



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 8 June, 2021

1. The House met at 11.37 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, 20 May, 2021.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Messages**
Mr Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

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PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

27th May, 2021

Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Rt Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila,

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF
OF ARMY STAFF**

In compliance with the provisions of Section 18 (1) of the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, I hereby forward for confirmation by the House of Representatives, the appointment of Major General, Faruk Yahaya as the Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. His CV is herewith attached.

It is my hope that the House will consider and confirm the nominee in the usual expeditious manner.

Please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

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**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

31st May, 2021

Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila

*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Rt Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila,

**TRANSMISSION OF THE HARMONIZED RETIREMENT AGE FOR
TEACHERS IN NIGERIA BILL, 2021 TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FOR CONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to Sections 58 (2) of 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I forward, herewith, the Harmonised Retirement Age for Teachers in Nigeria Bill, 2021 for consideration by the House of Representatives.

The Harmonised Retirement Age of Teachers in Nigeria Bill, 2021, seeks to increase the retirement age of teachers from 60 to 65 years and also increase the possible years of service from 35 to 40 years.

While appreciating your usual expeditious consideration of this submission, please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

5. Remarks by Mr Speaker

Mr Speaker read the following remarks:

Protocols:

Good morning honourable colleagues. I welcome you all back to the chamber of the House of Representatives.

2. *Over the last couple of weeks, across our country, there has been a marked increase in the incidents and severity of violent outbreaks, kidnapping, banditry, and murder in broad daylight. From Owerri in Imo State to Igangan in Oyo State. From Niger to Kaduna, and across the States of the North East, we are witnessing bloodshed and violence of the sort usually associated with war. These are trying times for all our nation's people. Families are in mourning; communities are under siege and even those who have thus far escaped the direct impact of the escalating violence cannot help but feel as if they are living on borrowed time. We are reminded of the urgent need for coordinated and targeted action by governments at all levels to address this menace and save our nation.*

3. *Two weeks ago, the House of Representatives hosted a Special Summit on National Security to harness the views of citizens and stakeholders, experts from within and outside, to define a new strategy for combatting the different manifestations of insecurity in our country. The contributions we received from across the country and the recommendations made therein have already begun to inform legislative action in the House of Representatives. Tomorrow, the House will begin consideration of a slate of Bills intended to reform our national security statutory framework. We are seeking through legislation to address the issues of overlapping mandates resulting in inter-agency rivalry and lack of cooperation amongst the security agencies. We are seeking to make community policing operational so that communities and the police can work together to protect our people across the country.*

4. *We intend to change the way the Armed Forces conducts operations so that the three arms of our military can work more effectively together to overcome shared challenges. And we want to change the nature of interactions between the civilian population and the military so that the conflicts that breed resentment and undermine national security can be eliminated once and forevermore. These Bills are only the first of the legislative interventions relating to national security that we will be considering. Also, the final report of the Summit, including the recommendations for executive action will shortly be presented to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR. I have his assurance that the painstaking recommendations made by the House will receive his full attention and accelerated action.*

5. *Last week the Special House Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution held a series of public hearings across the country to allow citizens to contribute their voices to the ongoing efforts to reform the constitution of our country. At the public hearing in Lagos, I assured Nigerians that for us in the House of Representatives, this ongoing constitutional review presents a generational opportunity to "devise a constitution that resolves the issues of identity and political structure, of human rights and the administration of government, resource control, national security and so much else, that have fractured our nation and hindered our progress and prosperity."*

6. *Let me reemphasise that we will not restrict ourselves to tinkering around the edges of the constitution or be subject to redlines that mitigate against optimal outcomes. We have it now in our power to deliver a truly democratic constitution that allows us to overcome the challenges of today and puts us in good stead for the future. Ladies and gentlemen, bearing in mind our history, and cognisant of our present circumstances, it is all too clear that the future is all we have. Let us do the work necessary to ensure that our tomorrow is better than all our yesterdays.*

7. *On Friday the 4th of June, 2021, the Federal Government of Nigeria, through the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture announced the immediate suspension of the operations of the social media network, Twitter in Nigeria. The Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed in his statement announcing the suspension, cited "the persistent use of the platform for*

activities that are capable of undermining Nigeria's corporate existence" as the reason for the

decision to suspend the operations of Twitter in Nigeria.

8. *The suspension of Twitter in Nigeria has generated fierce debate. The House of Representatives has since the announcement been inundated with comments about the decision, requests for intervention and criticism. The House of Representatives recognises that Twitter, like other social media networks, is an important tool for communication and commerce in Nigeria particularly amongst the younger generation who have used these networks for enterprise and innovation with great success. The House also recognises that as social media has been a tool for good, it can also be a tool for bad actors. As such, the government has a legitimate interest in ensuring that these platforms are not used to commit vile actions against individuals and the State.*

9. *The proper role of the legislature in circumstances like this is first to peel back the layers of the decision-making process to unravel the issues until we develop an understanding of the why and the how of executive decisions. Following that, the legislature must make sure that regulatory and enforcement actions by the government are in accordance with the laws of the land, that due process of law has been followed to the latter and that the outcomes of regulatory decisions do not result in adverse consequences for the country and all our people. Fidelity to our responsibilities in situations like this requires the legislature and legislators to as in the words of Rudyard Kipling, "keep your head when all about you are losing theirs". We listen to the agitation of the people, but we also hear from the government so that from the abundance of information, we reach the level of awareness that allows us to discharge our role dispassionately.*

10. *It is in service of our obligations under the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and our moral duty to the Nigerian people, that the leadership of the House has mandated the House Committees on Communication, Justice, Information and Culture, and National Security and Intelligence to immediately commence an investigation to determine:*

- (a) The circumstances of the decision by the Federal Government of Nigeria to ban the operations of Twitter in Nigeria; and*
- (b) The legal authority for the ban on the operations of Twitter in Nigeria.*

11. *The Committees are additionally mandated to Invite the Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed to brief the House of Representatives on the objectives, intent, and duration of the suspension of Twitter in Nigeria, and to report to the House within ten (10) days. The joint report of the Committees will guide further action by the House of Representatives on this matter. I urge the Committees to act with speed and sound judgment to address this important issue that has animated our national conversations over the last few days.*

12. *As we approach the halfway mark of our term in the House of Representatives, we must present a record of our activities over the last two years to the Nigerian people. As part of those efforts, I have requested the House Committee on Monitoring and Implementation of the Legislative Agenda to work with all the standing committees of the House of Representatives to assemble a record of their oversight activities. The Chairman of the Committee on Monitoring and Implementation of the Legislative Agenda will share a reporting template that has been developed in collaboration with the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS) for this purpose. I ask all the Chairmen of Committees to see to it that these reports are produced in good time and are of the highest quality.*

13. *Honourable colleagues, I look forward to the important work that we will be doing over the rest of this session. I welcome you back to the House of Representatives and I thank you all once more for your presence here this morning. Good morning.*

6. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Monday Theophilus Igodo and 2 others, on behalf of Obogoro-Atissa Community Council of Chiefs on the need for urgent Federal Government intervention on the coastal erosion in Obogoro community, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, was presented and laid by Hon. Azaiki Stephen Sinikien (*Yenagoa/K/Opoluma Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) The following Petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Haruna Dederi Isa (*Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Olusegun Monday Folunsho, on behalf of media monitors against the Vice Chancellor of Federal University of Oye Ekiti on alleged fraud misconduct and abuse of public office;
 - (b) Freal Law Field (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Jatau Suleiman Abdulmumuni and 120 others on the non-payment of their salary arrears, redundancy and severance benefits by Sheraton Hotel, Abuja;
 - (c) Ikpa James, on his alleged wrongful imprisonment, and dismissal from the service of the Nigerian Navy;
 - (d) Ekene H. Ekweezor & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Legislative Aides of Members of the Rivers State House of Assembly, on the non-payment of their outstanding 5 months' salary and other allowances;
 - (e) Adewale Wilson on behalf of Citizens Awareness Against Corruption Initiatives on alleged fraud and abuse of office by the Vice Chancellor of University of Oye Ekiti;
- (iii) The following Petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Ben Igbakpa Rollands (*Ethiope East/Ethiope West Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) James Onyekwe on behalf of Kainos Exploration & Producing Company on the alleged refusal to implement the approval for payment of royalty debts and license renewal granted by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources and the Director of Department of Petroleum Resources; and
 - (b) Onoriode Odjegbo, on behalf of Eurafic Energy Limited on the revocation of their field license by the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources and the Director of Department of Petroleum Resources.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Urging the Federal Government to Provide Emergency Support to the Victims and Families of Warrah Boat Mishap and to Take Proactive Measures in Preventing Incessant Canoe Mishaps:***
Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu (*Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri 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.

Urging the Federal Government to Provide Emergency Support to the Victims and Families of Warrah Boat Mishap and to Take Proactive Measures in Preventing Incessant Canoe Mishaps:

The House:

Notes the recent boat mishap that occurred in Warrah axis of River Niger was a National disaster. The capsized boat was ferrying over 165 people from Loko Minna area in Niger State to Warrah town of Kebbi State on Wednesday, 26 May, 2021. There were only 22 survivors and 98 bodies so far recovered with over 45 bodies missing. The victims were majority youth and women actively seeking for their means of livelihood;

Also notes that the canoe mishaps have been a recurrent happening in the area and Kebbi State in general. For instance, in just 7 months in 2017 from the month of April to October 33 deaths were recorded from 3 boats mishaps in Yauri Emirate comprising of Ngaski, Shanga and Yauri Local Government Areas. Similarly, in recent times, the Kebbi waterways recorded more than 8 boat mishaps with over 246 people drowned in the River Niger in Yauri, Warrah, Bagudo, and Lolo areas of the State;

Observed that despite the recurrent nature of the boat mishap and loss of lives, there was no emergency rescue boat available in the area;

Also observed waterways is a major means of transportation for the riverine dwellers in the area, it has however, proven to be unsafe as currently practiced;

Aware that several correspondences were made by His Royal Highness the Emir of Yauri to Nigerian Inland Waterways calling on measures to improve safety in our waterways in the area to avert major accident, however, not much was done until this national tragedy;

Also aware that the axis of the River Niger in Kebbi State provides an international route for transportation from Yauri to Mali, Benin, and Niger Republics. Regrettably, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency does not have an office in the area to oversee this important international route;

Further aware that Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) established with the primary responsibility to improve and develop Nigeria's inland waterways for navigation, little has been done by the agency in the area;

Again aware that the Federal Government has inaugurated Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission to address growing challenges including environmental degradation faced by dwellers in the area;

Still aware that there were several correspondences to NIWA by His Royal Highness the Emir of Yauri for an urgent intervention;

Cognizant that the capsizing of the boats occurs mostly from April to October when the River Niger is receding thereby exposing stumps of trees and heavy rocks leading to collisions with trees or heavy rocks by canoe along the waterways;

Also cognizant that the depth of River Niger has significantly decreased due to accumulation of sand has further reduces the safety of the inland waterways transportation in the area;

Further cognizant that awareness and utilization of life jackets by passengers is nearly non-existence;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government through the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide immediate emergency relief support to the survivors and families of the deceased victims of boat mishap;
- (ii) also urge Federal Ministry of Transportation through the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) to find causes of the incessant boat mishap;
- (iii) further urge NIMASA and NIWA to establish functional offices in Yauri;
- (iv) again urge NIWA and Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPADEC) to collaborate to improve safety by clearing of the waterways through blasting of heavy stones, cutting of stumps of trees and putting floating markers;
- (v) still urge the Federal Government to extend the dredging of River Niger from Baro through Yauri to Lolo and to construct mini port in Yauri;
- (vi) call on relevant authorities to ensure use of life vest and control overload; and
- (vii) mandate the Committee on Maritime Safety and Administration to ensure compliance (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency and Eight Others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the recent boat mishap that occurred in Warrah axis of River Niger was a National disaster. The capsized boat was ferrying over 165 people from Loko Minna area in Niger State to Warrah town of Kebbi State on Wednesday, 26 May, 2021. There were only 22 survivors and 98 bodies so far recovered with over 45 bodies missing. The victims were majority youth and women actively seeking for their means of livelihood;

Also noted that the canoe mishaps have been a recurrent happening in the area and Kebbi State in general. For instance, in just 7 months in 2017 from the month of April to October 33 deaths were recorded from 3 boats mishaps in Yauri Emirate comprising of Ngaski, Shanga and Yauri Local Government Areas. Similarly, in recent times, the Kebbi waterways recorded more than 8 boat mishaps with over 246 people drowned in the River Niger in Yauri, Warrah, Bagudo, and Lolo areas of the State;

Observed that despite the recurrent nature of the boat mishap and loss of lives, there was no emergency rescue boat available in the area;

Also observed waterways is a major means of transportation for the riverine dwellers in the area, it has however, proven to be unsafe as currently practiced;

Aware that several correspondences were made by His Royal Highness the Emir of Yauri to Nigerian Inland Waterways calling on measures to improve safety in our waterways in the area to avert major accident, however, not much was done until this national tragedy;

Also aware that the axis of the River Niger in Kebbi State provides an international route for transportation from Yauri to Mali, Benin, and Niger Republics. Regrettably, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency does not have an office in the area to oversee this important international route;

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Again aware that the Federal Government has inaugurated Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission to address growing challenges including environmental degradation faced by dwellers in the area;

Still aware that there were several correspondences to NIWA by His Royal Highness the Emir of Yauri for an urgent intervention;

Cognizant that the capsizing of the boats occurs mostly from April to October when the River Niger is receding thereby exposing stumps of trees and heavy rocks leading to collisions with trees or heavy rocks by canoe along the waterways;

Also cognizant that the depth of River Niger has significantly decreased due to accumulation of sand has further reduces the safety of the inland waterways transportation in the area;

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- (v) still urge the Federal Government to extend the dredging of River Niger from Baro through Yauri to Lolo and to construct mini port in Yauri;
- (vi) call on relevant authorities to ensure use of life vest and control overload; and
- (vii) mandate the Committee on Maritime Safety and Administration to ensure compliance (**HR. 127/06/2021**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

- (ii) ***Invasion of Igangan Town in Ibarapa North Local Government Area of Oyo State:***
Hon. Muraino Saubana Ajibola (*Ibarapa Central Ibarapa North Federal Constituency and Seventy-Five Others*) 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.

Invasion of Igangan Town in Ibarapa North Local Government Area of Oyo State:

The House:

Notes with serious concern, the invasion by suspected armed bandits, numbering about 100, of Igangan Town, Ibarapa North Local Government Area, Oyo State, at the wee hours of Saturday, 5 June, 2021;

Also notes with dismay that the assailants in their large numbers, invaded the town around 11.30 p.m. on motorcycles, and allegedly opened fire, without any provocation on innocent, defenceless and harmless indigenes,

Disheartened that as a result of this attack on Igangan town, over 50 harmless indigenes of the town were allegedly killed in cold blood, about 90 others sustained life threatening injuries, 50 houses including the palace of the Oba of the town (Asigangan of Igangan), petrol filling stations, houses, shops with goods inside, trucks with goods inside and other properties worth millions of Naira were razed to ashes by the marauders;

Recalls that the the Ibarapa axis of Oyo State, has been the hotbed of several violent clashes between the bandits and the indigenous farmers, which generated national outcry, and that Igangan town appeared to be the epicentre of these crises, with all attempts by the Federal Government and-the Oyo State Government to find a permanent solution to the crises appear not to be successful so far;

Also recalls that on the prompting of the Member representing Igangan (Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal constituency) in Oyo State and with the unanimous support of other Members of the House of Representatives, this hallowed chamber had passed several resolutions urging the Federal Government and the relevant security agencies, to amongst others, upgrade the Igangan Police Station to a Divisional Police Headquarters, and put in place measures to strengthen the security architecture of Igangan town, Oyo State, and all the States in the South-West of Nigeria, but to no avail;

Worried that due to last attack, the residents of Igangan Town and Ibarapa axis of Oyo State, are relocating from the town or area in droves, a situation which is likely to paralyse the economic and social activities of the town or area and has indeed paralysed them;

Apprehensive that this last attack is capable of escalating the already tensed security situation in Igangan town, Oyo State and all the States in the South-West of Nigeria, if the assailants are not apprehended and brought to justice;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the callous and barbaric invasion of Igangan town in the wee hours of 5 June, 2021, which resulted to the deaths of over 50 defenceless indigenes of the town, and the razing to ashes and destruction of several houses including the palace of the

- Oba of the town (Asigangan of Igangan), petrol filling stations, shops with goods inside, trucks with goods inside and other properties worth millions of Naira were razed to ashes by the marauders;
- (ii) condole with the Government of Oyo State, the families and friends of all those who lost their lives as a result of the invasion, to observe a minute silence in honour of all those who lost their lives;
 - (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA) and other relevant agencies to provide relief materials to assist all those whose properties or businesses were destroyed as a result of the invasion;
 - (iv) also urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to intensify their efforts with a view to arresting the assailants, prosecuting them and preventing reoccurrence; and
 - (v) further urge the people of Igangan town and Ibarapa axis to calm down and report any suspicious person to the relevant law enforcement agencies (*Hon. Muraina, S. Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency and Seventy-Five Others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with serious concern, the invasion by suspected armed bandits, numbering about 100, of Igangan Town, Ibarapa North Local Government Area, Oyo State, at the wee hours of Saturday, 5 June, 2021;

Also noted with dismay that the assailants in their large numbers, invaded the town around 11.30 p.m. on motorcycles, and allegedly opened fire, without any provocation on innocent, defenceless and harmless indigenes,

Disheartened that as a result of this attack on Igangan town, over 50 harmless indigenes of the town were allegedly killed in cold blood, about 90 others sustained life threatening injuries, 50 houses including the palace of the Oba of the town (Asigangan of Igangan), petrol filling stations, houses, shops with goods inside, trucks with goods inside and other properties worth millions of Naira were razed to ashes by the marauders;

Recalled that the Ibarapa axis of Oyo State, has been the hotbed of several violent clashes between the bandits and the indigenous farmers, which generated national outcry, and that Igangan town appeared to be the epicentre of these crises, with all attempts by the Federal Government and the Oyo State Government to find a permanent solution to the crises appear not to be successful so far;

Also recalled that on the prompting of the Member representing Igangan (Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal constituency) in Oyo State and with the unanimous support of other Members of the House of Representatives, this hallowed chamber had passed several resolutions urging the Federal Government and the relevant security agencies, to amongst others, upgrade the Igangan Police Station to a Divisional Police Headquarters, and put in place measures to strengthen the security architecture of Igangan town, Oyo State, and all the States in the South-West of Nigeria, but to no avail;

Worried that due to last attack, the residents of Igangan Town and Ibarapa axis of Oyo State, are relocating from the town or area in droves, a situation which is likely to paralyse the economic and social activities of the town or area and has indeed paralysed them;

Apprehensive that this last attack is capable of escalating the already tensed security situation in Igangan town, Oyo State and all the States in the South-West of Nigeria, if the assailants are not apprehended and brought to justice;

Resolved to:

- (i) condemn the callous and barbaric invasion of Igangan town in the wee hours of 5 June, 2021, which resulted to the deaths of over 50 defenceless indigenes of the town, and the razing to ashes and destruction of several houses including the palace of the Oba of the town (Asigangan of Igangan), petrol filling stations, shops with goods inside, trucks with goods inside and other properties worth millions of Naira were razed to ashes by the marauders;
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- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA) and other relevant agencies to provide relief materials to assist all those whose properties or businesses were destroyed as a result of the invasion;
- (iv) also urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to intensify their efforts with a view to arresting the assailants, prosecuting them and preventing reoccurrence; and
- (v) further urge the people of Igangan town and Ibarapa axis to calm down and report any suspicious person to the relevant law enforcement agencies (**HR. 128/06/2021**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

(iii) *Killing of 130 People in Izzi Communities of Ekile and Wards in Ado Local Government Area of Benue State:*

Hon. Francis Ottah Agbo (*Ado/Okpokwo/Ogbadibo 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.

Killing of 130 People in Izzi Communities of Ekile and Wards in Ado Local Government Area of Benue State:

The House:

Notes that in the wee hours of Sunday, 30 May, 2021, gun men believed to be Fulani mercenaries invaded Izzi Communities in Ekile and Ijigban Wards in Ado LGA, Benue State and butchered about 130 innocent Izzi people;

Also notes that the communities invaded include Ndobasi, Ataloga, Odoke, Ndigwe, Ekpufu, all in Ekile Ward, while many Izzi people were also murdered in Obakotor village, in Ijigban Ward;

Concerned that the gun men were believed to have carried out this heinous crime to avenge the killing of one of their own, a prominent Fulani herder known as Alhaji Isa Musa in Ataloga. Alhaji Musa who was reportedly killed by four IPOB/ESN members, returning from the popular Ndobasi Market in Ekile Ward in February 2021 for which IPOB openly claimed responsibility for the act. The Benue State Government promptly arrested the culprits and handed them over to the police and they have since been prosecuted and convicted;

Aware that after I joined the Benue State Government to intervene on the matter and assuage the family of Alhaji Musa and we reached a truce but our efforts turned out to be peace of the grave yard, as the family of Alhaji Musa allegedly mobilized mercenaries and launched savage attack on the peaceful and law abiding members of my Constituency, who knew nothing about the killing of Alhaji Musa;

Also aware that as the Representatives of the people, I visited Ndobasi and all the Izzi communities where the killings took place and made cash donations to the Izzi communities and all the IDP camps on behalf of my office and the Benue State Government;

Cognizant that the total number of 130 people who were murdered by the Fulani gunmen have since been buried while others are still receiving treatment in the neighbouring hospitals and the multi-billion Ndobasi market was razed down, forcing fear in the community;

Worried about persistent and ongoing crisis in between the Ezza and Effiom people in Ekile Ward, principally in Ulayi District, of Ado LGA of Benue State, which has led to the spiral of killings, with thousands rendered homeless, as well as, the destruction of property and businesses running into billions of Naira;

Also worried that Ulayi crisis emanated from Ohaukwu LGA of Ebonyi State, where the Effiom and Ezza people took arms against one another due to a mere National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) election, but spilled over to Ado LGA where we also have a sizeable population of Ezza and Effiom people;

Perturbed that the Fulani-induced carnage and the Effiom/Ezza crises have left in their wake, gory tales of woes, agonies of refugees, spilling of innocent blood and avoidable humanitarian crisis, giving rise to several IDP camps in Ado LGA, to provide temporary shelter to the refugees;

Also perturbed that Experts have predicted hyper hunger and starvation in Benue State and particularly, in Ado Local Government Area next year, as farmers can no longer go to their farms in this raining season, or markets for fear of the unknown;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently supply relief materials to the affected Izzi communities in Ado LGA, Benue State;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and Social Development to pay the medical bills of the surviving victims and grant them

COVID-19 loans or grants to pick the pieces of their lives;

- (iii) further urge the Federal Government, precisely the Inspector General of Police to establish Mobile Police Post in all the border wards of Ado LGA, namely Ekile, Ijigban, Ulayi and Akpoge- Ogbilolo Wards as these wards currently do not have police post;
- (iv) commend the Governor of Benue State for his political will to enforce the Law establishing the Volunteer Guard which empowers Benue State citizens to carry legitimate arms to defend themselves; and
- (v) observe a minute silence for all those murdered in the Local Government Area in the last one month (*Hon. Francis Ottah Agbo — Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that in the wee hours of Sunday, 30 May, 2021, gun men believed to be Fulani mercenaries invaded Izzi Communities in Ekile and Ijigban Wards in Ado LGA, Benue State and butchered about 130 innocent Izzi people;

Also noted that the communities invaded include Ndobasi, Ataloga, Odoke, Ndigwe, Ekpufu, all in Ekile Ward, while many Izzi people were also murdered in Obakotor village, in Ijigban Ward;

Concerned that the gun men were believed to have carried out this heinous crime to avenge the killing of one of their own, a prominent Fulani herder known as Alhaji Isa Musa in Ataloga. Alhaji Musa who was reportedly killed by four IPOB/ESN members, returning from the popular Ndobasi Market in Ekile Ward in February 2021 for which IPOB openly claimed responsibility for the act. The Benue State Government promptly arrested the culprits and handed them over to the police and they have since been prosecuted and convicted;

Aware that after I joined the Benue State Government to intervene on the matter and assuage the family of Alhaji Musa and we reached a truce but our efforts turned out to be peace of the grave yard, as the family of Alhaji Musa allegedly mobilized mercenaries and launched savage attack on the peaceful and law abiding members of my Constituency, who knew nothing about the killing of Alhaji Musa;

Also aware that as the Representatives of the people, I visited Ndobasi and all the Izzi communities where the killings took place and made cash donations to the Izzi communities and all the IDP camps on behalf of my office and the Benue State Government;

Cognizant that the total number of 130 people who were murdered by the Fulani gunmen have since been buried while others are still receiving treatment in the neighbouring hospitals and the multi-billion Ndobasi market was razed down, forcing fear in the community;

Worried about persistent and ongoing crisis in between the Ezza and Effiom people in Ekile Ward, principally in Ulayi District, of Ado LGA of Benue State, which has led to the spiral of killings, with thousands rendered homeless, as well as, the destruction of property and businesses running into billions of Naira;

Also worried that Ulayi crisis emanated from Ohaukwu LGA of Ebonyi State, where the Effiom and Ezza people took arms against one another due to a mere National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) election, but spilled over to Ado LGA where we also have a sizeable population of Ezza and Effiom people;

Perturbed that the Fulani-induced carnage and the Effiom/Ezza crises have left in their wake, gory tales of woes, agonies of refugees, spilling of innocent blood and avoidable humanitarian crisis, giving rise to several IDP camps in Ado LGA, to provide temporary shelter to the refugees;

Also perturbed that Experts have predicted hyper hunger and starvation in Benue State and particularly, in Ado Local Government Area next year, as farmers can no longer go to their farms in this raining season, or markets for fear of the unknown!;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently supply relief materials to the affected Izzi communities in Ado LGA, Benue State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and Social Development to pay the medical bills of the surviving victims and grant them COVID-19 loans or grants to pick the pieces of their lives;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government, precisely the Inspector General of Police to establish Mobile Police Post in all the border wards of Ado LGA, namely Ekile, Ijigban, Ulayi and Akpoge- Ogbilolo Wards as these wards currently do not have police post;
- (iv) commend the Governor of Benue State for his political will to enforce the Law establishing the Volunteer Guard which empowers Benue State citizens to carry legitimate arms to defend themselves; and
- (v) observe a minute silence for all those murdered in the Local Government Area in the last one month (**HR. 129/06/2021**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

8. Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Ahmed Idris, informed the House that a delegation of Hon. Members visited Kebbi State to commiserate with the Government and people of the State and Yauri Emirate in particular over the unfortunate boat mishap that resulted in the death of many of its citizens. He noted that as at the time of the visit, 98 dead bodies had been recovered and that there was the need to correct the misinformation that they were killed by gunshots. He also noted that the cumulative effects of the construction of the Kainji Dam together with uncleared debris at the time the dam was constructed, caused the accident. He stated that the Emir expressed his gratitude to the House.

By leave of the House, he presented a letter of conferment of the traditional title of ***Sadaukin Yauri*** on the Rt. Hon. Speaker.

Also by the leave of the House, the Majority Leader read the letter and congratulated the Speaker on behalf of the House.

9. Privilege (Order Six, Rule 2)

Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi (*Kanke/Paskshin/Kanam Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to an online publication by Premium Times of Tuesday, 8 June, 2021, where it was stated that a group of Members had planned to disrupt the Plenary Proceedings, if the Speaker failed to allow debate on the suspension of twitter by the Federal Government. He considered the plan to

disrupt the Proceedings of the House as a breach of his privilege and urged the House to refer the matter to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges for investigation.

Mr Speaker remarked that the House has a duty to do what it believes is right. He therefore directed that the Joint Committee investigating the suspension of twitter be allowed to conclude its investigation before any other action can be taken.

10. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1375).
- (2) Specialized National Dermatology Hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1382).
- (3) Federal University of Technology, Yaba (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1383).
- (4) Federal University Birnin-Kebbi (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1384).
- (5) National Agency for the Production, Management and Control of Sugarcane, Makarfi (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1385).
- (6) Federal Universities of Agriculture and Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1290).

11. Presentation of Reports

(i) **Committee on Basic Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Compulsory Teaching of Safety, Security and Intelligence Studies and for Related Matters (HB.238)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Basic Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council Act, Cap. N105, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 84)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Basic Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Services on the Need to Proffer lasting solution on the millions of Out of School Children in Nigeria (HB. 811)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts on the Deliberate and Reckless Refusal by Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government to render Audited Accounts for the period 2014-2018 to the Auditor-General for the Federation” (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petitions by E. S. Uwaifor Associate on behalf of Police Constable Freed Ehiorobo:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by E. S. Uwaifor Associate on behalf of Police Constable Freed Ehiorobo against the Nigeria Police Force; an Appeal for Reinstatement” (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petitions by Ndanusa and 12 Others:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ndanusa and 12 others against the Ministry of Aviation and the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria for Non-Inclusion on the On-going final settlement paid off and terminal benefits” (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petitions by Barr. (Mrs) P. Okereke on behalf of Petroleum Products Depot Owners Association:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Barr. (Mrs) P. Okereke on behalf of Petroleum Products Depot Owners Association against Nigerian Ports Authority and Ports Manager, Apapa Port, Lagos” (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

12. **A Bill for an Act to make Agricultural Science a Core and Compulsory Subject in Secondary Schools in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 244) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to make Agricultural Science a Core and Compulsory Subject in Secondary Schools in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.244) 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 Repeal the Nigerian Council for Management Development Act, Cap. N99, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and National Centre for Economic Management and Administration Act, Cap. N14, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigeria Council for Management Development Bill, 2021; and for Related Matters (HB. 1119) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Council for Management Development Act, Cap. N99, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and National Centre for Economic Management and Administration Act, Cap. N14, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigeria Council for Management Development Bill, 2021; and for Related Matters (HB. 1119) 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 Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 69) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 69) 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 Nigerian Health Infrastructure Development Bank to Enhance and Promote the Health and Wellbeing of Nigerians of all Walks of Life, to Boost Local Healthcare Capacity; and for Related Matters (HB. 908) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Health Infrastructure Development Bank to Enhance and Promote the Health and Wellbeing of Nigerians of all Walks of Life, to Boost Local Healthcare Capacity; and for Related Matters (HB. 908) 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 Amend the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act, Cap. N1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 168) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act, Cap. N1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 168) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

17. **Consolidation of Bills:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Polytechnics Regulatory Commission; and for Related Matters (HB. 659); and a Bill for an Act to Establish National Commission for Polytechnics; and for Related Matters (HB.1287) be now consolidated” (*Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Minimum Wage Act, 2019 to Prohibit Late Payment, Non-Payment and under Payment of Workers' Wages and Prescribe Penalties for Violations;**

and for Related Matters (HB.1011) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Part 1 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Reflect the Proper Name of Ogbahu Local Government Area of Anambra State; and for Related Matters (HB.933) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Strengthen Political Parties Structures in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1109) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Strengthen Political Parties Structures in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1109) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Oberuakpefe Anthony Afe — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria Act, Cap. 111, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Address Emerging Trends in the Nigerian Economic Environment; and for Related Matters (HB.1178) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to change the names "Egbado South" and "Egbado North" to "Yewa North" and Yewa South"; and for Related Matters (HB. 546) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to change the names "Egbado South" and "Egbado North" to "Yewa North" and Yewa South"; and for Related Matters (HB. 546) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kolawole Lawal — Egbado South/Ipokia Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.

23. Extension of Time for Submission of Reports on Bills by the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services Pursuant to Order Eighteen, Rule 3 (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Bills listed below were referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

- (i) Federal Polytechnic, Zandi, Plateau State (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 184),
- (ii) Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Tarauni (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 584),
- (iii) Federal College of Education, Monguno (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 217),
- (iv) Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 116, HB. 193 and HB. 880),
- (v) Federal Polytechnic, Rano, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 929),
- (vi) College of Education, Omu Aran (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 131),
- (vii) Federal College of Agriculture, Kacha, Niger State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 403),
- (viii) Federal College of Agriculture, Warji, Bauchi State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 520),
- (ix) Federal College of Agriculture, Ijebu-Ijesa (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 322),
- (x) Federal Polytechnic, Abi, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 349),
- (xi) Federal University, Oye-Ekiti Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 212),
- (xii) Federal College of Education (Technical), Ikirun, Osun State (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 532),
- (xiii) Federal University of Sports, Afuze, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 628),
- (xiv) Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Orerokpe (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 663),
- (xv) Federal College of Education (Technical), Ako, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 430),
- (xvi) Akanu Ibiam Federal University of Technology, Unwana (Establishment) Bill, 2020;

Cognizant of the provisions of Order Eighteen, Rule 3 (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives and the time limit for Committees to treat referrals within 60 days;

Concerned that due to logistic challenges to conducting public hearings on the Bills listed above, the Committee has been unable to conclude work on the referrals;

Resolves to:

Grant the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services four (4) weeks extension to enable it conclude the assignments and report to the House (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

24. Need to Increase Security Around Schools Across the Country

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the increasing insecurity in Nigeria which has become a worrisome development irrespective of one's class, religion or ethnicity;

Also notes that since December 2020, hundreds of teachers, students and pupils have been abducted from schools across the country, further highlighting a troubling development in the country's "kidnap-for-ransom" crisis which has now become a money-making "business";

Recalls the abduction of nearly 300 students from Government Girls Science Secondary School, Jangegbe in Zamfara State on 26 February, 2021 and 27 boys and their teachers from a school in Kagara, Niger State which happened in the space of 10 days;

Worried that the weak or non-existent security infrastructure in most schools across the country leaves the children vulnerable to attacks and other negative influences, hence the need to provide primary resistance against intruders, and protect the school facilities;

Cognizant of the need to deploy modern technology in the provision of basic security measures in schools;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to work out appropriate modalities for the provision of basic security and safety measures to protect schools in Nigeria;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, Tertiary Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency and 1 others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the increasing insecurity in Nigeria which has become a worrisome development irrespective of one's class, religion or ethnicity;

Also noted that since December 2020, hundreds of teachers, students and pupils have been abducted from schools across the Country, further highlighting a troubling development in the Country's "kidnap-for-ransom" crisis which has now become a money-making "business";

Recalled the abduction of nearly 300 students from Government Girls Science Secondary School, Jangegbe in Zamfara State on 26 February, 2021 and 27 boys and their teachers from a school in Kagara, Niger State which happened in the space of 10 days;

Worried that the weak or non-existent security infrastructure in most schools across the country leaves the children vulnerable to attacks and other negative influences, hence the need to provide primary resistance against intruders, and protect the school facilities;

Cognizant of the need to deploy modern technology in the provision of basic security measures in schools;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to work out appropriate modalities for the provision of

basic security and safety measures to protect schools in Nigeria;

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, Tertiary Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 130/06/2021**).

25. Call to Formulate a Tax Policy on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages is linked to the development of diabetes and obesity and Nigeria has been ranked as the fourth highest consumer of sugar-sweetened beverages globally owing to their accessibility and affordability;

Concerned that the daily excessive consumption of sugary drinks by children may increase the likelihood of their developing non-communicable diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and sometimes cancer;

Worried that over four million Nigerians suffer from diabetes and the number is expected to rise as many of them cannot afford the high cost of treatment which could lead to loss of man hours of productivity, thereby resulting in economic loss to the government;

Also worried that the beverages are loaded with sugar equivalent of five teaspoons per serving and 91 % of such products have no front label indicating their composition;

Cognizant that few policies exist to curb the excessive consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, thus a tax policy on sugar-sweetened beverages would discourage marketers and consumers alike from creating an environment of unhealthy indulgences;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and relevant Agencies to:
 - (a) ban the use of dishonest packaging claims and make it mandatory for all sugar-sweetened beverages to indicate the sugar content and health risks on the products,
 - (b) tax sugar-sweetened beverages by introducing a specific excise duty of 5% to 10%;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Nalaraba — Awe/Doma/Keana Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (i) (b) (Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to

The House:

Noted that the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages is linked to the development of diabetes and obesity and Nigeria has been ranked as the fourth highest consumer of sugar-sweetened beverages globally owing to their accessibility and affordability;

Concerned that the daily excessive consumption of sugary drinks by children may increase the likelihood of their developing non-communicable diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and sometimes cancer;

Worried that over four million Nigerians suffer from diabetes and the number is expected to rise as many of them cannot afford the high cost of treatment which could lead to loss of man hours of productivity, thereby resulting in economic loss to the government;

Also worried that the beverages are loaded with sugar equivalent of five teaspoons per serving and 91 % of such products have no front label indicating their composition;

Cognizant that few policies exist to curb the excessive consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, thus a tax policy on sugar-sweetened beverages would discourage marketers and consumers alike from creating an environment of unhealthy indulgences;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and relevant Agencies to ban the use of dishonest packaging claims and make it mandatory for all sugar-sweetened beverages to indicate the sugar content and health risks on the products;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 131/06/2021**).

26. Need to Curb the Scourge of Casualization of Employment in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that casualisation of workers has assumed a worrisome dimension in private and public sectors with employers capitalizing on the high level of unemployment to subject workers to servitude under deplorable working conditions;

Also notes that statistics from the Nigerian Labour Congress indicates that many workers in the telecommunications, oil and gas, mining, steel, banking and insurance industries are on casual employment;

Aware that Section 7 (1) of the Labour Act, 2004 provides that no worker should be engaged on probation or temporary employment for more than three months;

Also aware about the agitation by various stakeholders such as the Nigerian Labour Congress, Trade Union Congress and other Non- Governmental Organizations for the Federal Government to develop the political will to enforce compliance with decent and acceptable working environment in Nigeria;

Worried about daily reported cases of workers who had worked for several years as casual workers or contract staff without being regularized and the gory details of foreign firms mostly, Indian, Chinese and Lebanese firms physically assaulting and restricting the movement of their workers and exposing them to various industrial hazards;

Further aware that the International Labour Organization recognizes the transition of employees from temporary to permanent employment within three to twelve months of their contract but in one of its reports, Nigeria was grossly indicted on account of frequent termination of contract workers' employment when they became qualified to be considered for permanent employment;

Concerned about the emotional and psychological effects on the casual workers and contract staff who are arbitrarily dismissed at the whims and caprices of their employers without any benefits whatsoever and lack of legal status which makes them dispensable at the convenience of their employers;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the continuous and persistent casualization of workers and the degrading treatment meted on them by their employers;
- (ii) call on the Federal Government to put mechanism and policies in place to ensure that employers of labour conform to internationally acceptable standards of employment;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to ensure compliance (Hon. Tajudeen Adeyemi Adefisoye — Idanre/Ifedore Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word “employment”, insert the words “and Local Content Laws of Nigeria” (Hon. Olumide Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi-Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that casualisation of workers has assumed a worrisome dimension in private and public sectors with employers capitalizing on the high level of unemployment to subject workers to servitude under deplorable working conditions;

Also noted that statistics from the Nigerian Labour Congress indicates that many workers in the telecommunications, oil and gas, mining, steel, banking and insurance industries are on casual employment;

Aware that Section 7 (1) of the Labour Act, 2004 provides that no worker should be engaged on probation or temporary employment for more than three months;

Also aware about the agitation by various stakeholders such as the Nigerian Labour Congress, Trade Union Congress and other Non- Governmental Organizations for the Federal Government to develop the political will to enforce compliance with decent and acceptable working environment in Nigeria;

Worried about daily reported cases of workers who had worked for several years as casual workers or contract staff without being regularized and the gory details of foreign firms mostly, Indian, Chinese and Lebanese firms physically assaulting and restricting the movement of their workers and exposing them to various industrial hazards;

Further aware that the International Labour Organization recognizes the transition of employees from temporary to permanent employment within three to twelve months of their contract but in one of its reports, Nigeria was grossly indicted on account of frequent termination of contract workers' employment when they became qualified to be considered for permanent employment;

Concerned about the emotional and psychological effects on the casual workers and contract staff who are arbitrarily dismissed at the whims and caprices of their employers without any benefits

whatsoever and lack of legal status which makes them dispensable at the convenience of their employers;

Resolved to:

- (i) condemn the continuous and persistent casualization of workers and the degrading treatment meted on them by their employers;
- (ii) call on the Federal Government to put mechanism and policies in place to ensure that employers of labour conform to internationally acceptable standards of employment, and Local Content Laws of Nigeria;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to ensure compliance (**HR. 132/06/2021**).

27. Need to Rehabilitate Owerri-Umuaka-Orlu Road

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the deteriorating rate of road infrastructure in the South East Zone that is currently affecting the economic activities of rural dwellers, especially during rainy seasons;

Also notes that Owerri-Umuaka-Orlu (Orodo) Road connects four communities and a big market at Nkwo Orodo serving over twenty towns in Mbaitoli Local Government Area of Imo State;

Aware that the spur of the road which links Umueze, Ofeketa, Nkwo-Orodo and Ubahaeze has been abandoned by various successive governments for more than twenty years;

Also aware that Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) has commenced rehabilitation of the 2.7kms road;

Worried that the dilapidated state of the road has increased the rate of unproductivity, poverty and crime, the consequences of which rendered most residents displaced;

Cognizant that if rehabilitation of the road is not executed it will affect the economic development of the communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to include the rehabilitation of Owerri-Umuaka-Orlu Old Road linking Umueze, Ofeketa, Nkwo-Orodo and Ubahaeze Communities in any of the Emergency Intervention Funds available for immediate remedial action;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to include the road in the 2022 budget estimates (*Hon. Henry Nwawuba — Mbaitoli/Ikeduru Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 133/06/2021).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

28. Call for Rehabilitation of Loogun/Federal Polytechnic Road and Cottage Junction to Oke-Gade Road, Ede, Osun State

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

29. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Saapenwa, Ogoni; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Saapenwa, Ogoni; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219)” (Hon. Akpatason Peter — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SAAPENWA, OGONI;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1219)

Debate.

Consideration deferred.

Chairman to report progress:

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Saapenwa, Ogoni; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219).

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Credit Administration to Ensure Effective Credit Management Practice and Set Standards and Skills to be Attained by Persons seeking to become Professional Credit Managers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1018) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Credit Administration to Ensure Effective Credit Management Practice and Set Standards and Skills to be Attained by Persons seeking to become Professional Credit Managers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1018)” (Hon. Abdulmumuni Ari Mohammed — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CREDIT
ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE CREDIT MANAGEMENT
PRACTICE AND SET STANDARDS AND SKILLS TO BE ATTAINED BY
PERSONS SEEKING TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL CREDIT MANAGERS
IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1018)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Clause 1: Establishment of National Institute of Credit Administration and its objectives.

- (1) There is established the National Institute of Credit Administration (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute").
- (2) The Institute shall have the objectives of —
 - (a) serving as national body of expertise for matters relating to credit management;
 - (b) setting professional standards and awarding professional qualifications in credit management;
 - (c) testing and assessing those who wish to become members;
 - (d) enhancing, promoting and protecting the interests of business credit providers and grantors;
 - (e) enacting professional code of ethics on credit managers and their executives;
 - (f) consulting with and making recommendations to the government, regulatory bodies, trade associations, academic community and other professional bodies on all matters relating to credit management;
 - (g) providing range of services and programmes aimed at keeping Nigerian credit managers and their executives up-to-date by developing their professional skills, elevating their status and inculcating ethics in their service of managing credit for their employers, among others;
 - (h) developing and maintaining sound and industry-driven credit management and administration educational programmes in Nigeria; and
 - (i) maintaining high-level discipline and ethics among its members.
- (3) The Institute —
 - (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and

- (c) may acquire and dispose of interest in movable and immovable property (*Hon. Abdulumumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Membership of the Institute.

- (1) A person admitted to membership of the Institute shall be registered as a member of the profession in the category of —
 - (a) Fellow;
 - (b) Member;
 - (c) Associate;
 - (d) Graduate;
 - (e) Honorary Fellow;
 - (f) Corporate Member; or
 - (g) Student.
- (2) Membership of the Institute is by direct entry, admission and examination only.
- (3) A person accorded a status as a member of the Institute is entitled to the use of that name and shall be registered as —
 - (a) a Fellow, if he is —
 - (i) at least 30 years of age with at least five years relevant professional working experience and has been an Associate Member in good standing,
 - (ii) the holder of a certificate of the examination of the Institute or an approved professional qualification, and
 - (iii) considered by the Council to be a fit and proper person to be so registered;
 - (b) a Member, if he is —
 - (i) at least 25 years of age and has at least three years relevant professional working experience;
 - (ii) the holder of a certificate of the examination of the Institute or approved academic and professional qualification, and
 - (iii) considered by the Council, to be a fit and proper person to be so registered;
 - (c) an Associate, if he is —

- (i) at least 20 years of age and has at least two years relevant professional working experience and personally engaged in matters relating to credit management and administration,
 - (ii) the holder of a certificate of the examination of the Institute or approved academic and professional qualification, and has been a credit management graduate student for a continuous period of at least 12 months, and
 - (iii) considered by the Council to be a fit and proper person to be so registered;
 - (d) a Graduate if, as a student of the Institute, upon the completion of the Institute's professional examinations or approved academic and professional qualification, he is eligible to become a graduate, associate or member;
 - (e) an Honorary Fellow if, by a resolution of the Council, he is admitted as an Honorary Fellow of the Institute;
 - (f) Corporate Members which include business or commercial credit grantors, corporate bodies and such other organisations or associations duly admitted by the Institute; or
 - (g) a student if he is a person duly registered by the Council as a student member.
- (4) The designatory letters of the Institute for —
- (a) Fellow of the National Institute of Credit Administration shall be "FICA";
 - (b) Member of the National Institute of Credit Administration shall be "MICA";
 - (c) Associate of the National Institute of Credit Administration shall be "AICA"; and
 - (d) Honourary Fellow of the National Institute of Credit Administration shall be "FICA" (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Control and supervision of credit management and administration profession.
The Institute shall control and supervise the profession of credit management and administration (in this Bill referred to as "the profession"), in Nigeria (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Functions of the Institute.

- (1) The Institute shall, subject to section 1 (2) of this Bill —
 - (a) determine what standards of knowledge and skills are to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the profession and improving those standards as circumstances may permit;

- (b) secure, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of a register of fellows, members, associates, honorary fellows and retired members of the profession and the publication of lists of those persons;
 - (c) maintain integrity, honesty and ethics which are the hallmarks of credit management profession, amongst members of the Institute and persons seeking to become members of the Institute;
 - (d) encourage and advance education, practical training, and research into the profession; and
 - (e) conduct examinations in the profession and award certificates or diplomas to successful candidates as appropriate, and, for such purposes the Institute shall prescribe fees to be paid in respect of the examinations and award of certificates.
- (2) The Institute is the supervisory authority for this Bill and shall, for that purpose —
- (a) register and regulate credit management professional practice activities, and control and supervise their activities with a view to maintaining proper standards of conduct and acceptable credit administration practices;
 - (b) make rules consistent with the provisions of this Bill, for the proper functioning of institutions under this Bill;
 - (c) protect the integrity of credit management system in Nigeria against any abuse;
 - (d) impose penalties for the breach of any provision of this Bill and regulations made under the Act; and
 - (e) perform other functions and undertake such other activities as are necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill and that may not have been specified under this Bill (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: President, Vice- President and Treasurer of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be a President and a Vice-President of the Institute, who are Fellows of the Institute, to be elected by members of the Institute at the Institute's Annual General Meeting and shall each hold office for not more than two years from the date of election.
- (2) The President, is the Chairman at each general meeting of the Institute, but in the event of death, incapacity or inability for any reason of the President to discharge his duty, the Vice-President shall act in his stead for the unexpired portion of the term of the office, or as the case may require, and reference in this Bill to the President shall be construed accordingly.
- (3) The President is the Chairman of the Council, and the Vice-President shall be the Vice Chairman, of the Council.

- (4) If the President or the Vice-President, ceases to be a member of the Institute, he shall cease to hold any of the offices designated under this section.

- (5) There shall be a Treasurer of the Institute, who shall be a fellow of the Institute, to be elected by members of the Institute at the Institute's Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for a term of two years from the date of election (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Establishment of Governing Council.

- (1) There is established a Governing Council for the Institute (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") charged with responsibility for the policy matters of the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of the following members, who shall be Fellows, Members, or Associates of the Institute appointed or elected, as the case may be —
- (a) the President of the Institute, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Vice-President of the Institute, who shall be Vice Chairman on rotation;
 - (c) the Founding member of the Institute;
 - (d) the Treasurer of the Institute;
 - (e) past Presidents of the Institute who are entitled to serve on the Council for a maximum term of three years from the expiration of their terms of office as Presidents;
 - (f) the Registrar of the Institute;
 - (g) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry responsible for Industry, Trade and Investment to represent the Ministry in the Council; and
 - (h) a maximum of three other persons comprising individuals and corporate organisations of impeccable character.
- (3) The members of the Council shall be appointed by members of the institute at the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) The provisions of the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and other matters mentioned in the Schedule.
- (5) Regulations made by the Council may provide for an increase or reduction in the membership of the Council, and as the Council considers expedient for the purposes of, or in consequence of, the increase or reduction (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 7: Fund of the Institute.

- (1) There is established for the Institute a fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Fund") which shall be managed and controlled by the Council.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited into the Fund —
 - (a) all fees and other money payable to the Institute under this Bill;
 - (b) such money held by the National Institute of Credit Administration incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act (in this Bill referred to as "the Incorporated Institute") when it ceases to exist as provided for in this Bill;
 - (c) all money received by the Institute in the course of performing its functions and operations; and
 - (d) all annual subscription fees of members.
- (3) There shall be paid out of the Fund —
 - (a) all expenditure incurred by the Institute in the performance of its functions under this Bill;
 - (b) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other employees of the Institute; and
 - (c) such reasonable traveling and subsistence allowances of the Chief Executive Officer and other Council members of the Institute in respect of the time spent on the duties of the Institute as the Council may determine.
- (4) The Institute may invest money from the Fund in any security created or issued by, or on behalf of, the Federal Government or in any other security in Nigeria.
- (5) The Council may borrow money for the purposes of the Institute, and any interest payable on money so borrowed shall be paid out of the Fund.
- (6) The Council shall keep proper accounts on behalf of the Institute in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts, and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited by an auditor appointed by it, and when audited, the accounts shall be submitted to the members of the Institute at a general meeting of the Institute for approval.
- (7) An auditor appointed for the purposes of this section shall not be a member of the Council.
- (8) The Council shall —
 - (a) not later than 12 months after its establishment and once in each year thereafter, submit a report on the activities of the Institute during the last preceding year, to the members of the Institute at a general meeting of the Institute for approval; and

- (b) include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Institute for that year and of the auditor's report on the account (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Clause 8: Transfer of assets and liabilities.

- (1) On the commencement of this Bill —
 - (a) the Incorporated Institute shall cease to exist;
 - (b) all assets and liabilities held or incurred immediately before that date by or on behalf of the Incorporated Institute shall, by virtue of this Bill, vest in the Institute established under this Bill and be held by it for the purposes of the Institute; and
 - (c) subject to subsection (2), any act or thing made or done by the Incorporated Institute is deemed to have been made or done by the Institute.
- (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to matters arising from the transfer by this section to the Institute of the property of the Incorporated Institute and with respect to the other matters mentioned in the Schedule (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTRAR AND THE REGISTER

Clause 9: Registrar and other staff of the Institute.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a person, who is a member of the Institute with at least 10 years working experience with the Institute, to be the Registrar of the Institute for the purposes of this Bill and such other persons as the Institute may deem necessary.
- (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to his other functions under this Bill, be the Secretary to the Institute and shall, on the instructions of the Chairman of the Council or of any committee, convene general meetings of the Institute or of any committee and keep minutes of the proceedings at all meetings as the case may be.
- (3) The Registrar is the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute and shall report to the Council.
- (4) The Council may, whenever the Registrar is absent or is unable for any other reason perform the functions of his office, appoint an acting Registrar who has the same qualifications as in subsection (1) to perform those functions.
- (5) The Registrar shall hold office for the period which is determined by the Council of the Institute (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Register of members.

- (1) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rules made by the Institute, a register of names, addresses, approved qualifications and such other particulars, as may be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, to be registered as members of the profession in the category of fellows, members, associates, graduates, students, corporate members, honorary members, honorary fellows, retired members and, who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be so registered.
- (2) The register shall consist of seven parts of which the —
 - (a) first part is in respect of fellows;
 - (b) second part is in respect of members;
 - (c) third part is in respect of associates;
 - (d) fourth part is in respect of graduates;
 - (e) fifth part is in respect of honorary fellows;
 - (f) sixth part is in respect of corporate members; and
 - (g) seventh part is in respect of students.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Council may make rules with respect to the form, keeping of the register, the making of entries in the register and in particular —
 - (a) regulate the making of applications for registration and provide for the evidence to be produced in support of such applications;
 - (b) provide for the notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom the registered particulars relate, of any change in those particulars;
 - (c) specify the fees, including any annual subscription, to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names in the register, and authorise the Registrar to refuse to enter a name in the register until the fees specified for the entry has been paid; and
 - (d) specify anything not specified under this section.
- (4) Rules made for the purposes of subsection (3) (c), shall not come into force until they are confirmed at a special meeting of the Institute (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Powers of the Registrar.

- (1) The Registrar shall —
 - (a) correct, in accordance with the directives of the Council, any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being, in the opinion of the Council, an entry which was incorrectly made;
 - (b) make any necessary alteration to the registered particulars of registered persons;

- (c) record the names of members of the Institute who are in default for more than six months in the payment of annual subscriptions, and take such action, including removal of the names of defaulters from the register, as the Council may direct or require.
 - (d) re-register members who defaulted in payment of their subscription fees where such fees are paid up in full; and
 - (e) remove the names of deceased members from the register as may be directed by the Council.
- (2) If the Registrar —
- (a) sends by post to any registered person a registered letter addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within six months from the date of posting it, and
 - (b) upon the expiration of the period specified under paragraph (a), sends, in a like manner to the person in question, a second similar letter and receives no reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting it, the Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register, and the Council may, for any reason which seems to it sufficient, direct the Registrar to restore, to the appropriate part of the register the particulars removed from the register under this subsection (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Publication of register and list of corrections.

- (1) The Registrar shall —
- (a) cause the register to be printed, published and put out on sale to members of the public not later than two years from the coming into effect of this Bill;
 - (b) in each year, after that in which a register is first published under paragraph (a), cause to be printed, published and put on sale, either a corrected edition of the register or a list of corrections made to the register since it was last printed;
 - (c) cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute; and
 - (d) keep the register and lists so deposited available, at all reasonable times, for inspection by members of the public.
- (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register —
- (a) published under this section by authority of the Registrar; or
 - (b) list of corrections to that edition so published,

shall, without prejudice to any other mode of proof, be admissible in any proceeding as evidence that a person specified in the document, or documents read together as being registered, was so registered at the date of the edition or list of corrections, and that any person not specified was not so registered.

- (3) Where, in accordance with subsection (2), a person in any proceeding, is

shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as having at all material times continued to be or not to be so registered (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — REGISTRATION

Clause 13: Registration of members.

- (1) Subject to section 14 and rules made under section 10 (3), a person is entitled to be registered as a member of the profession if he —
 - (a) passes the qualifying examination for registration recognised or conducted by or for the Institute under this Bill and completes the practical training prescribed; or
 - (b) holds a qualification granted and for the time being accepted by the Institute and satisfies the Institute that he has sufficient practical experience as a member of the profession.
- (2) An applicant for registration under this Bill shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Institute that he —
 - (a) is of good character; and
 - (b) has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty.
- (3) The Council may provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this section, or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.
- (4) Any entry directed to be made in the register under subsection (3) shall show that the registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the consent of the Institute signified in writing in that behalf.
- (5) The Council shall publish in the Federal Government Gazette, particulars of qualifications for the time being acceptable for registration by the Institute (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Approval of qualifications.

- (1) The Council may approve any institution for the purposes of this Bill and any —

- (a) course of training at any approved institution which is intended for persons seeking to become or are already credit managers or executives and which the Institute considers is designed to confer on persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skill for admission into the Institute; or
 - (b) qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Institute under this section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination, indicating, in the opinion of the Institute, that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the profession.
- (2) The Council may, if it deems fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing the approval, the Institute shall —
 - (a) give notice that it proposes to do so to persons in Nigeria appearing to the Institute to be persons by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled;
 - (b) afford such person an opportunity of making representations to the Institute with regard to the proposal; and
 - (c) take into consideration any representation made as regards the proposal under paragraph (b).
- (3) As regards any period during which the approval of the Institute under this section for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section, the withdrawal of the approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the approval, was registered or eligible for registration immediately before the approval was withdrawn.
- (4) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Institute may specify in the instrument, and the Institute shall publish a copy of such instrument in the Federal Government Gazette (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Supervision of Instructions.

- (1) The Registrar shall supervise and keep the Council informed of the nature of —
 - (a) the instructions given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training; and
 - (b) the examination as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and, for the purposes of discharging that duty, the Registrar may appoint persons to visit approved institutions or observe such examinations.
- (2) The person appointed under subsection (1) shall report to the Council on —

- (a) the sufficiency or otherwise of the instructions given to persons attending approved courses of training at institutions visited by him;
 - (b) the adequacy or otherwise of the examinations conducted at any institution inspected by him; and
 - (c) any other matter relating to the institutions or examinations on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request him to report, but no person shall interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.
- (3) On receiving a report made under this section, the Council may, if it deems fit and shall, if so required by the Institution, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examinations to which the report relates, requesting that person to make observations on the report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, or at least one month beginning with the date of the request (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Joint signatory.

The Registrar of the Institute and Chairman of the Council are a joint signatory to a certificate awarded by the Institute (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Power to grant diplomas.

The Institute may grant advanced and higher professional diploma certificates and awards in credit management either solely or jointly with other institutions (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Clause 18: Establishment of Investigating Panel and Disciplinary Tribunal.

Panel

- (1) There is established the National Institute of Credit Administration Investigating Panel (in this Bill referred to as "the Panel") charged with the duty of —
 - (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member of the profession has misbehaved in his capacity as a credit manager or executive or should for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the Tribunal; and
 - (b) deciding whether the case should be referred to the Tribunal.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the members of the Panel which shall consist of —
 - (a) four members of the Council; and
 - (b) one member who is not a member of the Council.

Tribunal

- (3) There is established the National Institute of Credit Administration Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as "the Tribunal") charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Panel, and any other case of which the Tribunal has cognisance under this Bill.
- (4) The Tribunal shall consist of —
 - (a) the Chairman who shall be the Vice-President of the Institute; and
 - (b) three members of the Council appointed by the Council, and three other members who are not members of the Council appointed by the Council.
- (5) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have effect on the Panel and Tribunal respectively.
- (6) The Council may make rules consistent with this Bill as to acts which constitute professional misconduct (*Hon. Abdulumumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Penalties for unprofessional conduct.

- (1) Where —
 - (a) a person registered under this Bill is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect;
 - (b) a person registered under this Bill is convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere by any court or tribunal having power to award punishment for an offence, whether or not such offence is punishable with imprisonment, which, in the opinion of the Tribunal, is incompatible with the status of a member of the profession; or
 - (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered,

the Tribunal may, if it deems fit, give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register subject to confirmation by the Council.
- (2) The Tribunal may, if it deems fit, defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal.
- (3) A decision of the Tribunal shall not be deferred under subsection (2) for periods exceeding one year in the aggregate.
- (4) A person shall not be a member of the Tribunal for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal when the decision was deferred.

- (5) For the purposes of subsection (1) (b), a person should not be treated as convicted as mentioned unless the conviction starts at a time when no appeal is pending or may, without extension of time, be brought in connection with the conviction.
- (6) When the Tribunal gives a direction under subsection (1), the Tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.
- (7) The person to whom such a direction relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of the notice of direction, appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the costs of the appeal and proceedings before the Federal High Court, the Tribunal is deemed to be a party to the proceeding whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.
- (8) A direction of the Tribunal given under subsection (1) takes effect where —
 - (a) no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limited for such an appeal, on the expiration of that time;
 - (b) the appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal; or
 - (c) the appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out, if the appeal is dismissed, and shall not take effect except in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.
- (9) A person whose name is removed from the register, under a direction of the Tribunal is not entitled to be registered again except under a direction given by the Tribunal on the application of that person.
- (10) A direction under this section for the removal of a person's name from the register may prohibit an application under subsection (9) by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction, and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application or as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Clause 20: Application of the Act to certain persons.

- (1) A person, not being a member of the Incorporated Institute, who, but for this Bill, would have been qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the Incorporated Institute may, within three months from the commencement of this Bill, apply for the membership of the Institute in such a manner as may be prescribed by the Institute.
- (2) Where an application under subsection (1) is approved by the Council, the applicant shall be registered according to his qualification (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: When persons are deemed to practice as chartered members of the profession.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person is deemed to practice as a chartered member of the profession if, in consideration of remuneration received or to be received and whether by himself or in partnership with any person, he —
 - (a) engages himself in the practice of the profession or holds himself out to the public as a member of the profession;
 - (b) renders any other service or assistance or about matters of principle or detail relating to the profession; or
 - (c) renders any other service which may, by regulations made by the Institute, be designated as service constituting practice as a chartered member of the profession.
- (2) Nothing in this section is construed to apply to persons who, while in the employment of any government, are required, under the terms or in the course of such employment, to discharge the duties or any of the duties of the profession (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Rules as to Practice.

The Council may make rules for the training of suitable persons who are to be registered members of the profession in credit management and administrative methods (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Provision and maintenance of library and research facilities.

The Council shall provide and maintain a library comprising of books and publications for the promotion and advancement of credit management and administration, and such other books and publications as the Council may deem necessary for the purpose of encouraging research into credit management and administration (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 24: Regulations.

- (1) Any regulation made under this Bill shall be published in the Federal Government Gazette.
- (2) Regulations made for the purposes of this Bill, are subject to confirmation by the Institute at its next general meeting or at any special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose, and, if then revoked, shall cease to have effect on the day of revocation, but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance of such regulations (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: Offences and penalties.

- (1) A person who, for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter —
 - (a) makes a statement which he believes to be false; or
 - (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false,commits an offence.
- (2) If, on or after the coming into force of this Bill, any person not being a member of the Institute who practices or holds himself out to practice as a member of the Institute, for or in expectation of reward, takes, or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is in practice as a member of the Institute, commits an offence.
- (3) In the case of a person falling within section 20 —
 - (a) the provision of section 20 (1) does not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of three months mentioned in that section; and
 - (b) if, within that period, he duly applies for membership of the Institute, then unless within that period he is notified that his application has not been approved, the provision of section 23 (1) does not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is registered or notified.
- (4) If the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, he commits an offence.
- (5) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable —
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding ₦100,000; or
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding ₦145,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.
- (6) Where an offence under this section is committed by a body corporate and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate are deemed to have committed that offence and are liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly (*Hon. Abdulummin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 26: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Council" means the Governing Council established under section 6 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Abdulummin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

"fees" includes annual subscriptions (Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency).

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

"founding member" means the founding Registrar of the Institute or his Agent (Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency).

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

"Incorporated Institute" means the National Institute of Credit Administration incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act (Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency).

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

"Institute" means the National Institute of Credit Administration established under section 1 (1) of this Bill (Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency).

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

"Member of the Institute" means a registered fellow, member, associate, graduate, honorary fellow, corporate member or student member, and "membership of the Institute" is construed accordingly (Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency).

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

"Panel" means the National Institute of Credit Administration Investigating Panel established under section 18 (1) of this Bill (Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency).

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

"President" and "Vice-President" means respectively the office holders under those names in the Institute (Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency).

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

"profession" means the profession of chartered credit management and administration (Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency).

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

"register" means the register prepared and maintained under section 10 of this Bill; and (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

"Tribunal" means the National Institute of Credit Administration Tribunal established under section 18 (3) of this Bill (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 27: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the National Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 6 (4)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Qualifications and Tenure of Office of Members of the Council

1.
 - (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the Council shall hold office for not more than two years beginning from the date of his appointment or election.
 - (2) In the case of a person who is a member by virtue of having been President of the Institute, he shall hold office for not more than three years from the date he ceases to be President of the Institute.
 - (3) Any member of the Institute who ceases to be a member shall, if he is also a member of the Council, cease to hold office of the Council.
 - (4) Any elected member may, by notice in writing signed by him and addressed to the President of the Institute, resign his appointment.
 - (5) A person who retires from, or ceases to be an elected member of, the Council is eligible again to become a member of the Council.
 - (6) Members of the Council shall, at their next meeting before the annual general meeting of the Institute, arrange for the 21 members of the Council appointed or elected and the four longest in office to retire at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (7) Elections to the Council is held in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Council, and, until so prescribed, they shall be decided by secret ballot.

- (8) If, for any reason, there is vacation of office by a member and such member was elected, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the next Annual General Meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt a fit person for the unexpired term.

Powers of Governing Council

2. The Council may do anything which, in its opinion, is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute.

Standing Orders

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may —
- (a) in the name of the Institute, make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute, and Council; and
- (b) exercise its powers to set up Council standing committees and regulate their activities.
- (2) Standing orders shall provide that decisions shall be taken by majority of the members, and, in the event of equality of votes, the President of the Institute or the Chairman, as the case may be, shall have a casting vote.
- (3) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the Committee shall report back to the Council on any matter referred to it by the Council.
- (4) The quorum of the Council is seven and the quorum of a committee of the Council is as determined by the Council.

Meetings of the Institute

4. (1) The Council shall convene the Annual General Meeting of the Institute on 30th April in every year or on such other day as the Council may appoint, but if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous meeting, not more than 15 months shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings.
- (2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council at any time, and if at least 20 members of the Institute require it by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the objects of the proposed meeting, the Chairman of the Council shall convene a special meeting of the Institute.
- (3) The quorum of any meeting of the Institute is one-fourth of its members or 20 members, whichever is smaller and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be 15 members.

Meetings of the Governing Council

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing order of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by at least seven other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-President (Vice-Chairman) shall preside, but if the Vice-President is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of them to preside at that meeting.

- (3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council deems fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this subparagraph is not entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (4) The Chairman of the Council shall summon the first meeting of the Council not later than 30 days after its inauguration.

Committees

6.
 - (1) The Council may set up one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Institute or Council, such functions as the Council may determine.
 - (2) A committee set up under this paragraph shall consist of a number of persons determined by the Council, of whom not more than one-third are persons who are not members of the Council, and a person, other than a member of the Council, shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.
 - (3) A decision of a committee of the Council is of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

7.
 - (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute is authenticated by the signature of the President or another member of the Council authorised generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.
 - (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute or Council, as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Council.
 - (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and is, unless the contrary is proved, deemed to be so executed.
8. The validity of any proceeding of the Institute, Council or a committee of the Council is not adversely affected by —
 - (a) any vacancy in the membership;
 - (b) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or Council or of a person to serve on the committee; or
 - (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
9. Any member of the Institute or Council, and any person holding office on a committee who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council on behalf of the Institute, or on behalf of the Council or a committee, shall disclose his interest to the President or Council, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 8 (2)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Transfer of Assets and Liabilities

1. (1) Every agreement to which the Incorporated Institute of Credit Administration was a party immediately before the commencement of this Bill, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such a nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations thereunder could be assigned by the Incorporated Institute, shall, unless its term or subject matter makes it impossible that it should have effect as modified in the manner provided under this subparagraph, have effect from the commencement of this Bill as it relates to assets and liabilities transferred by this Bill to the Institute established by this Bill, as if —
 - (a) the Institute had been a party to the agreement;
 - (b) for any reference (however worded) to the Incorporated Institute, there were substituted in respect of anything not done on or after the commencement of this Bill, a reference to the Institute established by this Bill;
 - (c) for any reference (however worded) to a member or members of the Council of the Incorporated Institute or an officer of the Incorporated Institute, there are substituted, in respect of anything not done on or after the commencement of this Bill, a reference to a member or members of the Council under this Bill; or
 - (d) if the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situate provides for the registration or transfer of property of the kind in question, (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property, and the Council shall furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and the officer shall register the transfer accordingly.
- (2) Other documents which refer, whether specially or generally, to the Incorporated Institute are considered in accordance with subparagraph (1) so far as applicable.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of this Schedule, where, by the operation of section 8 of this Bill, any right, liability or obligation vests in the Institute established by this Bill, the Institute established by this Bill and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, have the same rights, powers and remedies and, in particular, the same rights as to the taking, making or resisting of applications to any authority for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the Institute.
- (4) Any legal proceeding or application to any authority pending at the commencement of this Bill, by or against the Incorporated Institute and relating to assets or liabilities transferred by this Bill to the Institute, may be continued on or after that day.

2. On the commencement of this Bill, any person holding any paid appointment in the Incorporated Institute shall hold corresponding appointment in the Institute on the same terms and condition as to tenure and otherwise, but is not entitled to receive remuneration both from the Incorporated Institute and the Institute in respect of the same period of service
3. All members of the Institute shall, on the commencement of this Bill, become members of the Institute of Credit Administration.
4. All regulations, rules and similar instruments made for the purposes of the Incorporated Institute and in force immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall, except they are subsequently revoked or amended by any authority having power in that behalf, have effect with any necessary modification as if they are duly made for the corresponding purpose of the Institute (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 18 (5)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL AND INVESTIGATING PANEL OF THE TRIBUNAL

1. The quorum of the Tribunal shall be four members of whom at least two are members of the profession.
2. (1) The Attorney-General of the Federation may make rules as to the selection of members of the Tribunal for the purposes of any proceeding, the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in the proceedings before the Tribunal.
- (2) The rules shall, in particular, provide —
 - (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given, at such time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;
 - (b) for determining who, in addition to the person mentioned, is the party to the proceedings;
 - (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings is, if so required, entitled to be heard by the Tribunal;
 - (d) subject to the provisions of section 19 (7) of this Bill, as to the costs of proceedings before the Tribunal, any member seeking redress at the Tribunal shall bear the cost of the proceedings;
 - (e) for requiring, in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceeding is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Tribunal adjudges that the allegation has not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates; and
 - (f) for publishing, in the Federal Government Gazette, a notice of any direction of the Tribunal which has taken effect provided that a person's name shall be struck off a register.

- (2) For the purposes of any proceeding before the Tribunal, any member of the Tribunal

may administer oaths and any party to the proceeding may issue, out of the Registry of the Federal High Court writs of *subpoena ad testificandum* and *duces tecum*, but no person appearing before the Tribunal shall be compelled to —

- (a) make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or
 - (b) produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.
- 3.
 - (1) For the purpose of advising the Tribunal on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall in all the proceedings be an assessor to the Tribunal who is —
 - (a) appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation; and
 - (b) a legal practitioner of at least 10 years standing.
 - (2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph, and such rules shall contain provisions for securing that —
 - (a) where an assessor advises the Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matter specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appears at the proceeding or, if the advice is tendered while the Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as mentioned shall be informed what advice the assessor has tendered; and
 - (b) every party or person as mentioned shall be informed if in any case the Tribunal does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question.
 - (3) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceeding or class of proceedings and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

The Panel

- 4. The quorum of the Panel is three.
- 5.
 - (1) The Panel may, at any of its meetings attended by at least five members of the Panel, make standing orders with respect to the Panel.
 - (2) Subject to the provisions of any standing order, the Panel may regulate its procedure.

Miscellaneous

- 6.
 - (1) Any person appointed as a member of the Panel or Tribunal shall serve for a term of two years.
 - (2) A person who ceases to be a member of the Tribunal or Panel is eligible for re-appointment as a member of that body, but no person can serve more than four years.

- (3) A person may, if eligible, be a member of both the Tribunal and Panel, but no person who acted as a member of the Panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Tribunal with respect to that case.
7. The Tribunal or Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership, and the proceedings of either body is not invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of that body, or subject to paragraph 6 (2), by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body.
8. Any document authorised or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Tribunal or Panel shall be served on the Registrar of the Institute appointed under section 9 (1).
9. All expenses of the Tribunal or Panel shall be defrayed by the Institute (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill establishes the National Institute of Credit Administration to regulate the credit management practice and set standards and skills to be attained by persons seeking to become professional credit managers in Nigeria (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute of Credit Administration to Ensure Effective Credit Management Practice and Set Standards and Skills to be Attained by Persons Seeking to Become Professional Credit Managers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1018) (*Hon. Abdulmumin Mohammed Ari — Nasarawa/Toto Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Credit Administration to Ensure Effective Credit Management Practice and Set Standards and Skills to be Attained by Persons seeking to become Professional Credit Managers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1018) and approved Clauses 1 - 27, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (iii) *A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Koko, Delta State to Provide for equity and access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 381) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

30. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 9 June, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.47 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker