



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 6 July, 2021

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1. The House met at 11.29 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
 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 Thursday, 1 July, 2021.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
 4. **Announcement**
 - (i) **Parliamentary Friendship Groups:**
Mr Speaker announced the membership of the following Parliamentary Friendship Groups as follows:
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 - (ii) Mr Speaker announced that the Speaker of the Ghanaian Parliament will address the House on Wednesday, 7 July, 2021 by 1.00 p.m.
 - (iii) **Conference Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB):**
Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Victor Nwokolo	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Aliu Kuye Ademorin	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Uju Kingsley Chima	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Tijjani Ahmed Yusuf	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Ibrahim Hamza	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Manu Soro	—	<i>Member</i>
 - (iv) **Defection:**
Mr Speaker read the following communications from:
 - (a) Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi (*Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC);

- (b) Hon. Ahmed Mohammed Bakura (*Bakura/Maradun Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC);
- (c) Hon. Ahmed Shehu (*Bungudu/Maru Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC);
- (d) Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi (*Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

5. Petition

A petition from Eze Emmanuel Abraham and 3 others, on behalf Ekpeye Ethnic Nation Nigeria Agip Oil Company Limited (NAOC) Host Communities, on the breach of memorabdm of understanding by Nigeria Agip Oil Company Limited (NAOC), was presented and laid by Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga (*Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Privilege (Order Six, Rule 2)

(i) Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo (*Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to media reports alleging that Section 50 (c) of the Electoral Act, Amendment Bill, which is yet to be presented and laid before the House, has been doctored. He considered this as breach of his privilege, being a Member of the Committee on Electoral Matters. He therefore urged the House to investigate the matter.

Mr Speaker noted his concerns and stated that it is not appropriate to discuss a report that is yet to be presented and laid before the House. He however stressed that he had clarified from the Chairman of the Committee on Electoral Matters who debunked the news as false.

(ii) Hon. Toby Okechukwu (*Aninri/Awgu/Oji-River Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to the fact that the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 1 July, 2021 which contains the decision of the House on the Petroleum Industry Bill is yet to be circulated to Members. He considered that as a breach of his privilege and urged Mr Speaker to direct that copies should be given to Members.

Mr Speaker noted his concern and directed the Clerk to circulate the Votes and Proceedings as soon as possible.

7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

Incessant Abductions and Killings in Chikun and Kajuru Local Government Areas of Kaduna State:

Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde (*Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

Incessant Abductions and Killings in Chikun and Kajuru Local Government Areas of Kaduna State:

The House:

Notes that on Monday, 5 July, 2021, armed bandits attacked Bethel Baptist High School, Damishi, Chikun Local Government Area and abducted over 140 students from their hostel, out of which 28 escaped from their abductors and have reunited with their families while 2 Military personnel lost their- lives;

Also notes that on Sunday, 4 July, 2021, armed bandits attacked the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Centre, Zaria, Kaduna State, and kidnapped 10 people including Children, a nursing mother, nurses and a security guard;

Further notes that on Saturday, 3 July, 2021, armed bandits attacked Iri Station and abducted 16 residents, killing 2 and took away the rest;

Recalls that on Saturday, 19 June, 2021, about 16 people were also kidnapped from their homes at Uguwan Madaki, Kakau ward, Chikun Local Government Area, Kaduna State with 5 of these abducted innocent people were shot dead by their abductors to press home their demand for ransom;

Also recalls that on Tuesday, 20 April, 2021, armed bandits attacked Greenfields University Campus at Kasarami, Chikun Local Government Area, kidnapped 22 students and a Matron, and murdered 5 of them to press home their seriousness for ransom while the other 17 students with the Matron only released upon payment of ransom;

Further recalls that on Thursday, April, 2021, another armed bandits attacked and abducted 2 Nurses on night shift at Idon General Hospital in Kajuru Local Government Area without hope of being released;

Concerned that there are still so many other unreported cases of bandit attack on various communities where they abduct innocent citizens for ransom;

Also concerned that these incessant Kidnappings and killings has negative impact on food security, agriculture and employment;

Aware that the Kaduna State Government has shutdown 13 schools in Kaduna State as a pro-active measure to prevent further incidences;

Also aware that there are thousands of people displaced from their communities due-to frequent attacks who are taking refuge in various unofficial IDP camps in the Chikun and Kajuru Local Government Areas, the State Government has provided relief materials;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the senseless incessant killings and abductions of Nigerians;
- (ii) pray for the repose of the soul of all military personnel and other victims who lost their lives in the hands of these blood thirsty gunmen and condole the bereaved families;
- (iii) urge all security agencies to take necessary measures to ensure early and safe return of the abductees;
- (iv) also urge Executive Arm of Government to as a matter of urgency increase its recruitment and training capacity for Military men and police to close the gap between available and required man power;

- (v) further urge the Executive Arm of Government to increase the presence of security agents within the two Local Government Areas;
- (vi) still urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials to the displaced persons (*Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde — Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Also concerned that these incessant Kidnappings and killings has negative impact on food security, agriculture and employment;

Aware that the Kaduna State Government has shutdown 13 schools in Kaduna State as a pro-active measure to prevent further incidences;

Also aware that there are thousands of people displaced from their communities due-to frequent attacks who are taking refuge in various unofficial IDP camps in the Chikun and Kajuru Local Government Areas, the State Government has provided relief materials;

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- (iv) also urge Executive Arm of Government to as a matter of urgency increase its recruitment and training capacity for Military men and police to close the gap between available and required man power;
- (v) further urge the Executive Arm of Government to increase the presence of security agents within the two Local Government Areas;
- (vi) still urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials to the displaced persons (**HR. 15/07/2021**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

8. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Public Assets Reform Bill, 2021 (HB. 1470).
- (2) Federal University of Agriculture, Ogoja, Cross River State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1475).
- (3) Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1476).
- (4) Unclaimed Financial Assets Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1477).
- (5) Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1479).
- (6) National Emergency Management Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1480).
- (7) Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1481).
- (8) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ahiazu/Mbaise/Ezinihitte (Establishment) Bill, (HB. 1482).
- (9) University of Aerospace and Aeronautics, Oka-Akoko (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1483).
- (10) Federal University of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Abeokuta, Ogun (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1484).
- (11) Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1485).
- (12) National University of Health and Medical Sciences, Suleja (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1486).
- (13) Auctioneers Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1489).
- (14) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1490).
- (15) Chartered Institute of Computer Forensics of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1491).

- (16) National Business and Technical Examinations Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.

1492).

- (17) Federal School of Nursing and Midwifery, Sobe, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1493).

9. Presentation of Reports

(i) **Committee on Appropriations:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦982,729,695,343 (Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Three Naira) only, of which ₦182,945,506,664 (One Hundred and Eighty-Two Billion, Nine Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Five Hundred and Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Four Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦799,784,188,679 (Seven Hundred and Ninety-Nine Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2021 (HB. 1469)” (*Hon. Muktar Betara — Biu/Bayo/Shani/Kwaya Kusar Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Special Committee on Security Matters:**

Report of the Special Committee on Security Matters to proffer Solution to Issues Relating to Insecurity.

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(iii) **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 the Federal University of Agriculture, Akoko Edo to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1371)” (*Hon. Gana Mallam Bukar — Kukawa/Mobbar/Abadam/Guzamala Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **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 the Federal College of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Tuomo, Delta State charged with Responsibility to Provide Full-Time Courses in Fisheries, Aqua-cultural Studies; and for Related Matters (HB. 557)” (*Hon. Gana Mallam Bukar — Kukawa/Mobbar/Abadam/Guzamala Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (v) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Akanu Ibiam Federal University of Technology, Unwana, to Provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every aspect of Education and such other fields of Applied Learning Relevant to the needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students; and for Related Matters (HB 744)” (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (vi) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic Gboko, Benue State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science and Social Sciences and to Provide for the Appointment of the Rector and other Officers of the Polytechnic to Carry Out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the Polytechnic; and for Related Matters (HB. 400)” (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (vii) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education Gbongan, Osun State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to Provide for the Appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College to Carry out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 363)” (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (viii) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Education, Pankshin, Plateau State for the Promotion and Development of Teacher Education in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 686)” (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (ix) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Okija, Anambra State, for the Promotion and Development of Technical Education in Nigeria and make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1043)” (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (x) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act for the Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Garko, Kano State that Shall Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Social Sciences, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Studies and to Make Provisions for the General Administration of the Polytechnic; and for Related Matters (HB. 820)” (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (xi) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic Wailo, Ganjuwa, Bauchi State to Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Studies and to Make Provisions for the General Administration of Such Polytechnics; and for Related Matters (HB. 508)” (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (xii) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education, Ila Orangun, Osun State; and for Related Matters (HB. 493)” (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (xiii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Petition by TETFUND Sponsored Stranded Scholars:
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by TETFUND Sponsored Stranded Scholars against the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) on the Appeal to Reconsider Reimbursing the Remaining 2012-2017 TETFUND Sponsored Scholars” (*Hon. Alagbaoso Jerry — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xiv) **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Petition by Finidi Jahbless:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Finidi Jahbless against the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) on Gross Injustice and Oppressive Acts and Refusal to pay his Company, Omire and Associates for Contractual Dues Regarding Contract” (Hon. Alagbaoso Jerry — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xv) **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Petition by Outdoor Advertising Association of Nigeria:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Outdoor Advertising Association of Nigeria against the Department of Outdoor Advertisement and Signage FCT, Abuja” (Hon. Alagbaoso Jerry — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xvi) **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Petition by Mr Enwerem Lambert Ahamefule:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Enwerem Lambert Ahamefule against the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi Lagos on the Victimization, Impunity and Abuse of office by the Board and Management of the Institute” (Hon. Alagbaoso Jerry — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xvii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Petition by Anangbashim Julius and Association:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Anangbashim Julius and Association on behalf of Dr Francis Sabastine Dekaa against the Director General/CEO of the Nigeria Meteorology agency (NIMET) on the Wrongful Termination of his Appointment” (Hon. Alagbaoso Jerry — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

10. **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, 2021 (HB. 1061) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That 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, 2021 (HB. 1061) 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 Repeal the Lunacy Act, Cap. L524, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Establish a Mental Health Department to Promote and Protect the Rights of Persons with Intellectual, Psychosocial or Cognitive Disabilities, and to Provide for Enhancement and Regulation of Mental Health Services in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1208) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Lunacy Act, Cap. L524, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Establish a Mental Health Department to Promote and Protect the Rights of Persons with Intellectual, Psychosocial or Cognitive Disabilities, and to Provide for Enhancement and Regulation of Mental Health Services in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1208) 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 Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Sabon Gida, Langtang South to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 291) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Sabon Gida, Langtang South to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 291) 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 the Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 347) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 347) 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 the Federal Medical Centre, Igboho, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 733) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Igboho, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 733) 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 the Federal Medical Centre, Mubi, Adamawa State; and for other Related Matters (HB. 679) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Mubi, Adamawa State; and for other Related Matters (HB. 679) 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 Repeal Treaties (Making Procedure, Etc.) Act, Cap. T20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact Treaties (making Procedure) Bill; and for Related Matters (HB. 1012) — *Third Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal Treaties (Making Procedure, Etc.) Act, Cap. T20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact Treaties (making Procedure) Bill; and for Related Matters (HB. 1012) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act, 2007 to Strengthen the Nigerian Maritime University, Okerenkoko; and for Related Matters (HB. 1471) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act, 2007 to Strengthen the Nigerian Maritime University, Okerenkoko; and for Related Matters (HB. 1471) be now read a Second Time” (Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu — Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency and 27 Others).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Maritime Safety and Administration.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Bukkuyum to Provide Full-Time Courses of Instruction and Training in Agricultural Sciences and other Allied Areas and to make Provisions for the Appointment of a Provost and Officials of the College to Carry Out the Administration of the Provisions of the Bill and the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1206) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Bukkuyum to Provide Full-Time Courses of Instruction and Training in Agricultural Sciences and other Allied Areas and to make Provisions for the Appointment of a Provost and Officials of the College to Carry Out the Administration of the Provisions of the Bill and the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1206) be now read a Second Time” (Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi — Bukkuyum/Gummi 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Centre for Stroke Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1302) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Centre for Stroke Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1302) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abass Adekunle Adigun — Ibadan North East/Ibadan South East 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 Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Establish the Code of Conduct Tribunal as a Superior Court of Record to Try Offences under the Code of Conduct and Tribunal Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 961) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Identity Management Commission Act, Cap. N154, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Expand the Scope of Transactions requiring the Mandatory use of the National Identification Number; and for Related Matters (HB.1258) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Oil and Gas Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies, Egbema, Imo State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration, Provide for Detailed Identification of Areas in Oil and Gas Technology and Skills Acquisition, Entrepreneurial Studies; and for Related Matters (HB.1212) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Oil and Gas Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies, Egbema, Imo State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration, Provide for Detailed Identification of Areas in Oil and Gas Technology and Skills Acquisition, Entrepreneurial Studies; and for Related Matters (HB.1212) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Uju Kingsley Chima — Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West 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 Science and Technology.

23. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Sate Police and other State Government Security Services to enhance Security and Preservation of Lives and Properties in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.805) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Sate Police and other State Government Security Services to enhance Security and Preservation of Lives and Properties in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.805) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Onofiok Luke — Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubuim 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.***

24. Need to Curb Online Crimes and Child Exploitation in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria had about 99.05 million internet users in 2020 and is projected to grow to 131.7 million in 2023 as Nigeria remains the only country with the highest number of smartphones penetration in the world;

Also notes that in 2020, internet penetration in Nigeria amounted to 46.6 per cent of the population and set to reach 65.2 per cent in 2025;

Aware that crimes, anti-social and harmful acts like killings, kidnappings, internet scams, cyber-bullying, grooming, luring and sexual exploitation are being committed daily via mobile devices as part of the accompanied threats of digital/technological innovation in Nigeria;

Also aware that online child grooming has become a growing source for concern as minors are lured into various illicit businesses such as child trafficking, child prostitution and production of child pornography through online grooming;

Disturbed that in 2016, the Internet Watch Foundation identified 57,000 Uniform Resource Locators (URLs), the web addresses containing child sexual abuse materials;

Observes that the closure of schools and other COVID-19 related restrictions have increased the number of time children spend online for educational and social purposes which have invariably increased the vulnerability of children falling victims to sexual exploitation;

Also disturbed that no decisive steps have been taken to curb the prevalence of online crimes despite reported cases, which include the case of Cynthia Udoka Osokogu who was lured from her residence in Abuja via Facebook chat and killed in a hotel in Lagos, in 2012, Favour Oladele, a 300-level undergraduate of the Department of Theatre Art, Lagos State University was gruesomely murdered on 8 December, 2019 at Ikoyi-Ile in Osun State, among others;

Concerned that there are several unreported cases of missing persons, rape and other related crimes through mobile devices connectivity and social media platforms;

Cognizant that the online crimes and child exploitations are largely preventable through the creation of an application/solution by Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) which allows parents and guardians to track online activities, location, calls, SMS, WhatsApp, and other internet activities of their children and wards;

Believes that only MTN Operator out of all Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) in Nigeria has an application/solution (MTN impulse powered by Kaspersky) which, upon payment of a monthly subscription of ₦250.00, allows parents to track and monitor the activities of their children online;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to ensure that all Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) in Nigeria have an application/solution which allows parents to track online activities of their children whenever they are online at no cost;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to ensure that all Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) in Nigeria engage in sensitization of children and parents on online child exploitation and the accompanying dangers, as a form of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- (iii) further urge the Ministry of Women Affairs to develop a policy framework to promote education advocacy on online crimes and child exploitations in Nigeria;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Telecommunications, and Women Affairs to ensure compliance (*Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria had about 99.05 million internet users in 2020 and is projected to grow to 131.7 million in 2023 as Nigeria remains the only country with the highest number of smartphones penetration in the world;

Also noted that in 2020, internet penetration in Nigeria amounted to 46.6 per cent of the population and set to reach 65.2 per cent in 2025;

Aware that crimes, anti-social and harmful acts like killings, kidnappings, internet scams, cyber-bullying, grooming, luring and sexual exploitation are being committed daily via mobile devices as part of the accompanied threats of digital/technological innovation in Nigeria;

Also aware that online child grooming has become a growing source for concern as minors are lured into various illicit businesses such as child trafficking, child prostitution and production of child pornography through online grooming;

Disturbed that in 2016, the Internet Watch Foundation identified 57,000 Uniform Resource Locators (URLs), the web addresses containing child sexual abuse materials;

Observed that the closure of schools and other COVID-19 related restrictions have increased the number of time children spend online for educational and social purposes which have invariably increased the vulnerability of children falling victims to sexual exploitation;

Also disturbed that no decisive steps have been taken to curb the prevalence of online crimes despite reported cases, which include the case of Cynthia Udoka Osokogu who was lured from her residence in Abuja via Facebook chat and killed in a hotel in Lagos, in 2012, Favour Oladele, a 300-level undergraduate of the Department of Theatre Art, Lagos State University was gruesomely murdered on 8 December, 2019 at Ikoyi-Ile in Osun State, among others;

Concerned that there are several unreported cases of missing persons, rape and other related crimes through mobile devices connectivity and social media platforms;

Cognizant that the online crimes and child exploitations are largely preventable through the creation of an application/solution by Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) which allows parents and guardians to track online activities, location, calls, SMS, WhatsApp, and other internet activities of their children and wards;

Believed that only MTN Operator out of all Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) in Nigeria has an application/solution (MTN impulse powered by Kaspersky) which, upon payment of a monthly subscription of ₦250.00, allows parents to track and monitor the activities of their children online;

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- (iii) further urge the Ministry of Women Affairs to develop a policy framework to promote education advocacy on online crimes and child exploitations in Nigeria;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Telecommunications, and Women Affairs to ensure compliance (HR. 16/07//2021).

25. Call to Prevent Further Attacks on the Offices of the Independent National Electoral Commission Nationwide

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the increased attacks on the offices of the Independent National Electoral Commission across the country and the most affected States includes Akwa Ibom, Abia, Anambra, Imo, Borno, Ebonyi, Jigawa, Kano, Ondo, Plateau, Rivers and the Federal Capital Territory with about eleven of the offices burnt down by hoodlums;

Worried that in the past 24 months, at least nineteen INEC offices have been gutted by fire with a ratio of one INEC office per month;

Concerned that if nothing is done to forestall future occurrences, there will not be adequate INEC offices to coordinate the 2023 and off-season elections in Nigeria;

Also concerned that no one has been arrested and prosecuted for the criminal acts.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to provide adequate security in all offices of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) across the country;
- (ii) mandate Committees on Electoral Matters, and Interior to ascertain the level of compliance to fire safety regulations of INEC offices nationwide and investigate the root causes of destruction and fire outbreaks in INEC offices across the country and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos — Jos South/Jos North Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to request the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to submit a business continuity plan, disaster recovery plan and intrusion detection security framework” (*Hon. Adedeji Stanley Olajide — Ibadan North West/Ibadan South West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the increased attacks on the offices of the Independent National Electoral Commission across the country and the most affected States includes Akwa Ibom, Abia, Anambra, Imo, Borno, Ebonyi, Jigawa, Kano, Ondo, Plateau, Rivers and the Federal Capital Territory with about eleven of the offices burnt down by hoodlums;

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Also concerned that no one has been arrested and prosecuted for the criminal acts.

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- (i) urge the Federal Government to provide adequate security in all offices of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) across the country;
- (ii) mandate Committees on Electoral Matters, and Interior to ascertain the level of compliance to fire safety regulations of INEC offices nationwide and investigate the root causes of destruction and fire outbreaks in INEC offices across the country and report within four (4) weeks;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to request the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to submit a business continuity plan disaster recovery plan and intrusion detection security framework (**HR. 17/07/2021**).

26. Need to Dredge River Benue to Avert Flood Disaster

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that River Benue takes its source from the Adamawa Plateau and forms part of 3,000km of navigable water courses that provide access routes for agricultural produce to the Coast and South-South;

Also notes that the river is surrounded by communities whose major occupation is fishing and farming at both commercial and subsistence levels and is joined by River Gongola at Numan, Adamawa State alongside two other main tributaries in Taraba State (Rivers Donga and Tella) and River Kastina - Ala in Benue State before converging with River Niger at Lokoja in Kogi State;

Concerned that the continuous shrinking of the River Benue has devastating effects on agricultural activities, especially dry season farming and irrigation farming;

Also concerned that due to shrinkage, the riverbanks have recently been overflowing, resulting in floods that have ravaged several communities in the area;

Aware that apart from boosting the agro-economic situation in the area, and averting flooding, dredging the River Benue will reduce the burden on the River Niger, help to develop all year navigability and reduce congestion at Lagos and Port Harcourt ports;

Also aware that in realization of the significance of the River Benue to the Nigerian economy at large, the Federal Government had commenced arrangements to dredge the River during the Administration of Late President Yar Adua'a;

Further aware that during the administration of President Goodluck Jonathan, the government approved N25bn for the dredging of the River and in 2017, the current Minister of Transportation had also disclosed to Members of the Senate Committee on Marine Transport that the Federal Government had awarded contract for the dredging of critical parts of River Benue as part of its efforts to maximize the use of the resources of 12 major rivers in the country;

Worried that while communities in Benue State and Nigeria at large are being hit by the devastating effects of the shrinking of the River Benue, more than 3 years after the current administration announced the award of the contract for the dredging of the River, no action has matched the pronouncement;

Also worried that this year's rainy season, the devastating effects from the shrinking River Benue will only get worse if urgent steps are not taken to mitigate the situation;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to expedite action towards dredging River Benue, given the overwhelming benefits associated with such action;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Ports and Harbours, and Inland Waterways to investigate the reason(s) for the delay in the execution of the River Benue dredging project since 2017, with a view to ensuring that the river is dredged (*Hon Benjamin Mzondu Bem — Makurdi/Guma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 18/07/2021).

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

27. Construction of a Bridge on the Gayankpa-Gupa Ebaji-Abaji River

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Gayankpa-Gupa Community and its adjoining villages in Lapai Local Government Area of Niger State are agrarian communities bordering communities in Ebaji-Abaji Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT);

Also notes that these communities are predominantly farmers and suppliers of agricultural produce to the major food markets in Abaji, Kwali and Gwagwalada Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory;

Aware that the border communities are separated by the Gurara River and the negative impact of this river, in terms of transportation and socio-economic lives of the people has brought untold hardship leading to the loss of economic activities due to lack of a bridge;

Also aware of the difficulties experienced by members of the communities as they have to swim across against the tide because of the dilapidated nature of the roads that leads to major food markets in Abaji and Kwali Area Councils;

Worried that a trip which shouldn't have lasted for more than 20 minutes if there is a bridge, is forcing members of the community to travel through Muye to Gegu on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway route adding extra 70 kilometers due to the lack of a bridge to link the communities;

Concerned that the lack of a bridge for easy movement across the river has exposed the citizens to avoidable risks like paddling on rickety boats and that has led to many boat mishaps over the years, consequently loss of lives and properties;

Also concerned that the persistent cries of the people of both communities calling for urgent action by the government to bring succour to their years of untold hardships have, over the years, remained without any visible action by the government;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Capital Territory Administration to ensure that the construction of the bridge is treated as a matter of priority;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to collaborate with the Federal Capital Territory Administration, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP) Programme to facilitate the construction of Gayankpa-Gupa Ebagi-Abaji River Bridge (*Hon. Abdullahi Mamudu — Agaie/Lapai Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 19/07/2021).

*Motion referred to the **Committee on Federal Capital Territory**, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).*

28. Need to Site Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Centres in the South-South Geopolitical Zone

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), a specialized parastatal under the Federal Ministry of Trade and Industry, was established in 1971 with the core mandate to develop training programmes as well as generate a corps of skilled indigenous manpower for the country;

Also notes that considering youths' restiveness on account of mass unemployment, the role of the Industrial Training Fund as a leading skills training organization has become even more imperative not just to the teeming youths but to Nigeria as a corporate entity;

Further notes that contributions that accrue to the ITF from oil and gas multinationals operating in the South-South geopolitical zone constitute the largest chunk receivable from any single sector within the Nigerian economy;

Aware that as part of its efforts to enhance wider coverage for Nigerians across the country, the Industrial Training Fund sited Centres in Jos (Plateau), Ikeja (Lagos), Kano (Kano), Lokoja (Kogi) and the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja);

Concerned that out of the five (5) ITF Centres spread across the six geo-political zones, only one is situated in the South and none in the six states that make up the South-South zone;

Also concerned that the long and continued omission of the South-South Zone from enjoying the services of the training centres is not only discriminatory but amounts to a clear breach of Sections 14 (3) and (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) on the application of the federal character principle;

Cognizant that Section 318 (1) defines federal character as the distinctive desire of the people of Nigeria to promote national unity, foster national loyalty and give every citizen of Nigeria a sense of belonging as provided in Section 14 (3) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution;

Worried that the absence of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Centres in the South-South has deprived the people of the zone the dividends that otherwise would have accrued to them on account of the distance between them and the centres;

Also worried that the seeming marginalization and discrimination is a potential cause for disaffection among the teeming unemployed youths in the region who desire productive ventures to channel their energies;

Further worried that despite the huge contributions made by companies operating within the South-South Geopolitical Zone to the ITF, the zone is deliberately deprived of the services rendered by the agency;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment to initiate the process of siting ITF Training Centres in the South-South geo-political zone;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Industry, Federal Character, and Public Service Matters to investigate the marginalization of an entire geo-political zone in the siting of ITF Training Centres and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Preye Influence Goodluck Oseke — Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “South-South”, insert the words “and South East” (*Hon. Uju Kingsley — Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), a specialized parastatal under the Federal Ministry of Trade and Industry, was established in 1971 with the core mandate to develop training programmes as well as generate a corps of skilled indigenous manpower for the country;

Also noted that considering youths' restiveness on account of mass unemployment, the role of the Industrial Training Fund as a leading skills training organization has become even more imperative not just to the teeming youths but to Nigeria as a corporate entity;

Further noted that contributions that accrue to the ITF from oil and gas multinationals operating in the South-South geopolitical zone constitute the largest chunk receivable from any single sector within the Nigerian economy;

Aware that as part of its efforts to enhance wider coverage for Nigerians across the country, the Industrial Training Fund sited Centres in Jos (Plateau), Ikeja (Lagos), Kano (Kano), Lokoja (Kogi) and the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja);

Concerned that out of the five (5) ITF Centres spread across the six geo-political zones, only one is situated in the South and none in the six states that make up the South-South zone;

Also concerned that the long and continued omission of the South-South Zone from enjoying the services of the training centres is not only discriminatory but amounts to a clear breach of Sections 14 (3) and (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) on the application of the federal character principle;

Cognizant that Section 318(1) defines federal character as the distinctive desire of the people of Nigeria to promote national unity, foster national loyalty and give every citizen of Nigeria a sense of belonging as provided in Section 14 (3) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution;

Worried that the absence of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Centres in the South-South has deprived the people of the zone the dividends that otherwise would have accrued to them on account of the distance between them and the centres;

Also worried that the seeming marginalization and discrimination is a potential cause for disaffection among the teeming unemployed youths in the region who desire productive ventures to channel their energies;

Further worried that despite the huge contributions made by companies operating within the South-South Geopolitical Zone to the ITF, the zone is deliberately deprived of the services rendered by the agency;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment to initiate the process of siting ITF Training Centres in the South-South and South East geo-political zones;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Industry, Federal Character, and Public Service Matters to investigate the marginalization of an entire geo-political zone in the siting of ITF Training Centres and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 20/07/2021**).

29. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Mainstreaming of Climate Change Actions, Establish the National Council of Climate Change; and for Related Matters (HB. 357) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Mainstreaming of Climate Change Actions, Establish the National Council of Climate Change; and for Related Matters (HB. 357)" (*Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINSTREAMING OF CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIONS, ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 357)

PART I — OBJECTIVES AND APPLICATIONS

Clause 1: Objectives.

This Bill seeks to provide a framework for achieving low Green House Gas Emission (GHG), inclusive green growth and sustainable economic development by —

- (a) ensuring that Nigeria formulates programmes for achieving its long-term goals on climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- (b) facilitating the coordination of climate change action needed to achieve long-term climate objectives;
- (c) mainstreaming climate change actions in line with national development priorities;
- (d) facilitating the mobilization of finance, and other resources necessary to ensure effective action on climate change;
- (e) ensuring that climate change policies and actions are integrated with other related policies for promoting socio-economic development and environmental integrity;
- (f) by setting a target for the year 2050 - 2070 for the attainment of a net-zero GHG emission, in line with Nigeria's international climate change obligations;
- (g) identifying risks and vulnerabilities, building resilience and strengthening existing adaptive capacities to the impacts of climate change;
- (h) implementing mitigation measures that promote low carbon economy and sustainable livelihoods; and
- (i) ensuring that private and public entities comply with stated climate change strategies, targets and National Action Plan (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Application.

This Bill shall apply to the Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government of Nigeria (MDAs), and to public and private entities within the territorial boundaries of Nigeria for the development and implementation of mechanisms geared towards fostering low carbon emission, environmentally sustainable and climate resilient society (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Clause 3: Establishment of the National Council on Climate Change.

- (1) There is established the National Council on Climate Change (in this Bill referred to as "The Council"), which shall be vested with the powers to make policies and decisions on all matters concerning climate change in Nigeria.
- (2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by the Chairman of the Council.
- (4) The Council shall pay to its members such allowances, as may be determined by the Salaries and Wages Commission (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Functions and Powers of the Council.

The Council shall —

- (a) coordinate the implementation of sectoral targets and guidelines for the regulation of GHG emissions and other anthropogenic causes of climate change;
- (b) approve and oversee the implementation of the National Climate Change Action Plan, (in this Bill referred to as "Action Plan");
- (c) administer the Climate Change Fund established under this Bill;
- (d) ensure the mainstreaming of climate change into the national development plans and programmes;
- (e) formulate policies and programmes on climate change to serve as the basis for climate change planning, research, monitoring, and development;
- (f) formulate guidelines for determining vulnerability to climate change impact and adaptation assessment, and facilitate the provision of technical assistance for their implementation and monitoring;
- (g) recommend legislative, policy, appropriation, and other measures for climate change adaptation, mitigation, and other related activities;
- (h) mobilize financial resources to support climate change actions;
- (i) collaborate with the Federal Inland Revenue Service to develop a mechanism for carbon tax in Nigeria;
- (j) collaborate with the Federal Ministry responsible for Environment and the Federal Ministry responsible for Trade to develop and implement a mechanism for carbon emission trading;

- (k) review international agreements related to climate change and make the necessary recommendation for ratification and compliance by the

government on matters pertaining thereto;

- (l) disseminate information on climate change, local vulnerabilities and risk, relevant laws and protocols, and adaptation and mitigation measures;
- (m) advice and recommendations on technical, scientific, and legal matters relating to Climate Change, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill;
- (n) acquire, hold, or dispose of any property, whether movable or immovable, for the purposes of performing its functions;
- (o) supervise the activities of and recommendations by the Secretariat of the National Council on Climate Change with the aim of attaining the objectives of this Bill;
- (p) collaborate with the Nigeria Sovereign Green Bond in meeting Nigeria's NDCs; and
- (q) perform such other functions necessary for the fulfilment of the objectives of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Membership and of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall consist of —
 - (a) the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who shall Head the Council, as Chairman;
 - (b) the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who shall be the Vice Chairman;
 - (c) the Minister responsible for Environment;
 - (d) the Minister responsible for Petroleum Resources;
 - (e) the Minister responsible for Budget and National Planning;
 - (f) the Minister of Justice;
 - (g) the Minister responsible for Mines and Steel Development;
 - (h) the Minister of Finance;
 - (i) the Minister responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development;
 - (j) the Minister responsible for Power;
 - (k) the Minister responsible for Women Affairs;
 - (l) the Minister responsible for Transportation;
 - (m) the Minister responsible for Water Resources;

- (n) the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria;
 - (o) National Security Adviser;
 - (p) the Chairman of the Nigerian Governors' Forum;
 - (q) the President of Association of Local Government of Nigeria;
 - (r) a representative of the private sector on climate change or environment related matters, nominated by the most representative registered national umbrella association;
 - (s) a representative of —
 - (i) women,
 - (ii) youths, and
 - (iii) persons with disabilities,
 to each be nominated by the most representative registered national umbrella association;
 - (t) a representative of environment related Civil Society Organizations (CSO), appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for Environment; and
 - (u) the Director-General of the National Council on Climate Change, who shall be the Secretary.
- (2) The Council shall meet, as and when necessary, for the performance of the functions under this Bill; and the proceedings of the Council shall be set out in the Schedule to this Bill.
- (3) Members of the Council except the Director-General shall serve on part time basis.
- (4) Members of the Council, referred to in Section 4 (r) - (t) of this section other than *ex-officio* members, shall hold office —
- (a) for a term of 4 years, and shall not be eligible for reappointment; and
 - (b) on such terms and conditions, as may be specified in the letter of appointment (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Cessation of Membership.

- (1) A member may cease to hold office, where the Member —
 - (a) resigns appointment by giving a one-month notice, addressed to the Council;
 - (b) is of unsound mind;
 - (c) becomes bankrupt;

- (d) is convicted of a criminal offence or found guilty of sabotaging Nigeria's efforts to meet her climate change mitigation and adaptation obligations; or
 - (e) dies.
- (2) Where vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, in respect of a member referred to in Section 4 (r) - (t) of this Bill, it shall be filled with the appointment of a successive representative to complete the remainder of the term of office of that predecessor (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Clause 7: Establishment of the Secretariat of the National Council on Climate Change.

- (1) There is established for the Council, a Secretariat, which shall be the administrative, including secretarial and clerical, scientific and technical arm of the Council and exercise the functions and duties assigned to it in this Bill.
- (2) The Council shall have powers to establish for the Secretariat, offices, including zonal and state offices, committees, and such other administrative apparatus, as it may deem necessary to facilitate the proper implementation of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Functions of the Secretariat.

- (1) The Secretariat shall —
 - (a) advise and assist the Council in the performance of the Council's functions and duties in accordance with the objectives set under this Bill;
 - (b) be responsible for the monitoring, verification and reporting on the extent to which the national emission profile is consistent with the carbon budget;
 - (c) be responsible for the monitoring, verification and reporting on the progress of the implementation of the Action Plan;
 - (d) periodically review the Action Plan;
 - (e) provide analytical and technical support for the drafting of climate change policies and action plans, and monitoring their implementation;
 - (f) collect data and projections, and disseminate information on climate risks, climate impact, and carbon budget;

- (g) prepare and serve on MDAs, and private and public entities guidelines necessary for the actualization of climate change targets, set out in the Action Plan;
- (h) provide copies of all climate change reports and related documents to enable a transparent assessment of the extent to which, MDAs, and private and public entities operating within the territory of Nigeria are in compliance with the provisions of this Bill, and such other subsidiary legislation and guidelines made pursuant to this Bill;
- (i) collaborate with the Federal Ministry responsible for Environment to provide copies of all climate change reports and related documents to meet the Nation's international climate obligations on climate change;
- (j) provide analytical, scientific and technical advice to the Council on climate science, including sources of emissions, climate risks and options for mitigation and adaptation; and
- (k) perform such other functions, as may be assigned to it by the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Powers of the Secretariat.

In carrying out its functions under this Bill, the Secretariat shall have powers, subject to the approval of the Council, to —

- (a) request reports, data, document or any information necessary to performing its function under this Bill;
- (b) establish and manage a national registry for capturing mitigation and adaptation actions by public and private entities;
- (c) mobilize financial resources to support climate change actions;
- (d) visit the premises of MDAs, and private and public entities for the purposes of monitoring, verifying and reporting of emission profile or the collection of any other data necessary to undertake the functions and duties prescribed in this Bill; and
- (e) do such other things, as may approved by the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Appointment, Qualifications, and Tenure of the Director-General.

- (1) There shall be for the Secretariat, a Director-General, who shall be appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Council, and see to the day to day administration of the Council.
- (2) The Director-General shall —
 - (a) hold a minimum of a Master's Degree in any Environmental related field;

- (b) have at least 10 years cognate experience in climate change policy

development and implementation, and have an understanding of the international climate policy landscape; and

(c) have experience in developing, implementing and managing projects on climate change at national and international level.

(3) The Director-General —

(a) shall hold office —

(i) for a term of four years, and may be re-appointed for another term, and no more, and

(ii) on such terms and conditions, as may be specified in the letter of appointment; and

(b) may resign from office by giving a one-month notice, addressed to the President.

(4) The President shall, without notice, terminate the appointment of the Director-General, where the Director-General —

(a) fails to meet the functions stipulated in this Bill; or

(b) on other grounds specified under Section 6 (1) (b)-(d) of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Principal Officers of the Council.

(1) The Council shall appoint —

(a) six Zonal Coordinators from the six geo-political zones of Nigeria;

(b) State Directors for each state of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and

(c) such other persons, as may be required to pursue the objectives of this Bill.

(2) Zonal Coordinators and State Directors appointed under this section shall —

(a) be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for Environment;

(b) hold a degree in any Environmental related field;

(c) have at least five years cognate experience in climate change policy design and implementation;

(d) hold office for a term of four years, without any option of renewal; and

(e) resign from office by giving a one-month notice, addressed to the Council.

- (3) The Council shall, without notice, terminate the appointment of a Zonal Coordinator or State Director, in the event of —
- (a) failing to comply with duties prescribed by the Council or the provisions of this Bill; or
 - (b) on other grounds specified under Section 6 (1) (b)-(d) of this Bill.
- (4) Where vacancy occurs under subsection (2) (d) or (3) of this section or in the event of death, the Council shall, in respect of filling the office of —
- (a) a Zonal Coordinator, appoint a qualified person from the same state, as the predecessor, to complete the remainder of the term; or
 - (b) a State Director, appoint a qualified person from the same senatorial district, as the predecessor, to complete the remainder of the term.
- (5) The Council shall ensure that in respect of appointment made under Section 11 (1) of this Bill —
- (a) each state of a geographical zone shall produce a Zonal Coordinator; and
 - (b) each senatorial district shall produce a State Director,
- on rotational basis (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Remuneration of the Director-General and Principal Officers.

Notwithstanding the provision of any Act, the Director-General and principal officers referred to in Section 11 of this Bill shall be paid such remuneration and allowances, as may be determined by the Salaries and Wages Commission (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Staff of the Council.

- (1) The Secretariat may, with the approval of the Council, appoint such staff and employees, as it deems necessary and expedient.
- (2) Subject to the Pension Reform Act, the terms and conditions of service, including the remunerations, allowances, benefits, and pensions of staff and employees, shall be determined by the Secretariat on the approval of the Council.
- (3) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on conditions which preclude the grant of pension and other retirement benefits in respect of that office.

- (4) The Council shall make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such regulations may provide for the appointment, promotion, transfer and disciplinary control of staff of the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Retirement from the Service.

The provisions of the Public Service Rules on retirement from service shall apply to staff of the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 15: Climate Change Fund.

- (1) There is established a Climate Change Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Fund"), to be maintained by the Council, into which shall be paid —
- (a) sums appropriated by the National Assembly for the running of the Council;
 - (b) subventions, grants and donations, fees and charges for services rendered or publications made by the Council;
 - (c) funding from International Organizations and funds due to Nigeria for meeting her Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);
 - (d) fines and charges from private and public entities for flouting their Climate Change mitigation and adaptation obligations;
 - (e) carbon tax and emissions trading; and
 - (f) such other funds, as the Council may prescribe from time to time.
- (2) The Fund shall be applied towards the —
- (a) cost of administration of the Council and offices established under the Council;
 - (b) the payment of emoluments, allowances and benefits of members of the Council, reimbursing members of the Council or any committees set up by the it, and for such expenses incurred while implementing activities expressly authorized by the Council;
 - (c) the payment of salaries, other remuneration or allowances, and other retirement benefits payable to the staff of the Council;
 - (d) the development and maintenance of any property vested in or owned by the Council;
 - (e) climate change advocacy and information dissemination;

- (f) funding innovative climate change mitigation and adaptation projects, subject to the approval of the Council;
 - (g) supporting climate change advocacy and information dissemination;
 - (h) defraying the fees of the auditors and other expenses incurred from auditing the Council;
 - (i) conducting assessment climate change impact on vulnerable communities and population;
 - (j) incentivizing private and public entities for their efforts towards transiting to clean energy and sustaining a reduction in GHG emissions; and
 - (k) any other expenditure in connection with any function of the Council under this Bill.
- (3) The Council shall, by Order, review the source of the Fund and its application (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Accounts, Audit and Estimate.

- (1) The Secretariat shall —
- (a) keep proper accounts and records of the Council's income and expenditure;
 - (b) prepare and submit to the Council, a comprehensive report of all the activities of the Secretariat; and
 - (c) prepare a statement of account in respect of each financial year.
- (2) The Secretariat shall, as soon as directed by the Council or within six months after the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate, cause the accounts to be audited in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.
- (3) The Secretariat shall, not later than six months to the end of every financial year, prepare and submit through the Council to the National Assembly, the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Council for the following financial year (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Power to borrow.

The Council may borrow money from financial organizations or other institutions for the purpose of executing its mandate under this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Power to accept gifts.

The Council may accept gifts of land, money, or other property on such terms and conditions, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift; provided that these conditions are not inconsistent with the functions of the Council under this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — CARBON BUDGET AND NATIONAL
CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN, ETC.

Clause 19: Carbon Budget.

- (1) The Federal Ministry responsible for Environment shall on consultation with the Federal Ministry responsible for National Planning —
 - (a) set carbon budget for Nigeria, to keep average increases in global temperature within 2°C and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels; and
 - (b) by an Order —
 - (i) set the carbon budget and budgetary period, and
 - (ii) periodically revise the carbon budget, in line with Nigeria's NDCs and with a view to complying with Nigeria's international obligations.
- (2) Prior to setting the pilot carbon budget pursuant to this section, the carbon budget shall be presented through the Council to the Federal Executive Council for approval not later than 12 months from the date that this Bill is assented to by the President.
- (3) Pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the Federal Ministry responsible for Environment shall, not later than 12 months to the end of the carbon budget cycle, set and submit through the Council to the Federal Executive Council for approval, a new carbon budget for the next carbon budget cycle.
- (4) Where there is a need to review carbon budget within a carbon budget cycle, the Federal Ministry responsible for Environment shall, within three months of the revision of the carbon budget, submit through the Council to the Federal Executive Council for approval.
- (5) Federal Ministry of Environment —
 - (a) shall publish detailed national, regional and sectoral climate vulnerability and risk assessments that will serve as the basis for the adaptation components of the Action Plan; and
 - (b) may by an Order publish Guidelines for Measurement, Reporting and Verification of national emissions that will serve as the basis for the setting and annual review of the carbon budget (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: National Climate Change Action Plan.

- (1) The Secretariat, in consultation with the Federal Ministries responsible for Environment, and Budget and National Planning, respectively, shall formulate an Action Plan in every five-year cycle.
- (2) The pilot Action Plan shall be produced, not later than 12 months from the commencement of this Bill.
- (3) Before the presentation of the Action Plan to the Council and Federal Executive Council, respectively for approval, it shall first be published to the general public for consultation for a period not less than eight weeks, ending 14 days before of its presentation to the Council.
- (4) The Action Plan shall —
 - (a) serve as a basis for —
 - (i) identifying the activities aimed at ensuring that the national emissions profile is consistent with the carbon budget goals, and
 - (ii) establishing national goals, objectives and priorities on climate adaptation;
 - (b) prescribe measures and mechanisms for —
 - (i) identifying and assessing risks, vulnerabilities and extremes of impact of climate change on vulnerable communities and population, and eco-systems;
 - (ii) setting out actions for mainstreaming climate change responses into sector functions,
 - (iii) identifying actions for adaptation and mitigation against climate change,
 - (iv) geared towards mainstreaming climate change disaster risk reduction actions in development programmes,
 - (v) setting out a structure for public awareness and engagement in climate change actions,
 - (vi) identifying strategic areas of national infrastructure requiring climate proofing,
 - (vii) to enhance energy conservation, efficiency and use of renewable energy in industrial, commercial, transport, domestic and other uses,
 - (viii) for reviewing levels and trends of greenhouse gas emissions, and
 - (ix) for achieving Nigeria's climate change goals;
 - (c) make provision for research, planning, and action on climate change mitigation and adaptation; and

- (d) contain a projection of fiscal and budgetary needs, for the execution of climate change projects and related activities.
- (5) The components of the Action Plan shall include —
- (a) an articulated carbon budget for the five-year cycle, consistent with the carbon budget;
 - (b) an articulated annual carbon budget for each of the years that make up the five-year cycle;
 - (c) past, current and projected GHG emission profile of GHG emission sectors of the economy;
 - (d) details of past, current and proposed climate mitigation and adaptation actions across the sectors of the economy including the rationale, costs, funding source and benefit of such action;
 - (e) details on the level of compliance with international climate commitments; and
 - (f) proposed incentives for private and public entities, which achieve GHG emission reduction (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Report to the National Assembly.

- (1) The Director-General shall, within one year of formulating the Action Plan for the first five-year cycle, and for subsequent other cycles, submit to the Council and National Assembly Committees on Climate Change, a detailed report on the state of the nation with regards to climate change.
- (2) The report shall include —
 - (a) progress on the implementation of the national action plan;
 - (b) the extent to which GHG emission profile is consistent with annual carbon budget;
 - (c) identification of the vulnerable areas to the impacts of climate change;
 - (d) the identification of differential impacts of climate change on men, women and children;
 - (e) the assessment and management of risks and vulnerability;
 - (f) the identification of GHG mitigation and adaptation potential;
 - (g) the identification of options, prioritization of appropriate mitigation and adaptation measures for joint projects of national, State, and Local Governments as well as the private sector;
 - (h) identification of the efforts being made by public and private entities in attaining the carbon budget;

- (i) incentives granted private and public entities for their efforts towards transiting to clean energy and sustaining a reduction in GHG emissions, and
 - (j) fines issued against private and public entities for non-compliance with the provisions of this Bill.
- (3) The Director-General shall, within three months after the end of every financial year, publish publicly and submit to the National Assembly, an evaluation report on performance of climate change duties by private and public entities (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

- Clause 22: Climate Change Obligations of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).**
- (1) MDAs shall establish a climate change desk to be supervised by an officer not below the Directorate cadre, who shall be responsible for ensuring integration of climate change activities into their core mandate.
 - (2) The Desk Officer referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall ensure adequate planning and budgeting for all climate change programmes, projects and activities.
 - (3) The Ministry responsible for Finance, Budget, and National planning shall ensure that all budget proposals submitted by MDAs have been properly vetted and costed for climate change considerations, and that adequate allocation is provided for them under appropriate sub-heads in the annual budget.
 - (4) MDAs shall adhere to the annual carbon emission reduction targets, in line with the Action Plan and carbon budget made pursuant to this Bill.
 - (5) Any Ministry, Department, or Agency which fails to meet its carbon emission reduction target shall be subjected to a review and its principal officers upon being found liable sanctioned and where appropriate fined as determined by the Council.
 - (6) Where an evaluation report from an MDA discloses unsatisfactory performance —
 - (a) the Secretariat shall undertake investigations and report its findings to the Council; and
 - (b) the Council acting on that report may recommend appropriate measures and sanctions (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 23: Climate Change Obligations of Public Entities.**
The Council may by Regulations —

- (a) impose obligations relating to climate change on any public entity, from time to time, and
- (b) vary or revoke any such obligations, where necessary (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 24: Climate Change Obligations of Private Entities.

- (1) Any private entity with employees numbering 50 and above, shall —
 - (a) put in place measures to achieve the annual carbon emission reduction targets in line with the Action Plan; and
 - (b) designate a Climate Change Officer or an Environmental Sustainability Officer, who shall submit to the Secretariat, through the State Director, annual reports on the entity's efforts at meeting its carbon emission reduction and climate adaptation plan.
- (2) A private entity that fails to meet its target, as specified in Section 25 (1) of this Bill shall be liable to a fine to be determined by the Council, relying on a system of Environmental Economic Accounting with attention on the health impacts, impact on climate variation, and total damage to ecosystem services.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions in this Bill, the Council may by notice in the Gazette, require a private entity under this Bill —
 - (a) to prepare reports on the status of its performance of its climate change obligations, and prescribe the period for reporting; or
 - (b) who fails to comply with its climate change obligations, to prepare a report within a specified time, on its past and current actions, and future actions to be taken to secure future performance with those obligations (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: Partnership with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

- (1) The Secretariat, with the approval of the Council, shall work in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Environment, CSOs, women, youths, and others, to monitor plans, programmes, projects, engage in climate advocacy and any related activities.
- (2) In pursuance of the partnership referred to in subsection (1) of this Section, the Secretariat shall, upon request and in line with the Freedom of Information Act, furnish the CSOs, youth, women, and others, data and such other information relevant to Nigeria's drive for climate change mitigation and adaptation (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 26: Climate Change Education.

- (1) The Secretariat shall, with the approval of the Council, advise the MDAs responsible for regulation of educational curriculum in Nigeria on the integration of climate change into the various disciplines and subjects across all educational levels.
- (2) The Secretariat shall, with the approval of the Council may —
 - (a) partner with MDAs referred to in subsection (1) of this section; or
 - (b) support scientific researches and other similar projects, relevant to the formulation and development of educational curricula and programmes geared towards adaptation and risk mitigation (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

Clause 27: Nature-based solutions.

The Council shall promote and adopt nature-based solutions to reducing GHG emissions and mitigating climate change issues in Nigeria (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 28: Establishment of the REDD+ Registry.

- (1) The Federal Ministry responsible for Environment shall set up a registry with sub-national nodes, for capturing REDD+ activities in Nigeria, including updates on Forest Reference Emission Level (FREL).
- (2) In this section, "REDD+" means Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and the enhancement of forest carbon stocks.
- (3) The Council may in fulfilment of Nigeria's climate change obligations, provide fiscal support for REDD+ activities (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 29: Natural Capital Accounts and National Development Plans.

- (1) The Council shall collaborate with and equip the National Bureau of Statistics with developing Nigeria's Natural Capital Accounts.
- (2) The data from the Natural Capital Accounts shall be made available to MDAs, and used in policy formulation and development of Action Plan, in line with the carbon budget.
- (3) The Ministry responsible for Finance, Budget, and National Planning shall ensure that the data referred to in subsection (2) of this section is captured in the National Development Plan and expenditure framework, as a means of measuring the impact of climate change on sustainable development (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 30: Public Engagement Strategy.

- (1) The Secretariat shall, not later than six months to the end of every year, prepare and publish its public engagement strategy for the following year.
- (2) The public engagement strategy sets out the modalities to be adopted towards achieving the objectives under this Bill, such as —
 - (a) informing the public about the National Climate Change Action Plan;
 - (b) identifying actions and encouraging the public to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Action Plan and this Bill.
- (3) The Council shall —
 - (a) when the need arises, review the public engagement strategy; and
 - (b) within one month of the review, publish the reviewed public engagement strategy in the Federal Gazette (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 31: Conflicts of Interest.

- (1) A member of the Council, or staff or employee of the Council, who has interest in any matter before the Council for consideration shall disclose in writing the nature of such interest.
- (2) The member, or staff or employee referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, shall be disqualified from participating in any deliberation in respect of the matter.
- (3) The disclosure of interest made in subsection (1) of this section shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- (4) A person, who contravenes subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to —
 - (a) a fine not exceeding ₦1, 000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year; and
 - (b) forfeit any benefit that derives from the non-disclosure.
- (5) No member, staff or employee of the Council shall transact any business or trade with the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 32: Regulations.

The Council may make regulations —

- (a) requiring private and public entities, to report annually on GHG reductions and reduction measures, and have corporate climate change responsibilities;
- (b) sectoral and cross-sectoral GHG emission reductions;
- (c) to supervise market-based mechanisms and instruments relating to climate change;
- (d) to provide fiscal incentives for the —
 - (i) promotion of GHG emission reduction, and
 - (ii) encouragement of private sector participation in climate actions;
- (e) creating further offences, deriving from non-compliance with the provisions of any Regulation made pursuant to this Bill, and penalties for such offences; and
- (f) as is necessary for the carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 33: Limitation of suits.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any staff or employee of the Council.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, no suit shall be instituted against the Council, member of the Council, or staff or employee of the Council for any act done in pursuance or execution of this Bill or any other law, provided the suit is commenced —
 - (a) within three months after the act, neglect, or default complained of; or
 - (b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within six months after the ceasing of such damage or injury (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 34: Offences.

- (1) A person, or private or public entity that acts in a manner that negatively affects efforts towards mitigation and adaptation measures made pursuant to this Bill commits an offence and is liable to penalty to be determined by the Council.
- (2) A Court before which a suit regarding climate change or environmental matters is instituted may make an order —
 - (a) to prevent, stop or discontinue the performance of any act that is harmful to the environment;

- (b) compelling any public official to act in order to prevent or stop the performance of any act that is harmful to the environment;
- (c) of compensation to the victim directly affected by such acts that are harmful to the environment (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 35: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Action Plan" means to the National Climate Change Action Plan (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"adaptation" means the process of adjustment to actual or expected climate and its effects (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"adaptation measure" means any action taken or intervention to help communities and ecosystems cope with changing climate conditions (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"adaptive capacity" refers to the ability of systems, institutions, humans and other organisms to adjust to the consequences of climate change, taking into cognizance available opportunities (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"Carbon Budget" means the approved quantity of Greenhouse Gases emission that is acceptable over a specified time (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chairman" refers to the Chairman of the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"climate" is defined as the average weather condition, as the statistical description in terms of the mean and variability of relevant quantities over a period of time (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “climate” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Climate Change" means a change of climate, which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity or natural climate variability that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Climate Change” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"climate change duties" means the statutory obligations conferred on public and private entities to implement climate change actions consistent with the national goal of low carbon climate resilient development, including mitigation measures and adaptation measures (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “climate change duties” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"climate change resilience" means the capability to maintain competent function and return to some normal range of function even when faced with adverse impact of climate change (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “climate change resilience” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"climate variability" means the variability in the average state and in other statistics of the climate on all temporal and spatial scales beyond that of individual weather events (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “climate variability” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Council" means the National Council on Climate Change established under this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"emissions", means the production and discharge of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere as a result of human activity (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “emissions” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Fund" means financial resources established pursuant to this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “Fund” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"greenhouse effect" refers to the natural process by which heat from the sun's energy is trapped by a layer of gases surrounding the earth to keep it warm (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"greenhouse gases" or "GHG" means the constituents of the atmosphere that contribute to the Greenhouse effect and includes but is not limited to:

- (a) carbon dioxide,
- (b) methane,
- (c) nitrous oxide,
- (d) hydro fluorocarbons,
- (e) per fluorocarbons,
- (f) sulphur hexafluoride, and
- (g) indirect greenhouse gases (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "greenhouse gases" or "GHG" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"international climate change obligations" means those Nigeria's commitments under international Conventions on climate change and other environmental matters (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "international climate change obligations" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"mainstreaming" means the integration of climate change actions into the policies and decisions of government (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"MDA" refers Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"mitigation" or "mitigation measures" in the context of climate change, means the efforts that seek to prevent or slow down the increase of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations by limiting current or future emissions and improving potential sinks for greenhouse gases (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “mitigation” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Nationally Determined Contributions" or "NDCs" means national climate plans highlighting climate actions, including climate related targets, and policies and measures that government aims to implement in response to climate change, and as a contribution to global climate action (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Nationally Determined Contributions” or “MDCs” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"National Policy" refers to the National Climate Change Policy and Response Strategy prepared by the Department of Climate Change and approved by the Federal Executive Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “National Policy” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"private entity" means a person or body with functions of a private nature and includes bodies registered under the Companies and Allied Matters (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “private entity” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"public entity" means an organization or body providing services to the public on behalf of Nigerian government (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “public entity” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Secretariat" means administrative, including secretarial and clerical, scientific and technical arm of the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “Secretariat” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Secretary" refers to the Secretary of the National Council on Climate Change, who is also the Director-General administering over the secretariat of the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “Secretary” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Sustainable Development Goals" or "SDGs" refers to national aspirations aimed at meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, including ending poverty and hunger, improving health and education, making cities more sustainable, combating climate change, and protecting waterways and forests, among others (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Sustainable Development Goals” or “SDGs” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"State Director" means a Principal Officer appointed under Section 11 of this Bill; and (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words “State Director” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Zonal Coordinator" refers to the six coordinators appointed under Section 11 of this Bill (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words “Zonal Coordinator” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

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

Clause 36: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Climate Change Bill, 2021 (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

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

SCHEDULE

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

1. (1) The Council shall meet at such time and place, as the Chairman may determine, at least twice in a year.
- (2) A special meeting of the Council shall be convened upon written request of the Chairman or by a majority decision of members addressed to the Secretary of the Council.
- (3) The Chairman shall preside at any meeting of the Council but in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside at the meeting.
- (4) Decisions shall be determined by a simple majority of members present and voting, where there is equality of votes, the presiding officer shall have a casting vote.
- (5) The quorum at a meeting shall be one-third of the total members including the Chairman but excluding the Secretary.
- (6) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt the person to attend its meetings and the person shall not vote on any matter affecting the decision of the Council.
- (7) Except otherwise provided by this Bill, the Council shall regulate its own proceedings.

Validity of Proceedings

2. The validity of proceedings of the Council shall not be affected by-

- (a) any vacancy in the membership of the Council; or
- (b) the reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to provide a framework for mainstreaming of Climate Change actions, provide for a system of Carbon Budgeting, the establishment of the National Council on Climate Change; and for other related matters (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Mainstreaming of Climate Change Actions, Establish the National Council on Climate Change; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 357) (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Mainstreaming of Climate Change Actions, Establish the National Council of Climate Change; and for Related Matters (HB. 357) and approved Clauses 1 - 36, the Schedule, 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) ***Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:***
Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Technology, Ipokia, Ogun State to Provide the Federal Government Local Content Policy in Science and Technology; and for Related Matters (HB. 512).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

30. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 7 July, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.03 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker