-EU JPA) held virtually on 19 - 23 October, 29 October and 5 November, 2020" (*Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) ***ACP- EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive Report of African, Caribbean and Pacific States Parliamentary Assembly and ACP- EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly of the 57th Session of the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly (OACPS PA) and the 39th Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (ACP-EU JPA) held virtually on 23 - 27 November, 3 December and 10 December, 2020" (*Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **ACP- EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive Report of African, Caribbean and Pacific States Parliamentary Assembly and ACP- EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly of the 59th Session of the OACPS Parliamentary Assembly (OACPS PA) and the 40th Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (ACP-EU JPA) held virtually on 4, 7, 10, 14, 17 and 24 June, 2021" (Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) **Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Interim Report on the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on Proposed 2018-2020 external borrowing (rolling) plan" (Hon. Ahmed Dayyabu Safana — Batsari/Safana/Damusa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) **Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture and Entrepreneurship, Saki, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 548)" (Hon. Munir Baba Dan Agundi — Kumbotso Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vii) **Committee on Public Accounts:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts on the Annual Report of the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation 2015-2018" (Hon. Oluwale Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(viii) **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the of the Committee on Health Institutions on A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Oghara, Delta State; and for Related Matters (HB. 573)" (Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. Consolidation of Bills:

That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended); and for Related Matters (HB.961); a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) for the Establishment of the Code of Conduct Tribunal as part of the Judicature under the Constitution to ensure its Independence; and for Related Matters (HB. 999).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

10. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N 42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Health Insurance Authority Bill, 2021; and for Related Matters (HB. 371) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N 42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Health Insurance Authority Bill, 2021; and for Related Matters (HB. 371) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 801) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 801) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Mutum Biyu, Taraba State; and for Related Matters (HB.644) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Mutum Biyu, Taraba State; and for Related Matters (HB.644) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Manchok; and for Related Matters (HB. 1135) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Manchok; and for Related Matters (HB. 1135) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish University of Agriculture and Technology, Okeogun; and for Related Matters (HB.1210) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish University of Agriculture and Technology, Okeogun; and for Related Matters (HB.1210) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Hong, Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1264) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Hong, Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1264) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Abolish and Prohibit Dichotomy and Discrimination between First Degrees and Higher National Diploma (HND) in the same Profession/Field for the Purpose of Employment; and for Related Matters ((HBs. 1466 and 579) — Second Reading**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal School of Medical Laboratory Technology (Science) Jos Act, 2018 and Enact the Federal College of Medical Laboratory Science and Technology, Jos to Provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Diplomas and Certificates in Medical Laboratory Technology and Other Related Courses; and for Related Matters (HB. 1421) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal School of Medical Laboratory Technology (Science) Jos Act, 2018 and Enact the Federal College of Medical Laboratory Science and Technology, Jos to Provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Diplomas and Certificates in Medical Laboratory Technology and Other Related Courses; and for Related Matters (HB. 1421) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Health Institutions.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Centre for Women Development Act, Cap. N15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the Functions of the Centre and Rename the Centre as Maryam Babangida National Centre for Women Development; and for Related Matters (HB.1147) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Centre for Women Development Act, Cap. N15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the Functions of the Centre and Rename the Centre as Maryam Babangida National Centre for Women Development; and for Related Matters (HB.1147) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isukwuato/Ummuneochi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Women Affairs.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Legal Framework to Upgrade the General Hospital Onitsha to Federal Medical Centre, Onitsha; and for Related Matters (HB.277) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Legal Framework to Upgrade the General Hospital Onitsha to Federal Medical Centre, Onitsha; and for Related Matters (HB.277) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu — ... Federal Constituency*).
- Debate.*
- Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.*
- Bill read the Second Time.*
- Bill referred to the Committee on Health Institutions.*
20. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Anti-Kidnapping, Terrorism and Violent Crimes Agency; and for Related Matters (HB. 1001) — Second Reading**
- Order deferred by leave of the House.*
21. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Industrial Technology Park Development Agency as a mechanism for Clustering of Knowledge and Innovation Based and Development in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1179) — Second Reading**
- Order deferred by leave of the House.*
22. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide that State Governments shall have Concurrent Legislative Authority similar to that of the Federal Government for Prisons within their States or from One State to another with the Consent of the State Governments concerned; and for Related Matters (HB. 1324) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide that State Governments shall have Concurrent Legislative Authority similar to that of the Federal Government for Prisons within their States or from One State to another with the Consent of the State Governments concerned; and for Related Matters (HB. 1324) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mukhtar Zakari Chawai — Kauru Federal Constituency*).
- Debate.*
- Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.*
- Bill read the Second Time.*
- Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution.*
23. **Recission on the Referral of a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Engineers of Nigeria Bill, 2021. (HB. 1086).**
- Order deferred by leave of the House.*
24. **Reconsideration of Bills from the Preceding Assembly**
- Order deferred by leave of the House.*

25. Need to Remove the Nigeria Police Force from the Contributory Pension Scheme

Order deferred by leave of the House.

26. Need to Complete Calabar Ikoneto Road/Adiabo Bridge

Order deferred by leave of the House.

27. Need To Address The Deplorable State of 45km In Kwaturu-Anguan Rimi Road in Kafanchan, Kaduna State

Order deferred by leave of the House.

28. Need to Integrate the National Livestock Transformation Plan (NLTP) of the Federal Government into the Non-Kinetic Security Strategies in the 2022 Budget

Order deferred by leave of the House.

29. Call on the Federal Capital Territory Administration to rid the Territory of Spills of Liquid Waste and Overfilled Waste Bins to Prevent Outbreak Epidemic

Order deferred by leave of the House.

30. Need for the Federal Government to Declare Bauchi State as Oil and Gas Producing State
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Oil and Gas remain critical to the Economic Development of Nigeria and key to the implementation of budgets at all levels of Government;

Aware that on 2 February, 2019 President Muhamadu Buhari flags off the Spud-In of Kolmani River II well Drilling in Bauchi State and directed the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to extend its exploration to six basins in the Country;

Also aware that it has become imperative to ascertain the fortunes at the disposal of the Federal Government in Alkaleri Local Government Area so as to hasten the process of giving effect to the provisions of the new Petroleum Industry Bill, 2021 just passed by the National Assembly in terms of the economic benefit the host community stands to gain;

Further aware that any community from whose location oil is discovered and or produced is entitled to several extra revenues which is special attention for the sake of its environment, infrastructure and health impact;

Diserious of the need for the people of Bauchi to start benefiting from the 13% derivation being the host community incentives provided for by the law;

Informed that oil exploration in Bauchi State commenced since 2018 and up till today it is still ongoing but no official report on whether the exercise is a success or not and Nigerians, particularly the people of Bauchi State who are to benefit from the 13% derivation are anxiously waiting to witness the economic benefit;

Recalls that it is the statutory function of the parliament to enact Law in any sector of the economy and take measures in order to create an environment for certainty, confidence and assurance for equitable treatment of the people;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to invite the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation to give comprehensive representation on the level of work in the oil exploration currently undertaken in Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi State and the successes recorded (*Hon. Yakubu Shehu Abdullahi — Bauchi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Negatived.

31. Consideration of Reports

(i) ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1485) (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 Establishment of Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1485)" (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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
THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GWOZA, BORNO STATE
AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 1485)

**PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GWOZA, BORNO STATE**

Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State.

There is established a body to be known as the Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State —

- (a) which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as is conferred on it by this Bill.
- (b) which shall be a training institution for the development of teacher Education in the country (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Functions of the Federal College of Education, Gwoza.

The functions of the College shall be —

- (a) to provide full-time and part-time courses in teaching, instruction and training to produce middle and high level teachers —
 - (i) in technology, sciences/applied sciences, commerce, arts, social sciences, humanities and management; and

- (ii) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria in the areas of industrial and agricultural production and distribution and for research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine.
- (b) to conduct courses in education for qualified teachers;
- (c) to arrange conferences, seminars, inaugural lectures and workshops relative to the fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) of this clause; and
- (d) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Constitution and Principal Officers of the College.

- (1) The College shall consist of:
 - (a) a Provost;
 - (b) Deputy provost;
 - (c) Academic Board;
 - (d) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this sub-clause;
 - (e) all graduates and undergraduates of the College; and
 - (f) all other persons who are members of the College in accordance with provisions made by Regulation in that behalf.
- (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the principal officers of the College.
- (3) Subject to Clause 5 of this Bill provision shall be made by Regulation with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Academic Board (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Powers of the Federal College of Education, Gwoza.

- (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in Clause 2 of this Bill, Federal College of Education, Gwoza Borno State shall have power:
 - (a) to offer courses of instruction, training and research in Education and allied areas for the production of quality and skilled teachers required to teach at lower, middle and higher levels of Education in Nigeria in particular and the world at large.

- (b) to establish such colleges, campuses, institutes, schools, departments and other teaching and research units within the College as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of National Commission for Colleges of Education
- (c) to institute and award scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;
- (d) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the College;
- (e) to hold examinations and grant, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the College and have satisfied such other requirements as the College may lay down;
- (f) to demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purposes of instruction, such fees as the College may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives of the Minister;
- (g) subject to Clause 20 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever it is situated;
- (h) to accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attached thereto;
- (i) to enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;
- (j) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, workshops, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the College;
- (k) to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and book selling;
- (l) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by Regulation, to invest any moneys appertaining to the College by way of endowment it, not being immediately required for current expenditure in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time, to vary any such investments to deposit any moneys for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;
- (m) to borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the security of any or all of the property, movable or immovable, of the College, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find it necessary or expedient to borrow of to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;
- (n) to make gifts for any charitable purpose;

- (o) to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by Regulation to do; and
 - (p) to do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the College.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the Regulations and without prejudice to Clause 7 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the College by subclause (1) of this Clause shall be exercisable on behalf of the College by the Council or by the Academic Board or in many other manners which may be authorized by the Regulation.
- (3) The power of the College to establish further campuses and colleges within the College shall be exercisable by Regulation and not otherwise (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 5: Composition, Tenure and Powers of the Council of the College.

- (1) The Council of the College shall consist of:
- (a) the Provost;
 - (c) the Deputy Provost(s);
 - (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for Education;
 - (e) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation to be appointed from:
 - (i) the Teacher's Registration Council;
 - (ii) Tertiary Education Trust Fund; and
 - (iii) two other persons, one of whom shall be a representative of the College host community;
 - (f) four persons appointed by the Academic Board from among its members;
 - (g) one person appointed by Academic Board from among its members;
 - (h) two persons representing the community appointed by the President.
- (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the College.
- (3) The Council so constituted shall have a tenure of four years from the date of its inauguration provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the Visitor and a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the College.
- (4) The powers of the Council shall be exercised, as in this Bill and to that extent establishment circulars that are inconsistent with this Bill shall not apply to the College.

- (5) The Council shall be free in the discharge of its functions and exercise of its responsibilities for the good management, growth and development of the College.
- (6) The Council in the discharge of its functions shall ensure that disbursement of funds of the College complies with the approved budgetary ratio for —
 - (a) personnel cost;
 - (b) overhead cost;
 - (c) research and development;
 - (d) library developments; and
 - (e) the balance in expenditure between academic *vis-à-vis* non-academic activities (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 6: Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose Committee.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the College and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the College.
- (2) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the Finance, and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the College and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
- (3) Provision shall be made by Regulation with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the College are kept and that the accounts of the College are audited annually by an independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual report is published by the College together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the Regulations, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (6) Rules made under sub-clause (5) of this Clause by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that Committee conflict with any direction given by the Council, whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the Council shall prevail.
- (7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.

- (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least three times in every year.
- (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council.
- (10) Any request made under sub-clause (9) of this Clause shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 7: Functions of the Academic Board of the College.

- (1) It shall be the general function of the Academic Board to organize and control the teaching by the College, the admission of student where no other enactment provides to the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the College.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subclause (1) of this Clause and subject as therein mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the Academic Board to make provision for:
 - (a) the establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the College and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;
 - (b) the organization and control of courses of study at the College and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;
 - (c) the award such other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;
 - (d) the establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and similar institutions at the College;
 - (e) the supervision of the welfare of students at the College and the regulation of their conduct;
 - (f) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the College, and regulating the use of academic dress.
- (3) The Academic Board shall not establish any new campus, college, school, department, institute or other teaching and research units of the College, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the College without the approval of the Council.
- (4) Subject to this Bill and the Regulations, the Academic Board may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this Clause or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorized or required by this Bill or by Regulation.

- (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study at the College is not a teacher at the College but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other College of high repute or a person engaged in practicing the profession in a reputable organization or institution.
- (6) Subject to right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Academic Board under this sub-Clause, the Academic Board may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the College which has been conferred upon him/her if after due enquiry he is found to have been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the College or obtaining that award (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 8: Visitation.

- (1) The Minister of Education shall be the Visitor of the College.
- (2) The Visitor shall, not less than one in every five years, conduct a visitation to the college or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: Office of the Provost.

- (1) There shall be a Provost of the College [in his Bill referred to as "the Provost] who shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces in accordance with the provisions of this clause.
- (2) Where vacancy occurs in the post of Provost, the Council shall —
 - (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying —
 - (i) the qualifications of the person who may apply for the post; and
 - (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration.
 - (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of —
 - (i) a member of Council, not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman;
 - (ii) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer;

- (iii) two members of the academic community of the College not below the rank of Principal Lecturer and not members of Academic Board to be selected by the Academic Staff Association to identify and draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever.
- (3) A Joint Council and Academic Board Selection Committee shall consist of —
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Academic Board; and
 - (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the shortlists drawn up under sub-clause (2) of this clause through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend, through the Council, to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, three candidates for his consideration.
- (4) The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates recommended to him/her under the provisions of sub-clause (3) of this clause.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Provost shall be the Chief Executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management operations of the College (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 10: Tenure and Procedure for the removal of Provost.

- (1) The Provost shall hold office for a period of 5 years only beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (2) Where on the commencement of this Bill a Provost appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —
 - (a) for less than five years, he/she shall be deemed to be serving his 5 years' single tenure and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of four years;
 - (b) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as Provost for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;
 - (c) for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as Provost to complete his second term and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.

- (3) (a) The Provost may be removed from office by the Visitor on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind after due consultation with the Council and the Academic Board acting through the Minister of Education.
- (b) When the proposal for the removal of the Provost is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Academic Board consisting of —
- (i) three members of the Council one of whom shall be the chairman of the Committee; and
- (ii) two members of Academic Board, provided that where the ground for the removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.
- (c) The Committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Provost and shall report its findings to the Council.
- (d) The Council shall where the allegations are proved inform the Visitor who shall remove the Provost.
- (e) There shall be no sole administrator in any Nigerian College of Education.
- (f) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Provost, the Council shall appoint an Acting Provost on the recommendation of the Academic Board.
- (g) An Acting Provost in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 11: Office of the Deputy Provost, Functions, Tenure and Procedure of Removal.

- (1) There shall be for the College Deputy Provost.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the Chief Lecturers in the college in one of the following ways that is —
- (a) from a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by the Provost; or
- (b) on the nomination of one candidate by the Academic Board through election.
- (3) The Deputy Provost shall —
- (a) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions;
- (b) act in the place of the Provost when the post of the Provost is vacant or if the Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Provost; and

- (c) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him/her.
- (4) The Deputy Provost —
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of two years and no more.
- (5) A Deputy Provost may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendation of the Provost and Academic board.
- (6) "Good cause" for the purpose of this clause means gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office arising from infirmity of body or mind (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: Other Principal Officers.

There shall be for the College, the following principal officers, in addition to the Provost and Deputy Provost, that is —

- (a) the Registrar;
- (b) the Bursar; and
- (c) the College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under clause 3 (3) (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 13: Functions of Registrar and Tenure.

- (1) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council subject thereto as the Provost may from time to time direct.
- (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to the other duties conferred on him/her by or under this Bill, be a Secretary to the Council, Secretary to Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his absence, the Council or any such committee may appoint some other persons to act as Secretary. The Registrar shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum.
- (3) A Registrar shall —
 - (a) hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
 - (b) where on the commencement of this Bill a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office:

- (i) for less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years;
- (ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;
- (iii) for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 14: Functions of Bursar and Tenure.

- (1) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of financial affairs of the college.
- (2) (a) A Bursar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (b) Where on the commencement of this Bill a Bursar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —
 - (i) for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years;
 - (ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, The Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;
 - (iii) for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, The Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 15: Functions of College Librarian and Tenure.

- (1) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College Library and co-ordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the College.

- (2) (a) A College Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only and upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (b) Where on the commencement of this Bill a College Librarian appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —
- (i) for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years;
- (ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as College Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;
- (iii) for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as College Librarian to complete his second term and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 16: Resignation.

A Principal Officer may resign his appointment —

- (a) in the case of the Provost, by notice to the Visitor;
- (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 17: Appointment of Registrar, College Librarian and Bursar.

- (1) There shall be for the College, a Selection Board which shall consist of —
- (a) the Chairman of the Council;
- (b) the Provost;
- (c) four members of the Council not being members of Academic Board; and
- (d) two members of Academic Board.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under sub clause (i) of this clause shall be as the Council may determine from time to time (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 18: Appointment of other staff of the College.

- (1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Provost and the Principal Officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this Bill.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with appropriate authorities.
- (3) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Provost in the exercise of his functions under this Bill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 19: Remuneration of Provost and other employees.

The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the Provost and other employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council, in consultation with the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation/Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission, National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 20: Pension Act Provisions.

- (1) It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reform Act and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College, except Principal Officers shall, in respect of their service in the College, be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, so however that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.
- (2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation other than the power to make regulations under clause 23 thereof shall be exercisable by the College and not by any other person or authority (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**Clause 21: General Funds of the College.**

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under subclause (1) of this clause —
 - (a) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the Government of the Federation;
 - (b) all monies raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts, grants-in-aid or testamentary dispositions;

(c) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.

(3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, not later than 3 months before the end of each financial year or at least at such other time as he/she may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the succeeding financial year (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 22: Accounts and Audit.

The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 23: Transfer of Property.

(1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council of the College shall, by virtue of this sub-Clause and without further assurance, vest in the College and be held by it for the purpose of the College.

(2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by this Clause and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 24: Annual Reports of Operations, Finance and Audit.

The Council shall soon after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the Minister, through NCCE a report of its activities during the immediate preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that year and of the auditor's report on the accounts (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART III — MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Clause 25: Offices and premises.

(1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may —

(a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and

(b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

(2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its functions (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 25 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 26: Discipline of students.

- (1) The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances.
- (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this clause.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of subclause (1) of this clause, where it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the College has been found guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him/her by this Bill or any regulations made thereunder, direct —
 - (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of such facilities of the College, as he/she may specify; or
 - (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
 - (c) that the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) that the student shall be expelled from the College.
- (4) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subclause (3) of this clause to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.
- (5) Where a direction is given under subclause (3) (c) or (d) of this clause in respect of any student, the student may, within 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him/her appeal against the decision of the Council, and where such an appeal is, brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the decision or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit.
- (6) The fact that an appeal from a decision is brought in pursuance of the last foregoing subclause shall not affect the operation of the decision while the appeal is pending, except the Council direct otherwise.
- (7) The Provost may delegate his powers under this clause to a disciplinary committee, consisting of such members of the College as he/she may nominate.
- (8) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as prevention or restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (9) It is hereby declared that a direction under sub clause (3) (a) of this clause may be combined with a direction under sub clause (3) (b) of this clause.

- (10) In all cases under this clause, the decision of the Council shall be final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 26 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 27: Interpretation.

- (1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Campus" means any campus which may be established by the College (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"College" means the College established pursuant to Clause 2 (1) (b) of this Bill for the College (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the College established by Clause 5 of this Bill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Functions" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Minister" means the Hon. Minister of Education (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Notice" means notice in writing (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Officer" does not include the Visitor (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Prescribed" means prescribed by regulations (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Professor" means a person designated as a Professor of the College in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by regulations (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Provisional Council" means the provisional council appointed for the College (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Regulations" means regulations made by the Academic Board or the Council (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Academic Board" means the Academic Board of the College established pursuant to Clause 2 (1) (e) of this Bill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the College (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"College" means the Federal College of Education Gwoza, Borno State established and incorporated by Clause 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

- (2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Bill it is laid down that the proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by

one authority or another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals of that or recommendations received by it in pursuance of that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 27 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 28: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State Bill, 2021 (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 28 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

Remuneration of Council Members

1. There may be paid to members of the council, other than *ex-officio* members, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the president.

Vacancy of Council Seat

2. (1) Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor in office shall represent the same interest at his predecessor.
- (2) The validity of proceedings of the council shall not be adversely affected, notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

Proceedings

3. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once in every three months.
- (2) The Chairman may at any time and shall, at the request in writing of not less than 6 members, convene a meeting of the Council.
- (3) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall preside but in his absence, members present shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.
- (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council.
- (5) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members of the Council at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.
- (6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.

Miscellaneous

4. (1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Provost and some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.
- (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made and executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.
- (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seek to provide for the establishment of a legislative framework to support the establishment of the Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State to nurture career teachers to augment shortfall on teacher needs of the hosts communities and as well to meet learning, research, instructional and teaching needs of the prospective students of the host communities and training of teachers in Nigeria. The legislative framework designed for the College, is to offer Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) and other Certificates on both full-time and part-time basis (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1485) (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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 Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1485) and approved Clauses 1 - 28, 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.

- (ii) *A Bill for an Act to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Prohibition and Punishment of Sexual Harassment of Students by Educators in Tertiary Educational Institutions; and for Related Matters (HB. 1006) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (iii) *A Bill For An Act to Provide For A Specialised National Dermatology Hospital, Garkida, Management Board For The Hospital to provide Dermatological Treatment, Research And Training; and For Related Matters (HB. 1382) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order deferred by leave of the House.

- (iv) ***A Bill for an Act to provide a Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Mubi; and for Related Matters (HB.1342) (Committee of the Whole):***

Order deferred by leave of the House.

- (v) ***Committee on Electoral Matters:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Electoral Matters on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act 2021, to Regulate the Conduct of Election in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 981)" (Hon. Aisha Dukku Jibril — Dukku/Nafada 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 REPEAL THE ELECTORAL ACT, NO. 6, 2010 AND ENACT THE ELECTORAL ACT, 2021, TO REGULATE THE CONDUCT OF FEDERAL, STATE AND AREA COUNCILS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ELECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 981)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS, ETC. OF INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of Independent National Electoral Commission.

- (1) The Independent National Electoral Commission as established by section 153 of the Constitution (in this Bill referred to as "the Commission"), —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession; and
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (2) The National Headquarters of the Commission shall be situated in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) *(Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).*

Amendment Proposed:

In subclause (1), line 2, *leave out* the words "by Section 153 of " *(Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency).*

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Functions of the Commission.

In addition to the functions conferred on it by the Constitution, the Commission shall have power to —

- (a) conduct voter and civic education;
- (b) promote knowledge of sound democratic election processes;
- (c) conduct any referendum required to be conducted under the provisions of the 1999 Constitution (as altered) or an Act of the National Assembly (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Establishment of the Independent National Electoral Commission Fund.

- (1) There shall be established for the Commission a fund to be known as the Independent National Electoral Commission Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Fund").
- (2) There shall be paid into the Fund established under subsection (1) —
 - (a) such sums and payments received from the Federal Government available to the Commission for carrying out its functions this Bill;
 - (b) such sums as may be credited to the Fund by way of interest from investments made from the fund;
 - (c) aid, grants or any other accruals to the Commission in order to carry out its functions.
- (3) The election funds due to the Commission for any general elections are to be released to the Commission not later than one year before the next general election.
- (4) Disbursements from the fund shall be made in accordance with rules set out by the Commission (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Expenditure of the Commission.

- (1) The Commission may apply the proceeds of the Fund established under section 3 (1) to —
 - (a) defray the cost of administration of the Commission;
 - (b) reimburse members or members of any committee set up by the Commission for such expenses as may be expressly authorised by the Commission in accordance with the rates approved by it;
 - (c) the payment of the salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances and pensions, superannuation allowance and gratuities payable to the officers and servants of the Commission;
 - (d) the maintenance of any property vested in the Commission; and
 - (e) all or any of its functions under this Bill.

- (2) No payment of any kind under subsection (1) (c) (except payment as may be expressly authorised) shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emoluments from the Government of the Federation or of a State (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 5: Annual estimates and accounts.

- (1) The Commission shall submit to the Ministry of Finance not later than 31st August in each financial year an estimate of its expenditure, income and payments during the next financial year.
- (2) The Commission shall keep proper accounts and records in respect of each financial year and shall cause its accounts to be audited as soon as possible after the end of each financial year by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Clause 5, and insert as follows:

"The Commission shall keep proper accounts and records in respect of each financial year and shall cause its accounts to be audited as soon as possible after the end of each financial year as required by law" (Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-River Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 6: Establishment of office in each State, Federal Capital Territory Local Government Area.

- (1) There shall be established in each State of the Federation and Federal Capital Territory and Local Government Area, an office of the Commission which shall perform such functions as may be assigned to it by the Commission.
- (2) A person appointed to the office of a Resident Electoral Commissioner shall —
- (a) be answerable to the Commission; and
- (b) hold office for a period of five years from the date of his or her appointment which may be renewable for another period of five years only.
- (3) The Resident Electoral Commissioner appointed under the Constitution may only be removed by the President, acting on an address supported by two-thirds majority of the Senate praying that the Resident Electoral Commissioner be so removed for inability to discharge the functions of the office (whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause) or for misconduct (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Subclause (4) as follows:

"The appointment of a Resident Electoral Commissioner shall be in compliance with Section 14 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) and Section 4 of the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, 1995 " (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 7: Committees of the Commission.**

The Commission may appoint one or more committees to carry out any of its functions under this Bill (Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency).

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

PART II — STAFF OF THE COMMISSION**Committee's Recommendation:****Clause 8: Secretary and other staff of the Commission.**

(1) There shall be a Secretary to the Commission who shall —

- (a) be appointed by the Commission;
- (b) have such qualifications and experience to be determined by the Commission as are appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of his or her office under this Bill; and
- (c) hold office for a period of four years from the date of his or her appointment which may be renewable for another period of four years only.

(2) Subject to the general direction of the Commission, the Secretary shall be —

- (a) responsible for keeping proper records of the proceedings of the Commission;
- (b) the head of the Commission's secretariat and be responsible for its administration; and
- (c) responsible for the direction and control of all other employees of the Commission with the approval of the Commission.

(3) The Commission shall have power to appoint, dismiss and exercise disciplinary control over its staff as may be prescribed by this Bill or any other enactment by the National Assembly.

(4) All employees of the Commission appointed under subsection (3) excluding persons appointed on a temporary basis for an honorarium shall have the same rights and obligations as provided for in the Pension Reform Act.

- (5) A person who, being a member of a political party, misrepresents himself by not disclosing his membership, affiliation, or connection to any political party in order to secure an appointment with the Commission in any capacity, commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine of ₦5,000,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or both (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — NATIONAL REGISTER OF VOTERS AND VOTERS' REGISTRATION

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: National Register of voters and voters' registration.

- (1) The Commission shall compile, maintain, and update, on a continuous basis, a National Register of Voters (in this Bill referred to as "the Register of Voters") which shall include the names of all persons —
 - (a) entitled to vote in any Federal, State, Local Government or FCT Area Council election; and
 - (b) with disability status disaggregated by type of disability.
- (2) The Commission shall keep the Register of Voters in its National Headquarters and other locations as the Commission may determine:

Provided that the Commission shall keep the Register of Voters in —

 - (a) electronic format in its central database, and
 - (b) manual, printed, paper-based record or hard copy format.
- (3) The Commission shall maintain as part of the Register of Voters, a register of voters for each State of the Federation and for the Federal Capital Territory.
- (4) The Commission shall maintain as part of the Register of Voters for each State and the Federal Capital Territory, a Register of Voters for each Local Government or Area Council within the State and the Federal Capital Territory.
- (5) The Register of Voters shall contain, in respect of each person, the particulars required in the Form prescribed by the Commission.
- (6) The registration of voters, updating and revision of the Register of Voters under this section shall stop not later than 90 days before any election covered by this Bill.
- (7) The registration of voters shall be at the registration centers designated for that purpose by the Commission and notified to the public (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 10: Continuous registration.**

- (1) Without prejudice to section 9 (6), there shall be continuous registration of all persons qualified to be registered voters.
- (2) Each applicant for registration under the continuous registration system shall appear in person at the registration venue with any of the following documents —
 - (a) birth certificate;
 - (b) national passport, identity card or driver's licence; or
 - (c) any other document that will prove the identity, age and nationality of the applicant.
- (3) The Commission shall, within 60 days after each year, make available to every political party the names and address of each person registered during that year.
- (4) When a general election is notified by the Commission under section 28 of this Bill, the current official Register of Voters certified by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this Bill shall be the official voters' register for those elections.
- (5) In the case of every bye-election conducted under this Bill, the official voters' register for use at such elections shall be the existing current register relating to the senatorial district or the constituency concerned.
- (6) As soon as claims and objections have been dealt with or the period for making claims and objections has expired, the supplementary list shall be included in the revised register, which shall be certified by the Commission as the official Register of Voters for the purposes of any election conducted under this Bill and supersedes all previous registers (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 11: Appointment of Officers.**

- (1) For the purpose of maintaining and updating the Voters' Register, the Commission shall appoint such registration, revision or update officers as it may require, provided that such officers shall not be members of any political party.
- (2) Any person may raise an objection against any officer during the registration or updating exercise provided that failure to raise such objection shall not vitiate the register.
- (3) The officers appointed under subsection (1) shall exercise such functions and duties as may be specified by the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, and shall not be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority other than the Commission in the performance of their functions and duties (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Qualification for registration.

- (1) A person shall be qualified to be registered as a voter if such a person —
 - (a) is a citizen of Nigeria;
 - (b) has attained the age of 18 years;
 - (c) is ordinarily resident, works in, originates from the Local Government, Area Council or Ward covered by the registration centre;
 - (d) presents himself to the registration officers of the Commission for registration as a voter; and
 - (e) is not subject to any legal incapacity to vote under any law, rule or regulations in force in Nigeria.
- (2) A person shall not register in more than one registration centre or register more than once in the same registration centre.
- (3) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not more than ₦100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not more than one year or both (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 13: Transfer of registered voters.

- (1) A person who before the election is resident in a constituency other than the one in which he or she was registered may apply to the Resident Electoral Commissioner of the State where he or she is currently resident for his or her name to be entered on the transferred voters List for the constituency.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) shall be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's voters' card and shall be made not later than 90 days before the date of an election in the constituency where the applicant is resident.
- (3) The Resident Electoral Commissioner to whom an application is made under this section shall cause the applicant's name to be entered in the Transferred Voters' List if he or she is satisfied that the applicant is resident in a polling area in the constituency and is registered in another constituency.
- (4) Whenever an Electoral Officer on the direction of the Resident Electoral Commissioner enters the name of any person on the Transferred Voters' List for his or her constituency, he or she shall —
 - (a) assign that person to a polling station or a polling area in his or her constituency and indicate in the list the Polling area or polling station to which that person is assigned;
 - (b) issue the person with a new voters' card and retrieve his or her previous voter's card; and

- (c) send a copy of the entry to the Electoral Officer of the constituency where the person whose name has been so entered was originally registered and upon receipt of this entry, that Electoral Officer shall delete the name from the voters' list (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Demand for information regarding registration.

In the performance of his or her duties under this Bill, a registration officer and an update officer shall —

- (a) demand from any applicant the information necessary to enable him or her to ascertain whether the applicant is qualified to be registered as a voter in accordance with the provisions of this Bill; and
- (b) require any voter or applicant to complete an application form for the purpose of the registration; however, in the case of an illiterate or disabled person such application form may be completed by the registration officer on the applicant's request (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Power to print or issue Register of Voters.

The Commission shall cause a voters' register for each State to be printed, reproduced, copied, duplicated or saved in electronic format and any person or political party may obtain from the Commission, on payment of such fees as may be determined by the Commission, a certified copy of any voters' register for the State or for a Local Government or Area Councilor registration area within it (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Power to print or issue voters card.

- (1) The Commission shall design, cause to be printed and control the issuance of voters' cards to voters whose names appear in the register.
- (2) No voter shall hold more than one valid voters' card.
- (3) Any person who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not more than ₦100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not more than one year or both.
- (4) The Commission may, whenever it considers it necessary, replace all or any voters' cards for the time being held by voters (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 17: Custody of voters' register.**

Each electoral officer shall take custody of the voters register for his or her Local Government Area under the general supervision of the Resident Electoral Commissioner (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 18: Power to issue replacement permanent voters' cards.**

- (1) Whenever a Voter's card is lost, destroyed, defaced, torn or otherwise damaged, the owner of such card shall, not less than 90 days before polling day, apply in person to the Electoral Officer or any other officer duly authorised for that purpose by the Resident Electoral Commissioner, stating the circumstances of the loss, destruction, defacement or damage.
- (2) Where the Electoral Officer or any other officer is satisfied as to the circumstances of loss, destruction, defacement or damage of the voter's Card, he or she shall issue to the voter a replacement permanent voter's card.
- (3) No person shall issue a replacement permanent voter's card to any voter less than 90 days before polling day.
- (4) Where the Electoral Officer or any other officer is satisfied as to the circumstances of the loss, destruction, defacement or damage of the voter's card, he or she shall issue to the voter another copy of the voter's original voter's card with the word "REPLACEMENT" clearly marked or printed on it, showing the date of issue.
- (5) Any person who contravenes subsection (3) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not more than ₦200,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not more than two years or both (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 19: Display of the copies of the voters' list.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of section 9 (5) of this Bill, the Commission shall, not later than 90 days to a general election, appoint a period of seven days during which a copy of the voters' register for each Local Government, Area Council or Ward shall be displayed or published for public scrutiny at every Registration Area and on its official website or any website established by the Commission for that purpose.
- (2) Upon displaying or publishing the voters register in accordance with this section, the Commission shall accept and consider objections and complaints in relation to the names omitted or included in the voters' register or in relation to any necessary correction, within 14 days after displaying the voters register in accordance with this section.
- (3) During the period of the display of the voters' list under this Bill, any person may —

- (a) raise an objection on the form prescribed by the Commission against the inclusion in the supplementary voters' register of the name of a person on grounds that the person is not qualified to be registered as a voter in the State, Local Government or Area Council, Ward or Registration Area or that the name of a deceased person is included in the register; or
 - (b) make a claim on the form prescribed by the Commission that the name of a person registered to vote has been omitted.
- (4) Any objection or claim under subsection (2) shall be addressed to the Resident Electoral Commissioner through the Electoral Officer in charge of the Local Government or Area Council.
- (5) An official or staff of the Commission, who fails to display or publish the voters' register as provided under subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of ₦100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of six months or both (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Time for Publication of Supplementary Voters' Register. - Deleted

The supplementary voters' list shall be integrated with the voters' register and published not later than 30 days before a general election.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision of Clause 20 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 21: Revision officer for hearing of claims, etc.

- (1) The Commission may appoint as a Revision Officer any person to hear and determine claims for and objection to any entry in or omission from the preliminary list of voters and may appoint such number of other persons as it deems necessary to assist the Revision Officer.
- (2) Any person dissatisfied with the determination by a Revision Officer or person or persons assisting a Revision Officer of his or her claims or objection as mentioned in subsection (1), shall within seven days, appeal against the decision to the Resident Electoral Commissioner in charge of that State whose decision shall be final (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 22: Proprietary rights in the voters' card.

The proprietary rights in any voters' card issued to any voter shall vest in the Commission (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Offences of buying and selling voters' cards.

Any person who —

- (a) is in unlawful possession of any voter's card whether issued in the name of any voter or not; or
- (b) sells or attempts to sell or offers to sell any voter's card whether issued in the name of any voter or not; or
- (c) buys or offers to buy any voters' card whether on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person; commits an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding ₦500,000.00 or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 23 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

Retain original provision of the Act (*Hon. Shehu Mohammed — Koko- Besse/Maiyama Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 24: Offences relating to registration of voters.**

(1) Any person who —

- (a) after demand or requisition made of him or her under this Bill without just cause, fails to give any such information as he or she possesses or does not give the information within the time specified;
- (b) in the name of any other person, whether living, dead or fictitious, signs an application form for registration as a voter to have that other person registered as a voter;
- (c) transmits or is involved in transmitting to any person as genuine a declaration relating to registration which is false in any material particular, knowing it to be false;
- (d) intentionally procures the inclusion in the Register of voters of his or herself or any other person with the knowledge that he or she or that other person ought not to have been registered; or
- (e) by his or herself or any other person procures the registration of a fictitious person, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not more than ₦100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not more than one year or both.

(2) Any person who —

- (a) by duress, including threats of any kind causes or induces any person or persons generally to refrain from registering as a voter or voters; or

- (b) in any way hinders another person from registering as a voter; commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not more than ₦500,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

In subclause (1) (a), retain original provision of the Act (*Hon. Luke Onofiok — Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

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

PART IV — PROCEDURE AT ELECTION DAYS OF ELECTION

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 25: Days of election.

- (1) Election to each House of the National Assembly shall hold on a date to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission in accordance with the Constitution and this Bill.
- (2) The date mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall not be earlier than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the House stands dissolved, or where the election is to fill a vacancy occurring more than 90 days before such date, not later than 30 days.
- (3) Elections to the House of Assembly of a State shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission in accordance with the Constitution and this Bill.
- (4) The date mentioned in subsection (3) of this section shall not be earlier than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the House stands dissolved, or where the election is to fill a vacancy occurring more than 90 days' before such date, not later than 30 days.
- (5) An election to the office of President shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission in accordance with the Constitution and this Bill.
- (6) An election to the said office of the President shall be held on a date not earlier than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office.
- (7) An election to the office of the Governor of a State shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission in accordance with the Constitution and this Bill.
- (8) An election to the office of the Governor of a State shall be held on a date not earlier than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of Clause 25 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 26: Conduct and postponement of election in emergency.

- (1) In the event of an emergency affecting an election, the Commission shall, as far as practicable, ensure that persons displaced as a result of the emergency are not disenfranchised.
- (2) Where a date has been appointed for the holding of an election, and there is reason to believe that a serious breach of the peace is likely to occur if the election is proceeded with on that date or it is impossible to conduct the elections as a result of natural disasters or other emergencies, the Commission may postpone the election and shall in respect of the area, or areas concerned, appoint another date for the holding of the postponed election, provided that such reason for the postponement is cogent and verifiable.
- (3) Where an election has commenced and there is reason to believe that there is or has been substantial disruption of election in a polling unit or constituency or it is impossible to continue with the election occasioned by threat to peace and security of electoral officials and materials, the Commission shall suspend the election and appoint another date for the continuation of the election or the process.
- (4) Where the Commission appoints a substituted date in accordance with subsections (2), (3) and (4), there shall be no return for the election until polling has taken place in the area or areas affected.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (3), the Commission may, if satisfied that the result of the election will not be affected by voting in the area or areas in respect of which substituted dates have been appointed, direct that a return of the election be made.
- (6) The decision of the Commission under subsection (4) may be challenged by any of the contestants at a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction and on such challenge, the decision shall be suspended until the matter is determined (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 26 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 27: Announcement and declaration of election results.

- (1) The Results of all the elections shall be announced by the —
 - (a) Presiding Officer at the Polling unit;
 - (b) Ward Collation Officer at the Registration Area or Ward Collation Centre;
 - (c) Local Government or Area Council Collation Officer at the Local Government or Area Council Collation Centre;

- (d) State Collation Officer at the State Collation Centre;
- (2) The Returning Officer shall announce the result and declare the winner of the election at —
 - (a) Registration Area or Ward Collation Centre in the case of Councillorship election in the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (b) Area Council Collation Centre in the case of Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship election in the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (c) State Constituency Collation Centre in the case of State House of Assembly election;
 - (d) Federal Constituency Collation Centre in the case of election to the House of Representatives;
 - (e) Senatorial District Collation Centre in the case of election to the Senate;
 - (f) State Collation Centre in the case of election of a Governor of a State;
 - (g) State Collation Centre in the case of a Presidential election; and
 - (h) National Collation Centre in the case of election of the President.
- (3) The Chief Electoral Commissioner shall be the Returning Officer at the Presidential election (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 27 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 28: Oath of neutrality by election officials.

- (1) All staff, Electoral Officers, Presiding Officers, Returning Officers and security officials taking part in the conduct of an election shall affirm or swear to an oath of loyalty and neutrality as in the Second Schedule, indicating that they will not accept bribe or gratification from any person, and shall perform their functions and duties impartially and in the interest of the Federal Republic of Nigeria without fear or favour.
- (2) Any person who violates subsection (1), commits an offence and is punishable under section 120 (dereliction of duty) (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 28 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 29: Appointment of other officers for the conduct of registration of voters and elections.

- (1) The Commission shall for the purposes of an election or registration of voters under this Bill, appoint and designate such officers as may be required provided that no person who is a member of a political party or who has openly expressed support for any candidate shall be so appointed.

- (2) The Officers appointed under subsection (1) shall exercise such functions and duties as may be specified by the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, and shall not be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority other than the Commission in the performance of their functions and duties.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law and for purposes of securing the vote, the Commission shall be responsible for requesting for the deployment of relevant security personnel necessary for elections or registration of voters and shall assign them in the manner determined by the Commission in consultation with the relevant security agencies:

Provided that the Commission shall only request for the deployment of the Nigerian Armed Forces for the purpose of securing the distribution and delivery of election materials and protection of election officials (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 29 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 30: Notice of election.

- (1) The Commission shall, not later than 360 days before the day appointed for holding of an election under this Bill, publish a notice in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory —
 - (a) stating the date of the election; and
 - (b) appointing the place at which nomination papers are to be delivered.
- (2) The notice shall be published in each constituency in respect of which an election is to be held.
- (3) In the case of a by-election, the Commission shall, not later than 14 days before the date appointed for the election, publish a notice stating the date of the election.
- (4) There shall not be substitution of candidates in a by-election except where a candidate of a political party in a by-election dies, the party shall submit to the Commission the name of its substitute candidate within seven days of the death of the candidate in the Form prescribed by the Commission (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 30 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 31: Submission of list of candidates and their affidavits by political parties.

- (1) Every political party shall, not later than 180 days before the date appointed for a general election under this Bill, submit to the Commission, in the prescribed Forms, the list of the candidates the Party proposes to sponsor at the elections, who must have emerged from valid primaries conducted by the political party.
- (2) The list or information submitted by each candidate shall be accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by the candidate at the Federal High Court, High Court of a Stat, or Federal Capital Territory, indicating that he or she has fulfilled all the constitutional requirements for election into that office.

- (3) The Commission shall, within seven days of the receipt of the personal particulars of the candidate, publish same in the constituency where the candidate intends to contest the election.
- (4) Any person may apply to the Commission for a copy of nomination form, affidavit and any other document submitted by a candidate at an election and the Commission shall, upon payment of a prescribed fee, issue such person with a certified copy of document within 14 days.
- (5) Any aspirant who participated in the primaries of his political party who has reasonable grounds to believe that any information given by his political party's candidate in the affidavit or any document submitted by that candidate in relation to his constitutional requirements to contest the election is false, may file a suit at the Federal High Court against that candidate seeking a declaration that the information contained in the affidavit is false.
- (6) Where the Court determines that any of the information contained in the affidavit is false only as it relates to constitutional requirements of eligibility, the Court shall issue an order disqualifying the candidate and the sponsoring political party and then declare the candidate with the second highest number of valid votes and who satisfies the constitutional requirement as the winner of the election.
- (7) A candidate for an election shall, at the time of submitting the prescribed form, furnish the Commission with an identifiable address in the State where he or she intends to contest the election at which address all documents and court processes from either the Commission or any other person shall be served on him or her.
- (8) A political party which presents to the Commission the name of a candidate who does not meet the qualification stipulated in this section, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of ₦10,000,000.00 (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 31 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 32: Prohibition of double nomination.

- (1) A candidate for an election shall be nominated in writing by such number of persons whose names appear on the register of voters in the constituency as the Commission may prescribe.
- (2) A person shall not nominate more than one person for an election to the same office.
- (3) Any person who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not more than ₦100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of three months or both; but his or her action shall not invalidate the nomination.
- (4) An account shall not be taken of the signature of a person on a nomination paper where the candidate had died, withdrawn or the nomination paper was held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

- (5) A person who has subscribed as a nominator shall not, so long as the candidate stands nominated withdraw his or her nomination (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 32 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 33: Withdrawal of candidate.

A candidate may withdraw his or her candidature by notice in writing signed by him and delivered personally by the candidate to the political party that nominated him for the election and the political party shall convey such withdrawal to the Commission not later than 90 days to the election (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 33 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 34: Publication of nomination.

- (1) The Commission shall, at least 150 days before the day of the election, publish by displaying or causing to be displayed at the relevant office or offices of the Commission and on the Commission's web site, a statement of the full names and addresses of all candidates standing nominated.
- (2) Any registered political party that observes that the name of its candidate is missing on the list published in accordance with subsection (1) shall notify the Commission in writing, signed by its National Chairman and Secretary, supported with an affidavit not later than 90 days to the election.
- # (3) Failure of the political party to notify the Commission in accordance with subsection (2) shall not be a ground to invalidate the election (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 34 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 35: Political parties changing candidates.

A political party shall not be allowed to change or substitute its candidate whose name has been submitted pursuant to section 29 of this Bill, except in the case of death or withdrawal by the candidate:

Provided that in the case of such withdrawal or death of a candidate, the political party affected shall, within 14 days of the occurrence of the event, hold a fresh primary election to produce and submit a fresh candidate to the Commission for the election concerned (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 35 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 36: Death of a candidate.

- (1) If after the time for the delivery of nomination paper and before the commencement of the poll, a nominated candidate dies, the Chief National Electoral Commissioner shall, being satisfied of the fact of the death, countermand the poll in which the deceased candidate was to participate and the Commission shall appoint some other convenient date for the election within 14 days.

- (2) The list of voters to be used at a postponed election shall be the official voters register which was to be used if the election had not been postponed.
- (3) If after the commencement of polls and before the announcement of the final result and declaration of a winner, a candidate dies —
 - (a) the Commission shall, being satisfied of the fact of the death, suspend the election for a period not exceeding 21 days; and
 - (b) in the case of election into a legislative House, the election shall start afresh and the political party whose candidate died may, if it intends to continue to participate in the election, conduct a fresh primary within 14 days of the death of its candidate and submit the name of a new candidate to the Commission to replace the dead candidate:

Provided that in the case of Presidential or gubernatorial election, the running mate will continue with the election and nominate a new running mate (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Subclause (3) (b) proviso, *leave out* the word “will” and *insert* the word “shall” (*Hon. Abiodun James Faleke — Ikeja Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Subclause (3) (b) proviso as amended, immediately after the word “Gubernatorial” *insert* the words “or Federal Capital Territory Area Council” (*Hon. Luke Onofiok — Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 36 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee’s Recommendation:

Clause 37: Invalidity of multiple nomination.

Where a candidate knowingly allows himself to be nominated by more than one political party or in more than one constituency, his nomination shall be void (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 37 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee’s Recommendation:

Clause 38: Failure of nomination.

Where at the close of nomination there is no candidate validly nominated, the Commission shall extend the time for nomination and fix a new date for the election (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 38 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee’s Recommendation:

Clause 39: Contested election.

Subject to any other provisions of this Bill, if after the latest time for the delivery of nomination papers and the withdrawal of candidates for an election under this Bill more than one person remains validly nominated, a poll shall be taken (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 39 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 40: When poll is required.

A poll shall take place in accordance with the provisions of this Bill in the case of an election to —

- (a) the office of President or Governor of a State, whether or not only one person is validly nominated in respect of such office; and
- (b) any other office, if after the expiry of the time for delivery of nomination papers there is more than one person standing nominated (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 40 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 41: Uncontested election.

- (1) Where after the expiration of time for delivery of nomination papers and withdrawal of candidates and the extension of time as provided for in this Bill there is only one person who is validly nominated in respect of an election, other than to the office of the President or Governor, that person shall be declared elected.
- (2) Where a person is declared elected under subsection (1), a Declaration of Result Form as may be prescribed by the Commission shall be completed and a copy thereof issued to the person by the Returning Officer while the original of the form shall be returned to the Commission as in the case of a contested election (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 41 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 42: Establishment of polling units.

- (1) The Commission shall divide each Local Government Area into Registration Areas or Electoral Wards not being less than 10 and not more than 20 as the circumstance of the Local Government Area may require.
- (2) The Commission shall establish adequate number of polling units in each Registration Area or Electoral ward and shall allot voters to such polling units (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 42 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 43: Ballot boxes and voting devices.

- (1) The Commission shall provide suitable boxes or any other voting device for the conduct of elections.
- (2) The forms to be used for the conduct of elections to the offices mentioned in this Bill shall be determined by the Commission.
- (3) The Polling Agents shall be entitled to be present at the distribution of the election materials from the office to the polling booth.

- (4) Polling Agents who are in attendance at a polling unit, may be entitled, before the commencement of the election, to have originals of electoral materials to be used by the Commission for the election inspected, and this process may be recorded as evidence in writing, on video or by other means by any Polling Agent, accredited observer or official of the Commission.
- (5) A Polling Agent who is in attendance at a polling unit, may observe originals of the electoral materials and this may be recorded as evidence.
- (6) The Commission shall, before the commencement of voting in each election, provide all election materials for the conduct of such election at the polling unit (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 43 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 44: Format of ballot papers.

- (1) The Commission shall prescribe the format of the ballot papers which shall include the symbol adopted by the Political Party of the candidate and such other information as it may require.
- (2) The ballot papers shall be numbered serially with differentiating colours for each office being contested.
- (3) The Commission shall, not later than 20 days to an election, invite in writing, a political party that nominated a candidate in the election to inspect its identity appearing on samples of relevant electoral materials proposed for the election; and the political party may state in writing within two days of being so invited by the Commission that it approves or disapproves of its identity as it appears on the samples.
- (4) Unless the political party disapproves of its identity under subsection (3) in writing, it shall not complain of unlawful exclusion from the election under this Bill in relation to its identity appearing on electoral materials used for the election.
- (5) A political party that fails to comply with an invitation by the Commission under subsection (3) shall be deemed to have approved its identity on samples of electoral materials proposed to be used for an election (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 44 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 45: Polling agents.

- (1) Each Political Party, in consultation with its candidate, may, by notice in writing addressed to the Resident Electoral Commissioner of the State, appoint a polling agent for each polling unit and collation centre in the Local Government Area or Area Council for which it has candidate and the notice, which sets out the name, address and contact details of the polling agent, shall be accompanied by two passport photographs of each polling agent and sample signature of the polling agent and be given to the Electoral Officer at least 14 days before the date fixed for the election:

Provided that no person who is serving as Chairman or member of a Local Government Area or Area Council; Commissioner, Deputy Governor or Governor of a State; Minister of the Federal Government; or any other person holding elective or appointive political office under any tier of government and who has not resigned from his office at least three months prior to the said election shall serve as a polling agent of any political party, either at the polling unit or at any centre designated for collation of results of election.

- (2) Notwithstanding the requirement of subsection (1), a candidate shall not be precluded from doing any act or thing which his political party, in consultation with him, has appointed a polling agent to do on his or her behalf under this Bill.
- (3) Where in this Bill, an act or thing is required or authorised to be done by or in the presence of a polling agent, the non-attendance of the Polling Agent at the time and place appointed for the act or thing or refusal by the Polling Agent to do the act or thing shall not, if the act or thing is otherwise done properly, invalidate the act or thing (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 45 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 46: Notice of poll.

The Commission shall, not later than 14 days before the day of the election, cause to be published, in such manner as it may deem fit, a notice specifying the —

- (a) day and hours fixed for the poll;
- (b) persons entitled to vote; and
- (c) location of the polling units (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 46 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 47: Hour of polls.

Voting in any particular election under this Bill shall take place on the date and time appointed by the Commission (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 47 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 48: Display of ballot boxes.

- (1) At the hour fixed for opening of the poll before the commencement of accreditation and voting, the Presiding Officer shall open the empty ballot box or present the voting device and show same to such persons as may lawfully be present at the Polling unit and shall then close and seal the box in such manner as to prevent its being opened by any unauthorised person.

- (2) The ballot box shall then be placed in full view of all present and be so maintained until the close of poll (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 48 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 49: Accreditation of voters and voting.

- (1) A person intending to vote in an election shall present himself with his voter's card to a Presiding Officer for accreditation at the polling unit in the constituency in which his name is registered.
- (2) To vote, the Presiding Officer shall use a smart card reader or any other technological device that may be prescribed by the Commission, for the accreditation of voters, to verify, confirm or authenticate the particulars of the intending voter in the manner prescribed by the Commission.
- (3) Where a smart card reader or any other technological device deployed for accreditation of voters fails to function in any unit and a fresh card reader or technological device is not deployed, the election in that unit shall be cancelled and another election shall be scheduled within 24 hours. If the Commission is satisfied that the result of the Election in that polling unit will substantially affect the final result of the whole election and declaration of a winner in the constituency concerned (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Subclause (3), and *insert* as follows:
“Where a smart card reader or any other technological device deployed for accreditation of voters fails to function in any unit and a fresh card reader or technonological device is not deployed, the election in that unit shall be cancelled and another election shall be scheduled within 24 hours:

Provided that the result of the election in that polling unit will substantially affect the final result of the whole election and declaration of a winner in the Constituency concerned” (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Leave out* the words “or any other technological device” and wherever it appears in the Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 49 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 50: Right to challenge issue of ballot paper.

A candidate or a Polling Agent may challenge the right of a person to vote on such grounds and in accordance with such procedures as are provided for in this Bill (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 50 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 51: Separate queues for men and women.**

The Presiding Officer shall separate the queue between men and women if in that area of the country the culture is such that it does not permit the mingling of men and women in the same queue (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 51 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 52: Conduct of poll by open secret ballot.**

- (1) Voting at an election under this Bill shall be by open secret ballot.
- (2) Voting at an election and transmission of result under this Bill shall be in accordance with the procedure determined by the Commission.
- (3) A voter on receiving a ballot paper shall mark it in the manner prescribed by the Commission.
- (4) All ballots at an election under this Bill at any polling station shall be deposited in the ballot box in the open view of the public (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 52 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 53: Over Voting.**

- (1) No voter shall vote for more than one candidate or record more than one vote in favour of any candidate at any one election.
- (2) Where the number of votes cast at an election in any polling unit exceeds the number of accredited voters in that polling unit, the Presiding Officer shall cancel the result of the election in that polling unit.
- (3) Where the result of an election is cancelled in accordance with subsection (2), there shall be no return for the election until another poll has taken place in the affected polling unit.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) the Commission may, if satisfied that the result of the election will not substantially be affected by voting in the area where the election is cancelled, direct that a return of the election be made (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 53 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 54: Ballot not to be marked by voter for identification.**

- (1) Where a voter makes any writing or mark on a ballot paper by which he or she may be identified, such ballot paper shall be rejected provided that any print resulting from the staining of the thumb of the voter in the voting compartment shall not be or be deemed to be a mark of identification under this section.

- (2) The Commission shall use indelible ink for any thumb mark by voters on ballot papers (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 54 stands part of the Bill — 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 of the Committee on Electoral Matters on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act 2021, to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, States and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 981) and approved Clause 1 as amended, approved Clauses 2 - 4, approved Clauses 5 and 6 as amended, approved Clauses 7 - 22, approved Clauses 23 and 24 as amended, approved Clauses 25 - 35, approved Clause 36 as amended, approved Clause 37 - 48, approved Clause 49 as amended, approved Clauses 50 - 54, and deferred further consideration of the Bill.

Ordered: The Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and the Executive Vice Chairman, Nigerian Communications Commission to appear before the House on Friday, 16 July, 2021, to brief the House on the provision of Clause 52 of the Bill on transmission of result.

- (vi) *Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Provide Legal, Governance, Regulatory and Fiscal Framework for the Nigerian Petroleum Industry, the Development of Host Communities and for Related Matters:*

Order deferred by leave of the House.

- (vii) *Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Auchi, Edo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 527):*

Order deferred by leave of the House.

- (viii) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ijebu Jesa, Osun State; and for Related Matters (HB 322).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

- (ix) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agriculture, Malumfashi, Katsina State; and for Related Matters (HB. 424).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

- (x) **Committee on Health Institutions:**
Report of the Committee on Health Institutions and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Agency for Sickle Cell Disease and Other Heritable Blood Disorder (Prevention and Treatment) for the Treatment, Prevention, Control, Management of and Research on Sickle Cell Disease and Other Heritable Blood Disorders in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 708).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(xi) Committee on Healthcare Services:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, 2014 to Define Basic Minimum Package of Health Services, provide more Mechanism for realizing the Objectives of the Principal Act in Providing Free Healthcare Services to all Nigerians without prejudice to the Requirement of Payment of the Contributory Scheme Stipulated in the National Health Insurance Scheme Act; and for Related Matters (HB.668)" (Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri 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 AMEND NATIONAL HEALTH ACT
NO.8 OF 2014, TO DEFINE BASIC MINIMUM PACKAGE OF HEALTH SERVICES,
PROVIDE MORE MECHANISMS FOR REALIZING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
PRINCIPAL ACT IN PROVIDING FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO ALL
NIGERIANS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PAYMENTS
OF THE CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME STIPULATED IN THE NATIONAL
HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of the National Health Act. No. 8 of 2014.

The National Health Act No. 8 of 2014 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act" is amended as set out in this Bill (Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 3.

Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended:

(1) By inserting subsection (1) for new subsection (1):

"(1) The Minister, in consultation with the National Council on Health may prescribe conditions subject to which categories of persons may be eligible for exemption from payment for health care services at public health establishments".

(2) By inserting, after subsection (3), new subsection (4):

"(4) In determining the basic minimum health package services under subsection (3) of this section, the Minister shall do this in consultation with the National Council of Health" (Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 11.

Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- “(2) (a) Federal Government Annual Grant of not less than two per cent of its Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (d) the state and local governments shall contribute health facilities as 25% equity contribution for the fund;
- (e) without prejudice to paragraph (d) above, the responsibility of the maintenance of participating facilities lies with state and local governments”.
- “(3) (a) 48% of the fund shall be used for the provision of basic minimum package of health services to citizens, in eligible primary or secondary health care facilities through the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS);
- (e) 4 percent of the fund shall be used for emergency medical treatment to be administered by a Committee appointed by the National Council on Health; and
- (f) the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit shall supervise the application of such authorized funds to Health Maintenance Organisations in order to ensure transparency and probity in the public service.
- (g) 1 percent of the fund shall be used for research development by Nigeria Institute of Medical Research, Nigerian Institute of Pharmaceutical Research and Development and National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control
- (h) 2 percent of the fund shall be used for Health Security under the management of the Nigeria Center for Disease Control”.
- “(6) (d) in the circumstances enumerated in paragraphs (a) and (c), the fund for respective state(s) and the FCT remains domiciled with the Central Bank of Nigeria until compliance” (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Amendment of Section 38.

Section 38 of the Principal Act is amended

- (b) ensure compliance with the provision of sub-section (1) (a) of this section as a condition necessary for the grant or renewal of the Certificate of Standards (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 5: Citation.

This Bill shall be cited as National Health Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill provides a framework for the Regulation, Development and Management of a health system and sets standards for rendering Health Service in Nigeria (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend National Health Act No.8 of 2014, to Define Basic Minimum Package of Health Services, Provide more Mechanisms for Realizing the Objectives of the Principal Act in Providing Free Healthcare Services to all Nigerians, without Prejudice to the Requirement of Payments of the Contributory Scheme Stipulated in the National Health Insurance Scheme Act and for Related Matters (HB. 668) (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri 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 of the Committee on Healthcare Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, 2014 to Define Basic Minimum Package of Health Services, provide more Mechanism for realizing the Objectives of the Principal Act in Providing Free Healthcare Services to all Nigerians without prejudice to the Requirement of Payment of the Contributory Scheme Stipulated in the National Health Insurance Scheme Act; and for Related Matters (HB.668) and approved Clauses 1 - 5, the Schedules, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(xii) **Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:**

Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture and Entrepreneurship, Saki, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 548):

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(xiii) **Ad-hoc Committee on the increasing Incidents of Sim Swap Fraud:**

Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the increasing Incidents of Sim Swap Fraud:

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(xiv) **Committee on Customs and Excise:**

Report of the Committee on Customs and Excise on the Lack of Transparency on Transfer of Technical Know-How from Cotecna Destination Inspection Limited, Societe General De Surveillance to Nigeria Customs Service and Global Scan Systems which led to the collapse of Multi-Million Dollar Scanners at the Nigeria Ports and Border Stations:

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(xv) **Committee on Public Accounts:**

Report of the Committee on Public Accounts on the Deliberate and Reckless Refusal by Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government to render Audited Accounts for the period 2014-2018 to the Auditor-General for the Federation).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

32. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Friday, 16 July, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 5.43 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 6 July, 2021, page 467, item 4 (i), *leave out* all the words and *insert* as follows:

(i) **Parliamentary Friendship Groups:**

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the following Parliamentary Friendship Groups as follows:

(a) **Nigeria/Sebia:**

(1)	Hon. Aliyu Mustapha	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Chris Azubogu	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Ozuuigbo Ugonna	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Mohammed Gudaje	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Samuel Gadday	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Idris Lawal Muhammed	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Beni Lar	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Darlington Nwokocha	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Gboluga IkenGbolu	—	<i>Member</i>

(b) **Nigeria/Cameroon:**

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(5)	Hon. Gabriel Mark Terseer	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Ahmed Abubakar Ndakene	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. John Ahmadu Usman	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Shehu Koko	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Usman Abdullahi	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Francis Charles	—	<i>Member</i>

(c) **Nigeria/Mexico:**

(1)	Hon. Shehu Balarabe	—	<i>Chairman</i>
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(3)	Hon. Sarki Dahiru	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Halims	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Patrick Aisowieren	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Mariam Onuoha	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Zayyad Ibrahim	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Tijjani Kayode Ismail	—	<i>Member</i>

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| | (11) | Hon. Amos Magaji | — | <i>Member</i> |
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| | (3) | Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (4) | Hon. Fatuhu Mohammed | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (5) | Hon. Onofiok Luke | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (6) | Hon. Hamisu Abubakar Kubau | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (7) | Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (8) | Hon. Kwamoti Laori | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (9) | Hon. Bello Joseph | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (10) | Hon. Nkoli Uko Ndukwe | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (11) | Hon. Idem Unyime Josiah | — | <i>Member</i> |
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| | (3) | Hon. Denis Amadi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (4) | Hon. Abubakar Kusada | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (5) | Hon. Joseph Edionwele | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (6) | Hon. Kolapo Kayode | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (7) | Hon. Taiwo Oluga | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (8) | Hon. Omolafe Israel Adebayo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (9) | Hon. Chukwuma Umeoji | — | <i>Member</i> |
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| | (1) | Hon. Shina Peller | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| | (2) | Hon. Mustapha Danlema | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (3) | Hon. Igariweu Iduma | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (4) | Hon. Shaba Ibrahim | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (5) | Hon. Femi Fakeye | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (6) | Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (7) | Hon. Aliyu Datti Nyako | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (8) | Hon. Akinremi Prince | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (9) | Hon. Kabiru Ahmadu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (10) | Hon. Bede eke Uchenna | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (11) | Hon. Ojugbele Jimoh Olusola | — | <i>Member</i> |
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| | (3) | Hon. Amiru Idris Tukur | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (4) | Hon. Ogbeide—Ihama Omoregie | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (5) | Hon. Abdullahi Mahmud Gaya | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (6) | Hon. Owolabi Adisa | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (7) | Hon. Kabiru Rurum | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (8) | Hon. Anayo Edwin | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (9) | Hon. Satoma | — | <i>Member</i> |
| | (10) | Hon. Kabiru Ibrahim Tukura | — | <i>Member</i> |
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| | (2) | Hon. Nasir Ali Ahmed | — | <i>Member</i> |
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| (5) | Hon. Bagos Musa Dachung | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Femi Adebajo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (8) | Hon. Tijjani Zannah Zakaria | — | <i>Member</i> |

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| (4) | Hon. Mohammed Ali Wudil | — | <i>Member</i> |
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| (10) | Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi | — | <i>Member</i> |

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| (3) | Hon. Ahmed Dayyabu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Lawal Idris | — | <i>Member</i> |
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| (8) | Hon. Kabiru Classic | — | <i>Member</i> |
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| (10) | Hon. Umar Dangaladima | — | <i>Member</i> |

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(5)	Hon. Abubakar Suleiman Gumi	—	<i>Member</i>
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(6)	Hon. Dagogo Doctor Farah	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Muhammed Jaafar	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Boma Goodhead	—	<i>Member</i>
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(8)	Hon. Kukar Gana Kareto	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Longgap Komsol Alphonsus	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Alli Adeyemi Taofeek	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Olododo Cook	—	<i>Member</i>

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