



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7 July, 2021

1. The House met at 11.28 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 Tuesday, 6 July, 2021.*

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Admittance into the Chamber**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State, Engineer Abdullahi A. Sule, Senator Abdullahi Adamu, Senator Umaru Tanko Al-Makura, Senator Godiya Akwashiki, Hon. Ahmed Aliyu Wadada, Hon. Mohammed Al-Makura, Hon. Joseph Kigbu, State Chairman, APC, Chief John Mamman, State Secretary, APC, Alh. Aliyu Bello and the Chairman, APC Nasarawa West Senatorial Zone to witness proceedings, pursuant to Order 19, Rule 8 (1) (iii), (iv), (x) and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House" (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).

Agreed to.

5. **Announcement**
 - (i) **Defection:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi (*Karu/Keffi/Kokona Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).
 - (ii) **Bereavement:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon., Ugonna Ozurigbo (*Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of his father, Chief Donatus Obiajunwa Ozurigbo at the age of 89.

6. **Petitions**

- (i) A petition from Jyke Jike Abbey and 1 other, on behalf of Eleme Indigenous Contractors Forum, on alleged non-compliance with the provision of Section 2 of the Local Content Act in the rehabilitation and refurbishment of Port Harcourt Refining Company, Alesa, Eleme, Rivers State by Technimonth and Partners, was presented and laid by Hon. Dike Chisom Promise (*Eleme/Oyigbo/Tai Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Awopetu Adeyinka, on the termination of his appointment by the Polaris Bank Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Oluwole Oke (*Oriade/Obokun Federal Constituency*).
- (iii) A petition from Toyin Fagbamila and 1 other, on behalf of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (Schools and Colleges) Ekiti State Branch on their non-inclusion in the harmonized age for teachers in Nigeria, was presented and laid by Hon. Olarenwaju Ibrahim Kunle (*Ido Osi/Moba/Ilejemeje Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Need to Stop the Scourge of Cholera Outbreak in Communities of Takai Local Government Area, Kano State:***
Hon. Mohammed Shamsudeen Bello (*Takai/Sumaila Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
 - (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 - (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Need to Stop the Scourge of Cholera Outbreak in Communities of Takai Local Government Area, Kano State:

The House:

Recalls the online publication of 19 January, 2021, that Nigeria is endemic for cholera since 1970, while Kano State reports outbreaks annually with high fatality ratios ranging over the last decade;

Also recalls that the study identified Kano State as the epicentre of cholera from 2010-2019 both in urban and rural settings

Worried that currently there is an ongoing Cholera Outbreak in Kachako, Dambazau, Durbunde, Faruruwa, Langwami, Huguma, Kwana, Karfi and Mazakuda Communities in Takai Local Government Area, Kano State leading to the death of over 500 people in the communities;

Concerned that inspite of reports of the cholera outbreak in some hotspot communities in Kano State, not much concerted effort has been made to reduce the incidence of the diseases, thereby negatively affecting the economic wellbeing and health conditions in the affected communities;

Aware that the Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) and National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) are both established by the Acts of the National Assembly with the mandate to intervene in this situation and help contain the scourge through provision of prevention and treatment facilities;

Also worried that the continuous spread of the cholera is not only a threat to the affected communities of Kano State but also Nigeria generally;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Center for Disease Control and National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) to immediately mobilise their manpower and resources to the affected communities to contain the menace and provide the necessary assistance;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to submit its report within the three (3) days (*Hon. Mohammed Shamsudeen Bello — Takai/Sumaila Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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Concerned that in spite of reports of the cholera outbreak in some hotspot communities in Kano State, not much concerted effort has been made to reduce the incidence of the diseases, thereby negatively affecting the economic wellbeing and health conditions in the affected communities;

Aware that the Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) and National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) are both established by the Acts of the National Assembly with the mandate to intervene in this situation and help contain the scourge through provision of prevention and treatment facilities;

Also worried that the continuous spread of the cholera is not only a threat to the affected communities of Kano State but also Nigeria generally;

Resolved to:

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- (ii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to submit its report within the three (3) days (HR. 21/07/2021).
- (ii) **Need to Investigate the Compliance of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government and Corporate bodies with the Industrial Training Fund's Act and the Underperformance of the Fund in the Last Twelve Years:**
 Hon. Benjamin Mzonde Bem (Makurdi/Guma Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Need to Investigate the Compliance of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government and Corporate bodies with the Industrial Training Fund's Act and the Underperformance of the Fund in the Last Twelve Years:

The House:

Notes that Section 6 (1) and (3) of the Industrial Training Fund Act provides that "Every employer having either 5 or more employees in his establishment or having less than 5 employees but with a turnover of ₦50m and above per annum, shall in respect of each calendar year and or the prescribed date, contribute to the fund one per centum of his total annual payroll", while subsection (3) provides that "Any liable organization, public or private including companies situate in the free trade zone requiring approval for expatriate quota and/or utilizing custom services in matters of export and import, must show proof of compliance with this Act in respect of payment of training contribution of his employees and all regulatory agencies of the Federal Government shall ensure compliance with section 6 (1)-(3) of this Act";

Also notes that Section 8 (1) and (2) provides that "All employers who pay their annual training levies (a) shall, at all times, provide adequate training for their indigenous staff with a view to improving on the skills related to their job and evidence of such training shall be forwarded to the Fund; (b) shall accept students for industrial attachment purposes. (2) Any employer who is in breach of the provision of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and liable on conviction";

Aware that the aim of the Industrial Trust Fund (ITF) is to generate a pool of indigenous trained manpower sufficient to meet the needs of the economy and to stimulate a National Industrial growth and development by providing Direct Training, Vocational and Apprentice Training, Research and Consultancy Service and the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES);

Concerned that subsequent boards and management of the ITF in the last decade have complained of inadequate funds to execute its programmes due to impediments in obtaining contributions especially from public institutions and organizations, alleging inconsistencies in remittance and in most cases outright non-remittance of funds by Ministries, Departments, Agencies of the Government and most corporate bodies;

Also concerned that the former Secretary to the Government of the Federation had issued several circulars to Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Government, mandating them to comply with the provisions of the Industrial Training Funds Act, yet most Parastatals are still alleged to have defaulted while some claimed not to have received the circulars;

Worried that reports from various sources show that the ITF has consistently underperformed and the skill gap and shortage in the nation's economy is evident in view of the fact that, in the last 10 years, many Nigerians have resorted to expatriates from East Asia and neighbouring countries to undertake their technical works in the building, construction and industrial sectors thus increasing the rate of unemployment with attendant consequences on our nations' security and economy;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the level of compliance of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government and Corporate bodies with the Industrial Training Fund Act and other encumbrances affecting the success of the Scheme since 2010 and report within twelve (12) weeks (*Hon. Benjamin Bem Mzondu — Makurdi/Guma Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, *leave out* the words "Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee", and *insert* the words "mandate the Committee on Industry" (*Hon. Ibrahim Isiaka — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Section 6 (1) and (3) of the Industrial Training Fund Act provides that "Every employer having either 5 or more employees in his establishment or having less than 5 employees but with a turnover of ₦50m and above per annum, shall in respect of each calendar year and or the prescribed date, contribute to the fund one per centum of his total annual payroll", while subsection (3) provides that "Any liable organization, public or private including companies situate in the free trade zone requiring approval for expatriate quota and/or utilizing custom services in matters of export and import, must show proof of compliance with this Act in respect of payment of training contribution of his employees and all regulatory agencies of the Federal Government shall ensure compliance with section 6 (1)-(3) of this Act";

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Also concerned that the former Secretary to the Government of the Federation had issued several circulars to Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Government, mandating them to comply with the provisions of the Industrial Training Funds Act, yet most Parastatals are still alleged to have defaulted while some claimed not to have received the circulars;

Worried that reports from various sources show that the ITF has consistently underperformed and the skill gap and shortage in the nation's economy is evident in view of the fact that, in the last 10 years, many Nigerians have resorted to expatriates from East Asia and neighbouring countries to undertake their technical works in the building, construction and industrial sectors thus increasing the rate of unemployment with attendant consequences on our nations' security and economy;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Industry to investigate the level of compliance of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government and Corporate bodies with the Industrial Training Fund Act and other encumbrances affecting the success of the Scheme since 2010 and report within twelve (12) weeks (**HR. 22/07/2021**).

8. Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)

Hon. Emeka Martins Chinedu (*Ahiazu Mbaise/Ezinihitte Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to allegations in the media that the intent of the proposed Criminal Code (Amendment Bill), 2021, was to provide a 5 years jail term for protesters. He clarified that the amendment seeks to stop the killings of innocent citizens by mob action. He stressed that the Bill is aimed at strengthening the provisions of the law and the Constitution in protecting the lives of innocent citizens. He debunked the media reports as misleading and not a representation of his character as a democrat.

Mr Speaker noted the matter and advised the media to be cautious.

9. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) National Agricultural Raw Materials Processing Centre, Ngor-Okpala (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1434).
- (2) National Directorate of Employment Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1435).
- (3) Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters Bill, 2021 (HB. 1436).
- (4) Chartered Institute of Actuaries Bill, 2021 (HB. 1437).
- (5) Federal Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Abak, Akwa Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1441).
- (6) Federal Institute of Fisheries Research, Koko (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1444).
- (7) Federal Capital Territory Property and Land Use Charge Bill, 2021 (HB. 1446).
- (8) Youth Entrepreneurship Development Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1448).

- (9) Regulation and Control of Indoor and Outdoor Signage, Hoarding and Advertisement in the Federal Capital Territory Bill, 2021 (HB. 1449).
- (10) National Commission for Museums and Monuments Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1458).
- (11) Federal University of Health Sciences, Ijebu Ode, (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1459).

10. Presentation of Reports

(i) Aids, Loans and Debt Management:

Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the Request for a Resolution Authorising the Implementation of the New External Borrowing of ₦2.343 trillion (about \$6.183 billion) in the 2021 Appropriation Act through the Issuance of Eurobond in the International Capital Market.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Keana, Nassarawa State, to Provide full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, and to Provide for Appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College to Carry Out the Administration and Disciplining of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 439).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Empower the National Assembly and State Houses of Assembly to make Laws to Redress Social, Economic, Educational or other Imbalances in the Society; and for Related Matters (HB.1364) — 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 (as amended) to Empower the National Assembly and State Houses of Assembly to make Laws to Redress Social, Economic, Educational or other Imbalances in the Society; and for Related Matters (HB.1364) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu — Onitsha North/Onitsha South Federal Constituency and 12 Others).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution.

12. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for Additional Process of Selecting a Judge; and for Related Matters (HB. 1237) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for Additional Process of Selecting a Judge; and for Related Matters (HB. 1237) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Anthony Oberuakefe Aje — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency).

Debate.

By leave of the House, Bill withdrawn.

13. Admittance into the Chamber

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do admit into the Chamber, the Speaker, Parliament of Ghana and his entourage to address the House, pursuant to Order 19, Rule 8 (1) and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

14. Address by the Speaker, Parliament of Ghana, Rt. Hon. Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin:

Protocol:

I bring you felicitations from the President of the Republic of Ghana and Chairman of the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS), His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo. I also extend to you all warm and hearty greetings from the entire membership of Ghana's Parliament and the good people of Ghana, who indeed, are your kith and kin.

Ghana salutes His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the amiable people of Nigeria for your participation in the recent Statutory ECOWAS Summit, which extended the Chairmanship of Ghana's President of the Community. The bold and decisive position Nigeria took at the Summit represents to me a statement of our joint commitment to consolidate our democratic gains across the sub-region. It manifests our joint resolution to fight anti-democratic tendencies, terrorism and related vices that appear to be on the rise in our sub-region.

Permit me to also seize this opportunity to applaud the efforts of His Excellency Goodluck Jonathan in leading the ECOWAS Mediation team to find a solution to the political instability in Mali. Above all, my deep respect and appreciation also go to my good brother, friend and colleague, Rt. Hon. Olufemi Hakeem Gbajabiamila, for his cutting urge parliamentary diplomacy and visionary initiative of cementing the already great and cordial historic diplomatic relations between Ghana and Nigeria. I do not have the appropriate words to describe his gracious invitation to host me and for us to continue with efforts to actualize the vision, but also to address the distinguished Members of the House of Representatives of Nigeria. This is historic, a momentous feat unparalleled by any Speaker of the Houses of our two countries in our post-independence democratic history. This honor, no doubt, is a practical step towards cementing the bonds between our two great nations, particularly our legislatures.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, kindly indulge me for a few minutes, to introduce members of my delegation to the House. I am accompanied on this trip by my wife, some senior members and staff of Ghana's Parliament. Let me acknowledge my wife, the person who made it possible for me to survive and win eight consecutive elections from 1992. The person who made sure I had the unwavering support and votes of my constituents and MPs to be in Parliament for 28 years and still counting. I am referring to no other person than my lovely and adorable wife, Mrs Alice Adjua Yornas.

Rt. Hon speaker, the senior members and staff of Ghana's Parliament with me include:

Hon. Carlos Kingsley Ahenkorah, Chairman, Committee on Trade and Industry Hon. Emmanuel Armah Kofi-Buah, Ranking Member, Committee on Trade and Industry

Hon. Bryan Acheampong, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs

Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, Ranking Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs

Mr Cyril Kwabena Oteng Nsiah, Clerk to Parliament

Mr Richard Kwame Acheampong, Head of Parliamentary Relations and Protocol

Ms Anita Shirley Quartey-Papafio, Head of the Speaker's Secretariat

Mr Justice Danso Norvor, My Aide

A. S. P. Simon Tenkuu, My Aide-De-Camp.

History of Ghana-Nigeria relations

Rt. Hon. Speaker, relations between Ghana and Nigeria predate our attainment of political independence. It has been characterized by our shared socio-political history and culture. Many Nigerians and Ghanaians don't know the West African Students Union (WASU) was founded by twenty-one law students led by Ladipo Solanke and Herbert Bankole-Bright, both of Nigeria. Yet they called on a PhD student from Ghana, Dr J. B. Danquah to be the First President of WASU. Two champions of print media in the Gold Coast were Nnamdi Azikiwe of Nigeria who later became Governor-General of Nigeria and Wallace Johnson of Sa Lone now Sierra Leone, who founded the first labor Union in Nigeria in 1931.

We note the pioneering and inspiring role played by Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah and his colleague young student activists since the Pan-African Conference of 1945 in Manchester that gave the final push towards the liberation and independence of African nations. That unity of purpose and infectious solidarity which characterized that era ensured that colonialism and imperialism were defeated. That solidarity and brotherhood must underpin our contemporary relations.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, I can go on and on with verifiable examples to establish that we are one and the same people. We are now for good historical and natural reasons made up of numerous and varied ethnic and tribal groups and people but from a background of a common official language, educational system, currency, air carrier and adjudicatory system at a point in our colonial history. These significantly contributed to our ability to work together in many spheres of endeavors. The symbiotic nature of our relationship as a result of this cannot be gainsaid. This explains why within the sub-region, even though we do not share geographical boundaries, we share the same ideals. We see ourselves as one people with a common destiny.

Indeed, history tells us that a number of ethnic groups in Ghana migrated from Nigeria. I am referring to the Gas in Greater Accra Region and the Mole-Mamprusi-Dagbani ethnic groups in the Northern part of Ghana. Their languages and traditions reflect those of the Yorubas and the more than 21 languages spoken in Gombe and Bauchi states. It is therefore not strange why our culture and traditions with particular reference to our cuisine, dances, values and aspirations remain identical. A clear evidence of the artificiality of our borders occasioned by the Berlin Conference of 1884-1885 which partitioned Africa amongst the imperialists.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, despite all these commonalities, it is important to mention at this stage, that relations between our two countries have not always been smooth. Consistent with the tongue and teeth metaphor which has it that even though the tongue and teeth play complementary roles in the digestive process, they come into conflict occasionally. Similarly, our relations have had its own challenges every now and then.

The events of 1969, when through the Aliens Compliance Order, Ghana expelled a large number of Nigerians and the 1983 Ghana must go, which saw Nigeria deporting about one million Ghanaians, are dark days in the history of our two countries. These actions were destructive to the socio-economic and fraternal relations between Ghana and Nigeria and stretched the fabric and strands of bonds beyond measure. It is no wonder that successive leaders of our two countries have, since then, vowed never to allow those incidents to ever recur.

The issue of Nigerian traders in Ghana

It is on this basis that I commend my brother and colleague, Rt. Hon. Gbajabiamila, and my predecessor, Rt. Hon. Professor Aaron Michael Oquaye, for their noble efforts in pursuing Parliamentary Diplomacy towards finding a lasting solution to the trade impasse between some Ghanaian and Nigerian traders in Ghana. This impasse followed the full implementation of the Ghana

Investment Promotion Centre Act, 2013 (Act 865), which occasioned the closure of shops belonging to some foreigners including some of our brothers and sisters from Nigeria.

Rt. Hon. Speaker your visit to Ghana in September 2020 demonstrated a significant commitment on your part and the leadership of our two legislatures to strengthen the bonds that exist between us, as one people and with it the development of our two countries. For that reason, you and your counterpart defied the threat posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic to reach out to one another, at a time when the global community was living in fear of such physical contacts.

The conclusions you arrived at, which were encapsulated in the joint communique issued after the visit, provided the basis for redefining our relations, in terms of our history of cooperation, to forge a better future for the citizenry of our two nations. These conclusions were reinforced by the communique issued after the recent meeting between our ministers responsible for Trade on the sides of the Extraordinary ECOWAS Summit on the Political Situation in Mali held on 31st May, 2021 in Accra.

As I have repeatedly stated on various platforms, if COVID-19 has taught us any lesson, it is that no country, no individual and no group of persons can succeed on its own efforts. Given the nature of global emerging challenges which tend to be trans-territorial and trans-generational, we need, as people and nations to forge and bond together. If we want to survive in peace and prosperity, we have no alternatives than to work together to find common solutions in this global village.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, Ghana and Nigeria are forerunners in this respect. Our history of oneness, kith and kin, and good relations makes it imperative for us to make all necessary efforts at forging together in peace and harmony on all fronts of our socio-economic life.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, I am here just to help bring finality to the impasse. I pledge my commitment and that of the Parliament of Ghana, to contribute in every way possible to end the impasse between traders of our two sister countries.

The Ghana-Nigeria Friendship Act

In furtherance of that, under my leadership, the Parliament of Ghana has appointed a seven-member committee as Ghana's delegation to the Joint Committee of Eminent Persons of our Legislatures. They will interact with their Nigerian counterparts towards passing the "Ghana-Nigeria Friendship Act". The Act will set up the proposed "Ghana-Nigeria Business Council", which is intended to provide the legal and institutional framework to sustain the continued friendship and business interests of our people. I am particularly glad to indicate that they are with me on this trip and are ready to engage with their counterparts towards realizing the intentions expressed in the Act.

The communique of 31st May, 2021 meeting, suggested in part a ring-fencing of some of the thorny requirements of the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre Act, 2013 (Act 865). This was a laudable suggestion. Of particular mention, in this regard, is the reconsideration of the one million United States-Dollar minimum capital requirement for trading enterprises under section 28 (2) of the Act. This is to facilitate regularization of the businesses of the affected Nigerian retail traders in the trade impasse. Equally commendable is the special concession to be applied to the requirement for the payment of 0.5 per cent Stamp Duty on the capital investment required by both the GIPC and the Registrar-General's Department in respect of investment by foreign nationals.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, it is understandable that the meeting resolved to apply all other aspects of the legal requirements in respect of foreigners' participation in retail trade in Ghana and Nigeria. Recent and emerging security imperatives necessitate that while we seek to deepen cooperation among citizens of our two countries, we must not fail to prevent opportunists from taking undue advantage of loopholes in our systems that might tend to jeopardize the economic fortunes of our respective countries.

Nigeria's prohibition list

Rt. Hon. Speaker, we are making progress in resolving the concerns of the Nigerian traders in Ghana. It has been a joint effort between our two countries. That is always the way to go if we are interested in the peace and development of our countries. I am confident that the intervention of our two legislatures in this effort will yield results.

Whilst at it, it is said that it must be peace without victory. Only peace between equals can last. To this end, it will be highly appreciated if the Government of Nigeria will review the prohibition list banning the importation of specific goods and commodities into the Nigerian market, from countries including Ghana. This request is underscored by the resolution as captured in the communique of 31st May, 2021 referred to supra. I have no doubt, Rt. Hon. Speaker, under your sterling leadership of the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, an institution of measureless might and majesty, Nigeria can fine tune the prohibition list to align with contemporary international trade practices.

The coming into being of the African Continental Free Trade Area signals that we are open for business and mutually beneficial investments. Indeed, Africa's prosperity depends largely on intra African trade. Increase in trade volumes is the surest way to deepen regional integration in Africa. The low levels of trade among African countries as compared to trade with other parts of the world constitute one of the defining characteristics of our continued poverty. Data available from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) indicates that in 2019 Africa's total volume of trade was about USS460 billion, however only USS69 billion of this huge volume of trade was transacted among African nations. What is even more worrying is that most of these imports traded can be produced and procured in Africa. This unfortunate trend hinders prospects of bringing the needed prosperity to our people. It results in the frailty of our security situation given that the rising youth unemployment on our continent which is the world's youngest continent, occasioned by this unpleasant development, provides handy tools to those so minded to perpetrate all acts of vandalism, hooliganism and violent extremism.

Conclusion

Rt. Hon. Speaker, let me conclude by affirming my readiness to contribute to deepening the Parliamentary Diplomacy that have been commenced to deal with all current and future challenges that our continent may be confronted with. I am particularly excited about the Conference of Speakers and Heads of African Parliaments (CoSAP) initiative to pursue the cancelation of the rising debt situation in Africa, occasioned by the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. I am of the firm conviction that with effective Parliamentary Diplomacy in support of the Executive arms of our government, as well as our development partners, this initiative will see a resounding success. Our history is replete with instances where Ghana and Nigeria have confronted and overcome our challenges. Working together, this seeming mountain before us shall be a pebble behind us.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, as for the debate on which of us has the best soccer team and the best jollof, I believe that rivalry will continue unabated even though you all know where I stand on that debate.

On this note, Rt. Hon Speaker, Hon Members of the House of Representatives, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, God bless Ghana- Nigeria relations.

I thank you all for the audience.

15. Inauguration of Nigeria - Ghana Friendship Group

Mr Speaker announced the Membership and inaugurated the Nigeria - Ghana Friendship Group as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Abiola Makinde | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Bem Benjamin Mzondu | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Samuel Godday Odagboyi | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Iheonunekwu Ephraim Nwuzi | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Mukhtar Zakari Chawai | — | Member |

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| (6) | Hon. Miriam O. Onuoha | — | Member |
| (7) | Hon. Richard Olufemi Bamisile | — | Member |
| (8) | Hon. Henry Nwawuba | — | Member |
| (9) | Hon. Tolulope Akande-Sadipe | — | Member |

16. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electric Power Sector Reform Act, 2005 to Provide for the Reservation of 5% of all Revenues Accruing from Power Generated by all Power Generating Companies in Nigeria for Development; and for Related Matters (HB.681) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Electric Power Sector Reform Act, 2005 to Provide for the Reservation of 5% of all Revenues Accruing from Power Generated by all Power Generating Companies in Nigeria for Development; and for Related Matters (HB.681) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegoke— Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Power.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Bonny, Rivers State; and for Related Matters (HB.963) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Bonny, Rivers State; and for Related Matters (HB.963) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Farah Dagogo — Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency and 11 others*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Health Institutions.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Designate the month of November as the National Appreciation for Security Agencies Month, to Preserve and Promote Honour, Respect and Greater Recognition for Nigerian Security Agencies for their Sacrifices, Tireless and Crucial Services to the People of Nigeria in Preserving the Security, Freedom and Liberties of the Citizenry; and for Related Matters (HB. 1222) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. **Order of the Day**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do set down items 6 - 10 on the Order Paper to another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)” (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

20. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Committee on Appropriations:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦982,729,695,343 (Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Three Naira) only, of which ₦123,332,174,164 (One Hundred and Twenty-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, One Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Four Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦859,397,521,179 (Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2021 (HB. 1469)" (*Hon. Muktar Betara — Biu/Bayo/Shani/Kwaya Kusar Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do Suspension Order Seven, Rule 2 (2) to enable the Deputy Speaker preside over the Committee of Supply" — *Agreed to.*

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A SUPPLEMENTARY BILL FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORISE THE ISSUE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND OF THE FEDERATION THE TOTAL SUM OF ₦982,729,695,343 (NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO BILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE NAIRA) ONLY, OF WHICH ₦123,332,174,164 (ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE BILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR NAIRA) ONLY IS FOR RECURRENT (NON-DEBT) EXPENDITURE WHILE THE SUM OF ₦859,397,521,179 (EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE BILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE NAIRA) ONLY IS FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

SCHEDULE

PART A — RECURRENT

<i>MDA/Project</i>	<i>2021 Supplementary (₦)</i>
<i>Head Revenues</i>	
Special Funds/Accounts-Receipts	135,000,000,000
Aggregate Revenues/Inflow	135,000,000,000

Question.

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Thirty-Five Billion Naira (₦135,000,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Aggregate Revenue/Inflow for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

PART B — AID AND GRANTS AND RESTRUCTURED LOANS

Head	Aid and Grants	
3	Foreign Aid/Grant (In Cash)	6,045,000,000
4	Restructured Existing Loans	39,582,660,000
	Total — Aid/Grants & Restructured Loans	45,627,660,000

Question,

That the Expenditure of Forty-Five Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand Naira (₦45,627,660,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Aid/Grants & Restructured Loans for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

PART C — RECURRENT (NON-DEBT) EXPENDITURE

Head	Ministry/Department/Agency	
	Executive:	
	Ministry of Police Affairs	
1	Ministry of Police Affairs Headquarters	3,500,000,000

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Billion, Five Hundred Million Naira (₦3,500,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Federal Ministry of Police Affairs for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

2	Police Formations and Commands	33,626,572,050
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Question,

That the Expenditure of Thirty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand, Fifty Naira (₦33,626,572,050.00) only for the purposes set out under Police Formation and Commands for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

3	Ministry of Defence Defence Headquarters	3,695,420,000
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Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Billion, Six Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira (₦3,695,420,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Ministry of Defence Headquarters for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

4	Nigerian Army	1,590,700,000
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Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Five Hundred and Ninety Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Naira (₦1,590,700,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Nigerian Army Headquarters for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

5	Nigerian Navy	5,901,227,258
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Question,

That the Expenditure of Five Billion, Nine Hundred and One Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira (₦5,901,227,258.00) only for the purposes set out under Nigerian Navy for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

6 Nigerian Air Force 8,261,281,654

Question,

That the Expenditure of Eight Billion, Two Hundred and Sixty-One Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-Four Naira (₦8,261,281,654.00) only for the purposes set out under Nigerian Air Force for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

7 Office of the National Security Adviser 129,650,000
National Intelligence Agency

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (₦129,650,000.00) only for the purposes set out under National Intelligence Agency for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

SERVICE WIDE VOTE

8 Public Service Wage Adjustment 66,627,323,202

Question,

That the Expenditure of Sixty-six Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty-seven Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-three Thousand, Two Hundred and Two Naira (₦66,627,323,202.00) only for the purposes set out under Service Wide Vote for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

Total Recurrent (Non-Debt) 123,332,174,164

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Twenty-three Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty-two Million, One Hundred and Seventy-four Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-four Naira (₦123,332,174,164.00) only for the purposes set out under Total Recurrent for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

PART D — CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

1 Police Affairs 8,500,000,000
Ministry of Police Affairs

Question,

That the Expenditure of Eight Billion, Five Hundred Million Naira (₦8,500,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Federal Ministry of Police Affairs for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

2 Police Formations and Commands 22,586,121,511

Question,

That the Expenditure of Twenty-Two Billion, Five Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, One Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Eleven Naira (₦22,586,121,511.00) only for the purposes set out under Police Formations and Commands for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

- 3 Ministry of Defence
Defence Headquarter (DHQ) 33,673,461,231

Question,

That the Expenditure of Thirty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-One Naira (₦33,673,461,231.00) only for the purposes set out under Defence Headquarters (DHQ) for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

- 4 Nigerian Army Headquarters 207,543,863,993

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Seven Billion, Five Hundred and Forty-Three Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three Naira (₦207,543,863,993.00) only for the purposes set out under Nigerian Army Headquarters for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

- 5 Nigerian Navy 157,780,421,836

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Fifty-Seven Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six Naira (₦157,780,421,836.00) only for the purposes set out under Nigerian Navy for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

- 6 Nigerian Air Force 239,477,882,473

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Thirty-Nine Billion, Four Hundred and Seventy-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-Three Naira (₦239,477,882,473.00) only for the purposes set out under Nigerian Air Force for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

- 7 Defence Space Administration 43,326,943,687

Question,

That the Expenditure of Forty-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Seven Naira (₦43,326,943,687.00) only for the purposes set out under Defence Space Administration for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

- 8 Defence Intelligence Agency 16,887,229,426

Question,

That the Expenditure of Sixteen Billion, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Six Naira (₦16,887,229,426.00) only for the purposes set out under Defence Intelligence Agency for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

- 9 Ministry of Interior
Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps 14,822,575,648
- Question,*
That the Expenditure of Fourteen Billion, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Two Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-Eight Naira (₦14,822,575,648.00) only for the purposes set out under Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*
- 10 Office of the National Security Adviser
Office of the National Security Adviser Hqtrs 17,000,000,000
- Question,*
That the Expenditure of Seventeen Billion Naira (₦17,000,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Office of the National Security Adviser - ONSA for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*
- 11 Department of State Services 17,500,000,000
- Question,*
That the Expenditure of Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred Million Naira (₦17,500,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Department of State Services for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*
- 12 National Intelligence Agency 4,870,350,000
- Question,*
That the Expenditure of Four Billion, Eight Hundred and Seventy Million, Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (₦4,870,350,000.00) only for the purposes set out under National Intelligence Agency for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*
- 13 Secretary to the Government of the Federation
Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) 3,500,000,000
- Question,*
That the Expenditure of Three Billion, Five Hundred Million Naira (₦3,500,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Secretary to the Government of the Federation for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*
- 14 National Agency for the Control of Aids (NACA) 1,685,000,000
- Question,*
That the Expenditure of One Billion, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Million Naira (₦1,685,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under National Agency for the Control of Aids (NACA) for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*
- 15 Federal Ministry of Health
Molecular Laboratory Equipments to Hospitals:
National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi (₦300m),
National Eye Centre, Kaduna (₦300m),
National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna (₦300m),
National Fistula Centre, Abakaliki (₦300m),
National Fistula Hospital, Katsina (₦300m),
National Fistula Hospital, Ningi (₦300m),
Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital, Calabar (₦300m),
University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (₦300m),

FMC Asaba Annex Aniocha (₦300m)
and FMC Nguru (₦400m) 2,800,000,000

Question.

That the Expenditure of Two Billion, Eight Hundred Million Naira (₦2,800,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Federal Ministry of Health for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

CAPITAL SUPPLEMENTATION

16 **Procurement and Installation of New Oxygen Plants Nationwide and Repairs of Oxygen Plants in FCT Hospitals** 6,715,338,874

Question.

That the Expenditure of Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifteen Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four Naira (₦6,715,338,874.00) only for the purposes set out under Procurement and Installation of New Oxygen Plants Nationwide and Repairs of Oxygen Plants in FCT Hospitals for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

17 **Vaccines Procurement Cost:
Federal Government of Nigeria Funding (\$298,500,00
for 29.85m J&J Vaccines under Avat (45%+10%, Markup)** 60,728,332,500

Question.

That the Expenditure of Sixty Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Naira (₦60,728,332,500.00) only for the purposes set out under Vaccines Procurement Cost: Federal Government of Nigeria Funding (\$298,500,00 for 29.85m J&J Vaccines under Avat (45% + 10%, Markup) for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

Total Capital Expenditure 859,397,521,179

Question.

That the Expenditure of Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira (₦859,397,521,179.00) only for the purposes set out under Total Capital Expenditure for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

Aggregate Expenditure 982,729,695,343

Main Question.

That the Expenditure of Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Three Naira (₦982,729,695,343.00) only for the purposes set out under Aggregate Expenditure for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2021 — *Agreed to.*

Clause 1: Issue and appropriation of ₦982,729,695,343 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for 2021

- (1) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall, when authorised to do so by Warrants signed by the Minister charged with responsibility for finance, pay out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation during the year ending on the 31st day of December 2021, the sums specified by the warrants, not exceeding in the aggregate ₦982,729,695,343 (Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Three Naira) only, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2021.
- (2) The amount mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall be appropriated to heads of expenditure as indicated in the Schedule to this Act.
- (3) No part of the amount aforesaid shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation after the end of the year mentioned in subsection (1) of this section.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Betara Aliyu — Biu/Bayo/Shani/Kwaya Kusar Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Release of funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund

All amounts appropriated under this Supplementary Act shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation only for the purpose specified in the Schedule to this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Betara Aliyu — Biu/Bayo/Shani/Kwaya Kusar Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Virement

In the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Supplementary Act cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be effected with the prior approval of the National Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Betara Aliyu — Biu/Bayo/Shani/Kwaya Kusar Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Interpretation

For the purposes of this Supplementary Act the term "schedule" includes the detailed estimates of expenditure attached thereto.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Betara Aliyu — Biu/Bayo/Shani/Kwaya Kusar Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Supplementary Appropriation Act 2021.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Betara Aliyu — Biu/Bayo/Shani/Kwaya Kusar Federal Constituency*).

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

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦982,729,695,343 (Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Three Naira) only, of which ₦123,332,174,164 (One Hundred and Twenty-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, One Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Four Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦859,397,521,179 (Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira) only is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2021 (HB. 1469) and approved Clauses 1 - 5, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:

Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the Request for a Resolution Authorising the Implementation of the New External Borrowing of ₦2.343 trillion (about \$6.183 billion) in the 2021 Appropriation Act through the Issuance of Eurobond in the International Capital Market.

Order read: deferred by leave of the House.

(iii) Committee on Police Affairs:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the issue from the Statutory Budget of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund, the total sum of (₦74,773,601,916.30) Seventy-Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, Six Hundred and One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixteen Naira, Thirty Kobo only, out of which (₦988,279,006.05) Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Six Naira, Five Kobo only, is for Personnel Cost, (₦10,027,610,310.25) Ten Billion, Twenty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Ten Thousand,

Three Hundred and Ten Naira, Twenty-Five Kobo only, is for Overhead Expenditure, (₦11,015,889,316.30) Eleven Billion, Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixteen Naira, Thirty Kobo is for Total Recurrent and (₦63,757,712,600.00) Sixty-Three Billion, Seven Hundred and fifty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred Naira only, is Capital Expenditure for the year 2021” (Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

“Approve the sum of (₦74,773,601,916.30) Seventy-Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, Six Hundred and One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixteen Naira, Thirty Kobo only, for the Nigerian Police Trust Fund” (Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation(ii):

“That the Nigerian Police Trust Fund should expedite action on the implementation of the 2021 budget for the enhancement of policing and tackling the security challenges for the benefit of the nation and its citizenry” (Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the issue from the Statutory Budget of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund, the total sum of (₦74,773,601,916.30) Seventy-Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, Six Hundred and One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixteen Naira, Thirty Kobo, only out of which (₦988,279,006.05) Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Six Naira, Five Kobo only, is for Personnel Cost, (₦10,027,610,310.25) Ten Billion, Twenty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Ten Thousand, Three Hundred and Ten Naira, Twenty-Five Kobo only, is for Overhead Expenditure, (₦11,015,889,316.30) Eleven Billion, Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixteen Naira, Thirty Kobo is for Total Recurrent and (₦63,757,712,600.00) Sixty-Three Billion, Seven Hundred and fifty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred Naira only, is Capital Expenditure for the year 2021 and approved Recommendations (i) - (ii) of the Report.

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

- (iv) *A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Police Academy as a Degree Awarding Institution to Provide Academic and Professional Training; and for Related Matters (HB. 90, HB. 195, HB. 684 and HB. 1209) (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 Nigeria Police Academy as a Degree Awarding Institution to Provide Academic and Professional Training; and for Related Matters (HB. 90, HB. 195, HB. 684 and HB. 1209)" (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader and 3 Others).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA POLICE ACADEMY, WUDIL, KANO AS A DEGREE AWARDED INSTITUTION TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 90, HB. 195, HB. 684 & HB. 1209)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIA POLICE ACADEMY

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Nigeria Police Academy.

- (1) There is established the Nigeria Police Academy (in this Bill referred to as "the Academy").
- (2) The Academy shall have the power to award degrees, diplomas and certificates in accordance with the highest academic standards as may be prescribed by the National Universities Commission.
- (3) The Academy —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) may acquire, hold, purchase, mortgage and deal howsoever with property, movable or immovable, real or personal, subject to the provisions of the Land Use Act (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Objects of the Academy.

The objects of the Academy shall be to —

- (a) encourage the advancement of learning and avail the cadets of the Nigeria Police Force, without distinction of race, ethnicity, creed, sex, or political conviction or religious persuasion, the opportunity of acquiring a higher and liberal education;

- (b) provide courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit of teaching and learning in all the faculties of the Academy as may be established, and make those facilities available on proper terms to members of the Nigeria Police and any person qualified to benefit from them;
- (c) nurture, equip and produce globally competitive police officers with requisite knowledge, skills and attitudes suitable for leadership, scholarship, policing and community service;
- (d) develop in each cadet, a commitment to those moral qualities and standard an patriotism required for leadership that are defined by the ideals of unity, honour and service to the country;
- (e) align its activities to the security, social, political, cultural and economic needs of the people of Nigeria;
- (f) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in relevant fields of learning and human endeavour; and
- (g) undertake other activities appropriate for a college of the higher learning (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Powers of the Academy.

- (1) For the purposes of attaining the objects outlined in section 2 of this Bill, the Academy shall —
 - (a) establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutions, schools, facilities and extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the Academy as may be necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;
 - (b) institute professorship, readership, lectureship or other posts and establish offices and make appointments as may be considered appropriate;
 - (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes, distinctions, awards and other forms of recognition or title;
 - (d) be responsible for the discipline and welfare of members of the Academy who are not police officers;
 - (e) refer matters relating to the discipline of police officers in the Academy to the Police Service Commission for appropriate action through the Inspector-General of Police;
 - (f) conduct examinations, award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons pursuing courses of studies approved and that have satisfied the requirements prescribed by the Academy;
 - (g) conduct research in relevant fields of learning and other human endeavours;

- (h) engage top quality staff of international standard aimed at creating a centre of excellence in the approved fields of study;
- (i) do such other things as are considered necessary for the development, maintenance and sustenance of a prestigious learning institution to rank amongst the best institutions in the world in support of the attainment of the highest standard of professionalism for the Nigeria Police;
- (j) withdraw from any cadet of the Academy, for good cause, degree, diploma, certificate, fellowship, studentship, bursary, medal, prize or other academic titles as deemed appropriate by the Academy;
- (k) for the purpose of instructions, demand and receive from post graduates, diploma and certificate course students, such fees as the Academy may determine;
- (l) accept gifts, legacies and donations, provided that the terms and conditions attached to such gifts, legacies or donations are not inconsistent with the objects and purpose for the establishment of the Academy;
- (m) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings as are necessary for attaining the objects of the Academy;
- (n) hold public and inaugural lectures, symposia and seminars;
- (o) undertake printing, publishing and selling of books and journals;
- (p) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by any statute, invest any money belonging to the Academy by way of endowment, whether for general or special purposes or such other money as may not be immediately required for current expenditure in any investment or securities in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary any such investment and to deposit any money for the time being not invested with any approved bank on deposit or current account;
- (q) borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the security of any of the property, moveable or immovable of the Academy, such money as the Council may require or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;
- (r) arrange for the general welfare of children of members of staff or may donate for any charitable purpose; and
- (s) undertake such other activities and do such other things as may be expedient for the effective implementation of this Bill, smooth running of the Academy and as may be considered appropriate for a degree-awarding Institution.

- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) (j), a good cause means guilty or conviction on grounds of gross misconduct, fraud or dishonesty (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NIGERIA POLICE ACADEMY COUNCIL

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Establishment of Nigeria Police Academy Council.

There is established for the Academy a Council to be known as the Nigeria Police Academy Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall initiate or approve the policy of the Academy and accordingly, the Council may give the Academy directions on general or specific matters (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Membership of the Council.

The Council shall consist of —

- (a) the Minister responsible for Police Affairs as Chairman;
- (b) the Chairman of Police Service Commission as alternative Chairman;
- (c) Inspector-General of Police;
- (d) a representative of the following Ministries not below the rank of a Director:
 - (i) Federal Ministry of Education,
 - (ii) Federal Ministry of Finance, and
 - (iii) Federal Ministry of Justice;
- (e) six persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation;
- (f) the Commandant of the Academy;
- (g) the Provost of the Academy;
- (h) the Deputy Inspector-General of Police in charge of Training; and
- (i) the Registrar of the Academy, who shall be the Secretary to the Council (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 6: Appointment and tenure of members of the Council.**

- (1) The members of the Council other than *ex - officio* members shall —
 - (a) be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister in charge of Police Affairs;
 - (b) hold office for a term of four years; and
 - (c) be eligible for re-appointment for another term of four years and no more.
- (2) The Council may co-opt any person to attend and participate at any of its meetings provided that the person so co-opted shall only be in attendance and shall not count towards the quorum or votes at the meeting.
- (3) The office of a member of the Council shall become vacant if —
 - (a) his term of office expires;
 - (b) he resigns his office by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President;
 - (c) he dies;
 - (d) he becomes of unsound mind or incapable of carrying out his duties as a result of any illness;
 - (e) he has been declared bankrupt or he makes compromise with his creditors;
 - (f) has been convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty;
 - (g) he is guilty of gross misconduct relating to his duties;
 - (h) the President directs the removal of the member upon being satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Academy or of the public for the person to continue in office as a member of the Council; or
 - (i) in the case of an *ex - officio* member, he ceases to hold the office on the basis of which he became a member of the Council (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 7: Functions and powers of the Council.**

- (1) The Council shall —
 - (a) exercise control and supervise the policy, finances and property of the Academy;
 - (b) appoint the professors and other principal academic and administrative staff of the Academy who are not police officers, stipulate terms and conditions of their appointment, determine their remuneration and scope of responsibilities;
 - (c) promote and discipline staff of the Academy that are not police officers on the advice of the appropriate Committees;
 - (d) consider and approve the Academy's annual budget or estimates, external auditor's report and any variation therein;
 - (e) approve recommendations for the appointment of emeritus professors;
 - (f) appoint bankers, auditors or any other agents for the Academy;
 - (g) approve the Statutes of the Academy as may be required under this Bill;
 - (h) ensure that income and expenditure account and any other accounts of the Academy are kept and audited annually by auditors appointed by the Council with the audit report submitted to the Council;
 - (i) approve the academic and Police programmes of the Academy;
 - (j) approve the creation of any Office, Department or Committee as may be considered necessary or expedient for the smooth running of the Academy;
 - (k) exercise all such powers as may be conferred on the Council by this Bill, directive of the Visitor or by the Statutes of the Academy; and
 - (l) carry out such other functions as are necessary or expedient to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Academy under this Bill.
- (2) The Council may delegate any of its powers or functions to any person, authority or committee except for its powers to approve Statutes of the Academy.
- (3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, it shall be filled by an appointment by the President of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor and the successor shall represent the same interest as that member whose exit created the vacancy.

- (4) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and other matters mentioned there-in (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Appointment of the Commandant of the Academy.

- (1) The Police Service Commission shall, on the recommendation of the Inspector-General of Police, appoint for the academy, a Commandant (in this Bill) referred to as "the Commandant") who shall be a member of the Nigerian Police Force.
- (2) The Commandant shall not be below the rank of Assistant Inspector General of Police with a minimum qualification of Master's Degree from a recognized university.
- (3) The Commandant shall:
- (a) hold office for a single term of five years;
 - (b) hold office in accordance with the Police posting regulation; and
 - (c) be accountable to the council.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of section 7 of this Bill, the Commandant shall —
- (a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Academy;
 - (b) be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Academy;
 - (c) keep the books and records of the Academy;
 - (d) be responsible for the preparation for approval of programmes and plans as are necessary to carry into effect approved policy or any directive of the Council;
 - (e) be responsible for making any staff recommendations to the Council; and
 - (f) discharge any other duty as may be conferred on him under this Bill or by the Council (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Removal of the Commandant of the Academy from office.

The Commandant shall be removed from office under the following circumstances:

- (a) gross misconduct;
- (b) unsound mind or insanity;

- (c) failure to perform the functions of his office: or
- (d) if he is promoted (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Appointment of the Deputy Commandant of the Academy.

- (1) The Police Service Commission, shall on the recommendation of the Inspector-General of Police, appoint for the Academy a Deputy-Commandant who shall be a member of the Nigeria Police Force.
- (2) The Deputy-Commandant of the Academy shall not be below the rank of Commissioner of Police, with a minimum qualification of First Degree from a recognised university.
- (3) The Deputy Commandant shall assist the Commandant in the day-to-day administration of the Academy and in all matters relating to:
 - (a) professional training of cadets and police officers in the Academy; or
 - (b) any other responsibility as may be assigned to him by the Commandant or the Council.
- (4) In the absence of the Commandant, the Deputy Commandant shall act in his stead and be accountable to the Commandant (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Appointment of the Provost of the Academy.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a Provost for the Academy.
- (2) The Provost appointed under subsection (1) shall hold office for a single term of five years.
- (3) The Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Provost of Academy shall be —
 - (a) a professor with proven integrity and academic excellence;
 - (b) responsible for directing and coordinating the academic activities of the Academy;
 - (c) responsible for regulating the use of academic dress in the Academy, and
 - (d) the Chairman of the Academic and Police Curriculum Committee for the commissioning of the Cadets.

- (4) The Provost shall be a member of the Council, Chairman of the Academic and Police Curriculum Committee and any Committee constituted by any of the bodies of the Academy under this Bill (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: Procedure for the Appointment of the Provost.

- (1) The Provost of the Academy shall be appointed following an interview conducted for candidates of professorial rank by a Committee of the Council, two persons representing the Academic Committee and the Registrar of the Academy serving as the secretary
- (2) The recommendations of the interview panel shall be presented to the Council and the Council shall in turn, deliberate and make the final decision on the candidate to be appointed as the Provost of the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: Registrar of the Academy.

- (1) There shall be for the Academy, a Registrar, who shall be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day, administration of the affairs of the Academy other than financial affairs of the Academy.
- (2) The Registrar shall —
- (a) by virtue of his office, be the Secretary to —
- (i) the Council;
- (ii) the Academic and Police Curriculum;
- (iii) Committee; the Convocation for the commissioning of Cadets; and
- (iv) all other statutory bodies and Committees.
- (b) perform any function as may be assigned to him under this Bill or by the Council or the Commandant (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: Bursar of the Academy.

- (1) There shall be for the Academy, a Bursar who shall be the chief financial officer of the Academy and shall be responsible to the Commandant for the day to day administration and control of the financial affairs of the Academy.

- (2) The Bursar shall, in addition to the required qualification in accounting be a member of professional accounting body (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: Librarian of the Academy.

- (1) There shall be for the Academy, a Librarian who shall be responsible to the Provost of the Academy for the day-to-day administration of the Academy Library and coordination of all library services in the Academy and its campuses, faculties, schools, departments and other teaching and research units under the Academy.
- (2) The Librarian shall, in addition to the required qualification in library science, be a professional librarian (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Appointment and Tenure of the Registrar, Burger and Librarian of the Academy.

The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall be appointed for the Academy by the Council for a single term of five years (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Remuneration of Principal Officers of the Academy.

The principal officers specified under this Bill shall be appointed on terms and condition may be specified in the respective instrument of appointment (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Resignation of appointment.

- (1) Except for the Commandant and Deputy Commandant, any other officer mentioned under this art of this Bill, may resign his appointment by notice in writing addressed to the Chairman of the Council.
- (2) Upon receipt of such notice as stated in subsection (1), the Council shall immediately notify the Police Service Commission of the resignation and cause the vacancy to be filled (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 19: Appointment of other Staff of the Academy.**

- (1) There shall be appointed by the Council for the Academy other key officers of directorate rank as follows —
 - (a) Director of Academic Planning;
 - (b) Director of Works and Physical Planning;
 - (c) Director of Health Services;
 - (d) Director of Student Affairs;
 - (e) Director of Legal Services;
 - (f) Director of Information Communication Technology;
 - (g) Director of Field Studies;
 - (h) Director of Police and Professional Studies;
 - (i) Director of Liberal Studies;
 - (j) Director of Legal Studies; and
 - (k) any other Director as may be appointed by the Council.
- (2) There shall be appointed by the Council for the Academy Deans of Faculties, Schools, Institutes and Head of Departments and other teaching and research units of the Academy as may be specified by the Council.
- (3) The Academy may appoint such other staff as it may deem necessary, to assist the Academy in the performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (4) The staff of the Academy appointed under subsection (3) shall be appointed on such terms and conditions of service as the Academy may determine in accordance with the approved Government Policy.
- (5) The staff of the Academy shall be public officers as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (6) The Academy may, subject to the approval of the Council and other Government authorities, make regulations relating generally relevant staff the to conditions of service of its employees providing for —
 - (a) the appointment, promotion and staff discipline;
 - (b) appeals by employees disciplinary measures, and against; and
 - (c) such other matters to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Academy under this Bill.

- (7) Staff regulations and conditions of service made under subsection (6) shall not have effect until it is published in the Federal Government Gazette (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: Service in the Academy to be Pensionable.

- (1) For the police officer serving in the Academy, the existing law on pension for police officer shall apply.
- (2) Service in the Academy shall be approved service for purposes of the Pension Reform Act and accordingly employees of the Academy shall, in respect of their services, be entitled to pensions and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent offices in the Public Service of the Federation.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension in respect of that office.
- (4) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any powers exercisable by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (not being the power to make regulations are vested in and shall be exercisable by the Council (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*)).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Fund of the Academy.

- (1) There is established for the Academy a fund (in led - this Bill referred to as "the Fund" into which shall be paid —
- (a) take off grants, annual subventions and budgetary allocations received from the Government of the Federation;
- (b) such money as may be appropriated to the Academy by the National Assembly;
- (c) such money as may, be lent, deposited with or granted to the Academy by the Government of the Federation, States or local governments;
- (d) grants, gifts or donations from international organisations and donor agencies;
- (e) fees charged in accordance with the provisions of this Bill: and
- (f) all other funds which may accrue to the Academy from any other source.

- (2) The fund established under subsection (1) shall be managed in accordance with extant Financial Regulations applicable in the Public Service of the Federation (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: Power to Accept Gift.

- (1) The Academy may accept gift of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions subsection (1), the Academy shall not accept any gift, if the term or condition attached by the person or organisation making the gift is inconsistent with the provisions of this Bill.
- (3) All property, money or funds donated for any specified purpose shall be applied and administered in accordance with the purpose for which they were donated and shall be accounted for separately.
- (4) Any money withdrawn from the account established under subsection (1) shall be applied for the purposes of the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Annual Budget.

The Academy shall prepare annually a budget showing the estimate of income and expenditure of the Academy for the ensuing financial year and shall submit the estimate to the Council not later than three calendar months preceding the financial year, or such earlier date as the Council may approve (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Accounts, Records and Audit.

- (1) The financial year of the Academy shall commence on the 1st day of January of each year and end on the 31st day of December of the same year or any such time as may be prescribed by Financial Regulations issued by the Federal Government of Nigeria from time to time.
- (2) The Academy shall keep proper accounts and records of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities in respect of each year manually and electronically and shall —
- (a) cause the accounts to be audited, within three months from the end of each financial year, by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation; and

- (b) prepare a Statement of Account in respect of each year in such form and manner as may be approved by the Government.
- (3) An auditor appointed under subsection (2) shall have access to all accounts and other records relating to such accounts as are kept by the Academy and shall have the power to require from any staff of the Academy such information and explanation as in the auditor's opinion are necessary for the purpose of the audit.
- (4) The audited accounts and records of the Academy shall be submitted to the Council for consideration and subsequently forwarded to the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 25: Annual Report.

- (1) The Council shall prepare an annual report, which shall include the audited accounts of the Academy for the previous financial year and a statement of its assets and liabilities as at the last day of the financial year.
- (2) The Council shall, immediately after receiving the annual report, submit it to the National Assembly and to the Visitor (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — CONSTITUTION OF CONSTITUENT BODIES OF THE ACADEMY

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: Standing Committees of the Council.

- (1) For the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this Bill, the following standing committees shall be established by the Council —
- (a) Finance and General Purpose Committee;
 - (b) Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary Committee (AP&DC);
 - (c) Tenders Board;
 - (d) Information and Publications Committee;
 - (e) Security Committee; and
 - (f) Admission and Selection Committee.
- (2) Provisions shall be made by Statutes for the Admission and constitution and terms of reference of the Selection Committees referred to in sub-section (1) of this Committee as section as deemed appropriate by the Council part of the Standing Committee (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 27: Finance and General Purpose Committee.**

- (1) There shall be the Finance and General Purpose Committee which shall subject to the direction of the Council exercise control over the property and the expenditure of the Academy and shall consist of —
- (a) the Chairman of the Council who shall be the Chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he is present;
 - (b) commandant;
 - (c) Provost;
 - (d) Bursar; and
 - (e) five other members of the Council appointed by the Council.
- (2) The functions of the Finance and General Purpose Committee shall be to —
- (a) consider and make recommendation to the Council on the drafts annual estimate of income and expenditure for each financial year;
 - (b) advise Council deposits investments of money belonging to the Academy;
 - (c) recommend to the Council means and procedures (Financial Regulations) for the control of expenditure and administration of Academy's finances;
 - (d) consider and decide on request for variation within the approved annual estimate from any unit of the Academy subject to the approval of the Council;
 - (e) advise Council on any matter relating to the development of the Academy sites as may be referred to it by the Council; and
 - (f) carry out any other function as may be delegated to it by the Council.
- (3) The quorum of the Committee shall be five including the Chairman and the Commandant.
- (4) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its procedures (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 28: Appointments, Promotions Committee and Disciplinary.**

- (1) The Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the Committee") shall handle appointments, confirmations, promotions and discipline of all senior staff (academic, administrative professionals) issues of the Academy; and

- (2) The Committee shall consist of —
- (a) the Provost of the Academy as Chairman;
 - (b) two external members of the Council;
 - (c) two internal members elected by the Academic Committee;
 - (d) two elected members from the Academic Committee who shall not be below the rank of senior lecturer; and
 - (e) the Registrar of the Academy as the Secretary.
- (3) The Committee shall —
- (a) consider all appointments and promotion of all staff except those of principal officers and make appropriate recommendations to the Council;
 - (b) determine chances for promotion to the rank of Professor and Reader that should go for external assessment;
 - (c) act on all disciplinary cases involving members of staff who are not police officers; and
 - (d) make recommendation to the Council on any matter involving appointment, promotion and discipline of staff who are police officers.
- (4) The quorum of this Committee shall be five including the Chairman.
- (5) The Committee shall have power to constitute subcommittee to handle cases of junior staff who are not police officers (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 29: Tenders Board.

- (1) There shall be a Tenders Board of whose membership shall consist of —
- (a) the Commandant who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Commandant;
 - (c) the Provost of the Academy;
 - (d) two representatives of the Council and the Academic Committee; and
 - (e) Director of Works and Physical Planning.

- (2) The functions of the Tenders Board shall include —
- (a) advising Council on projects constructions of building and supply of goods and services;
 - (b) consideration and acceptance of tenders from contractors;
 - (c) initiating action on the production of the tender's documents;
 - (d) considering tenders submitted by contractors wishing to execute major project in the Academy;
 - (e) processing tenders and award of contracts which fall within its spending limits and reporting such award of contract to the Council; and
 - (f) referring to the Council for decision on tenders for contracts above its spending limits (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 30: The Senate of the Academy.

- (1) There shall be for the Academy a Senate (in this Bill referred to as "the Senate") which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Provost, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Commandant or his representative;
 - (c) the Deans of Faculties and Directors of Academic Units;
 - (d) the Head of Departments;
 - (e) all Professors in the Academy, the Librarian;
 - (g) two representatives elected from the academic staff;
 - (h) the Dean of the Postgraduate School; and
 - (i) the Registrar, who shall serve the Secretary.
- (2) Election shall be held for the selection of members in a manner on such day in the month of May or June in each year as the provost of the Academy may from time to time determine.
- (3) An elected member shall hold office for a period of two years beginning on 1st August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at any election held in pursuance to paragraph 4 to this Schedule in the year in which his period of office expires.

- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (3) of this paragraph, no person shall be such a candidate if at the end of his current period of office he would have held office as an elected member for a continuous period of four years or would have so held office if he had not resigned.
- (5) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his office.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Senate shall organise, control teaching, research activities in the Academy, the admission and discipline of cadets and other academic matters.
- (7) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Senate shall organise and control the teaching, research activities in the Academy, admission and discipline of-cadets and other academic matters.
- (8) Without prejudice to the generality of the provision of subparagraph (5) of the Paragraph, the Senate shall regulate —
 - (a) the establishment organisation, control of faculties and departments and the allocation of responsibilities to such faculties and departments;
 - (b) standards for the appointment and promotion of academic staff;
 - (c) the organisation and control of courses of study and conduct examinations on such courses;
 - (d) the award of degrees and other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examinations under this Bill;
 - (e) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of the title of Professor Emeritus; participation to the selection of persons for admission as students or cadets at the Academy; and
 - (f) the grant of fellowship, scholarship, prize and similar awards within the control of the Academy.
- (9) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-third rounded up to the nearest higher whole number.
- (10) The Provost of the Academy shall be the Chairman of the Senate and, in his absence, the Dean of Postgraduate School, Chairman Committee of Deans or such other members of the Senate present at the meeting, may appoint for the meeting a Chairman to preside.
- (11) The Senate shall meet once in a month or at any time at the request of the Provost of the Academy or at the written request of one-third of its membership to the Chairman of the Senate, who shall within two weeks convey a meeting in response to the request, and the members making such request shall spell out the business of the meeting on which the request is being made.

- (12) The Chairman of the Senate shall have one vote as any other member but in the event of equality of vote, the Chairman shall exercise in addition, a casting vote.
- (13) Subject to the provision of this Bill, the Senate shall regulate its proceedings at the meeting.
- (14) The Senate may, subject to the approval of the Council, make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it by the provisions of this Bill.
- (15) The regulations made by the Senate shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the external examiners at each examination held in conjunction with any course of study is not a Lecturer at the Academy but a Lecturer of a branch of learning to which the course relates at another University or other degree awarding institution of high repute.
- (16) The Senate may withdraw from any person any degree, certificate or other awards of the academy who has been found guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the Academy or obtaining that award.
- (17) The Senate shall —
 - (a) consider and take decision on cadets withdrawn on disciplinary matters; and
 - (b) act on other matters that may be referred to it by the Council or the Commandant (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 31: Sub-Committees of the Academic Committee.

- (1) The Academic Committee shall have the following Sub-Committees —
 - (a) Academic Planning and Curriculum;
 - (b) Development Committee, Library and Publications Committee;
 - (c) Ceremonies Committee;
 - (d) Research Grant Committee;
 - (e) Students' Welfare and Disciplinary Committee;
 - (f) Committee of Deans and Academic Directors;
 - (g) Sports Committee; and
 - (h) Business Committee.

- (2) Except as provided under this Bill the Academic Committee shall by statute provide for the Constitution and terms of reference of the Sub-Committees established under subsection (1) (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 32: Academic Board.

- (1) There shall be for the Academy an Academic Board, whose membership shall consist of all members of the academic staff and graduate members of the administrative staff directing of the Police wing with the Commandant or the Deputy Commandant, as the Chairman.
- (2) The Academic Board shall meet once at the end of each academic semester, making it at least two meetings in any academic year provided that additional meetings may be convened by the Commandant or the Deputy Commandant.
- (3) The functions of the Academic Board shall be primarily to enable staff, as a body, express their views on academic affairs of the Academy.
- (4) The Academic Board shall be a body through which the recommendations of members of staff are transmitted to the Council.
- (5) The Academic Board shall only be concerned with all matters affecting the academic and well-being of the Academy and its functions, and shall neither include those of an association of university teachers concerned with salaries and conditions of service, nor a staff club, concerned with the general amenities of social services.
- (6) The Academy shall maintain a Register containing the names of all the members of the Academic Board, which shall be kept by the Registrar.
- (7) The Academic Board shall have a Standing Committee and such other committees as may be approved by the Board.
- (8) The composition of the Standing Committee and other committees of the Board shall be as may be directed by the Commandant.
- (9) The Standing Committee of the Academic Board shall prepare the agenda for each meeting of the Academic Board and arrange follow up actions on matters agreed upon by the Academic Board (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 33: Faculties and Faculty Boards.

- (1) Each faculty shall be divided into such number of departments as may be prescribed by the Council.

- (2) There shall be established in respect of each faculty, a Faculty Board which subject to the provisions of this Bill and direction of the Commandant, shall —
- (a) regulate the teaching, study and the conduct of examinations connected with the courses assigned to the faculty, and
 - (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by this Bill, the Council, Commandant or Academic Board.
- (3) Where a faculty consists of two or more colleges or schools, each college or school shall have its own board, which shall be under the control of the Academic Committee.
- (4) Each Faculty Board shall consist of —
- (a) the Dean of the faculty;
 - (b) persons in charge of the departments of the faculty;
 - (c) such number of the lecturers assigned to the faculty and having prescribed qualifications as the Faculty Board may determine; and
 - (d) such number of persons whether or not members of the Academy as the Faculty Board may, with the general or special approval of the Academic Board, determine.
- (5) The quorum of the Faculty Board shall be nine members or one third of the members of the Faculty Board, whichever is greater, and subject to the provision of this Bill, and any provisions made by regulations on its behalf, the Faculty Board may regulate its own procedure (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 34: The Dean of Faculty.

- (1) The Dean of a Faculty shall be appointed in such manner and to hold office for such term and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Council.
- (2) Where there is no Professor in a faculty, the office of the Dean of the faculty shall be held by members of the faculty holding the rank of Reader or Senior Lecturer or Senior Police Officer of comparative academic experience, on the basis of seniority as may be determined by the Commandant.
- (3) The Dean shall be the Chairman of the Faculty Board and shall be a member of all committees and Boards constituted by the Faculty, and when the Dean is absent from any meeting, the most senior member present shall preside at the meeting.

- (4) The Dean of a Faculty shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the Faculty, and it shall be the functions of the Dean to present qualified cadets in character and learning for the conferment of degrees, after having qualified for the degree of the Academy at examinations held in the department.
- (5) The Dean of the Faculty may be removed from office by the Commandant for good cause and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Commandant, provided that arrangement shall be made for a new Dean to be appointed in a manner prescribed within a period of three months from the date when the acting Dean assumes office.
- (6) For the purpose of subsection (5), "good cause" means —
- (a) conviction for any offence which the Commandant considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Commandant, after obtaining medical advice considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to hold his office;
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature, which of 2 the Commandant considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;
 - (d) conduct which the Commandant considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service; or
 - (e) conduct which the Commandant considers to be generally of such nature as to render the continuous appointment or service of the person concerned as prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 35: Academic and Curriculum Development Committee.

- (1) The Academic and Curriculum Development Committee shall consist of —
- (a) the Provost of the Academy as Chairman;
 - (b) the Deans of Faculties;
 - (c) the Directors of Academic Planning;
 - (d) the Librarian;
 - (e) the Registrar as a member and Secretary.

- (f) Dean, Postgraduate School; and
 - (g) Commissioner of Police, Courses and Training.
- (2) The quorum of the Academic and Curriculum Development Committee Meeting shall be 50% of the members including the Provost of the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 36: Library and Publication Committee.

- (1) The Library and Publication Committee shall consist of —
- (a) the Librarian of the Academy as Chairman;
 - (b) one representative of each Faculty;
 - (c) one representative of Postgraduate School; and
 - (d) the Registrar or his nominee as Secretary.
- (2) The functions of the Committee shall be to —
- (a) assist and advise the Academy on the development of the Library as the centre of learning and research;
 - (b) formulate regulations for the use of the Library and its facilities;
 - (c) help prepare the Library budget;
 - (d) select and recommend manuscripts for publications by the Academy;
 - (e) supervise the production of official publications that will bear the emblem of the Academy;
 - (f) regulate the development and the use of e-library; and
 - (g) undertake* other related tasks that may be assigned to the sub-committee by the Academic Committee.
- (3) The quorum of the Committee shall be 50% of the members including the Chairman of the Committee (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 37: Ceremonies Committee.

- (1) There shall be a Ceremonies Committee which shall consist of —
- (a) a nominee of the Commandant as Chairman;
 - (b) staff representative of each Faculty;

- (c) representative of the Academy Librarian;
 - (d) representative of the Bursar;
 - (e) representative of the Director Works and Physical Planning;
 - (f) representative of the Protocol and Public Relations Units;
 - (g) representative of the Security Unit;
 - (h) representative of the Catering Services;
 - (i) representative of the Registrar who will serve as Secretary; and
 - (j) representative of Police, Courses and Training.
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be 50% of members including the Chairman.
- (3) The Ceremonies Committee shall have the following terms of reference —
- (a) organising public events of the Academy;
 - (b) recommending to the Academic Committee persons to be considered for the award of honorary degrees;
 - (c) advising the Academy on ceremonial matters generally (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 38: Research Grant Committee.

- (1) There shall be a Research Grant Committee which shall consist of —
- (a) an appointee of the Provost of the Academy as Chairman;
 - (b) a representative of each Faculty;
 - (c) a representative of the Postgraduate School;
 - (d) a representative of the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Centre;
 - (e) Director of Academic Planning;
 - (f) the Librarian;
 - (g) a representative of the Registrar as Secretary;
 - (h) representative of the Commissioner of Police, Courses and Training; and
 - (i) representative of TETFUND and Desk Officer.

- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be 50% of members including the Chairman.
- (3) The Committee shall be responsible for —
 - (a) assessing research projects submitted by Faculties, Departments and members of staff, and approve those with merit for support with research grant;
 - (b) administer research funds of the Academy;
 - (c) receive, consider and recommend to Academic Committee Staff Development Proposals for each Department and ensure compliance when approved; and
 - (d) advise Academic Committee on matters concerning research policy and practice in the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 39: Committee of Deans and Academic Directors.

- (1) There shall be a Committee of Deans and Academic Directors which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Academy Provost or his representative as Chairman;
 - (b) Deans of Faculties and Post Graduate School;
 - (c) all Directors of Academic, Institutes and Centers;
 - (d) the Registrar or his representative as Secretary; and
 - (e) the representative of Commissioner of Police, Courses and training; and
 - (f) heads of all Police Directorates and Departments.
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be 50% of members including the Chairman and Director Academic Planning.
- (3) The Committee shall have the following functions —
 - (a) review from time to time the minimum entering requirement for degree and other program of the Academy;
 - (b) formulate for the consideration of the Academic Committee, regulations governing the conduct of examinations in the Academy;
 - (c) review the existing regulation from time to time, for appropriate recommendation to the Academic Committee;
 - (d) considers matters on examinations as may be referred to it by the Academic Committee;

- (e) make recommendation to the Academic Committee on academic matter as it deems necessary; and
- (f) undertake other related task as may be assigned by the Academic Committee (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 40: Business Committee.

- (1) There shall be a Business Committee which shall consist of —
 - (a) a nominee of the Provost of the Academy who shall be a member of the Academic Committee as
 - (b) other members elected by the Academic Committee as it deems necessary;
 - (c) a representative of each Faculty;
 - (d) a representative of the Postgraduate School; and
 - (e) the Registrar as Secretary.
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be 50% of members including the Chairman and the Secretary.
- (3) The Business Committee shall be responsible for —
 - (a) preparing the agenda for each Academic Committee meeting; and
 - (b) dealing with matters referred to it by the Academic Committee from time to time (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 41: Power to Set-up Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Sitings.

- (1) Bodies established under this Bill, shall have power to constitute committees consisting of members of that body and authorise such committee established by it to exercise on its behalf, such functions as may be delegated to the committee.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1), any two or more of the bodies established by this Bill, may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them; and either of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.
- (3) Except as may be otherwise provided under this Bill, statute or regulations, the quorum and procedure of any committee or subcommittee established under this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body.

- (4) Nothing in subsections (1), (2) and (3) shall be construed as enabling the —
- (a) Council to empower any other body to make Statute; or
 - (b) Commandant to empower any other body to make regulations or to award degree or other qualification of the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO
STATUTES AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 42: Power of the Academy to make Statutes.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Academy may make Statutes —
- (a) to regulate the activities and programmes of the Academy, authority or any matter connected with the Academy;
 - (b) for the effective implementation of any of the provisions of this Bill;
 - (c) for making provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority of the Academy;
 - (d) for specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the Academy, and regulating any other matter connected with the Academy or any of its authorities;
 - (e) for regulating the admission of students where it is done by the Academy, and their discipline and welfare;
 - (f) for determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any Statute, regulation or other instrument made there-under; or
 - (g) for making provision for other matters for which provision by Statute is authorised or required by this Bill.
- (2) The Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any Statute made under this Bill as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 19 (6) of that Bill.
- (3) The Council shall have power to amend Statutes made under this Bill provided that the proposal for amendment shall be passed by two-thirds majority of the members.
- (4) All Statutes made by the Council subject to the provisions of this Bill, shall be published in the Federal Government Gazette through the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation.

- (5) Where under any provision of this Bill it is stipulated that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposal or recommendation received by it in pursuance of that provision to the appropriate authority and any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments on the proposal or recommendation (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 43: Mode of Exercising the Power to make Statutes.

- (1) The power of the Academy to make Statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has been approved at a meeting of the Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting
- (3) A proposed Statute may originate in the Council and may be approved as required by subsection (2).
- (4) A Statute which —
- (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council or any other authority of the Academy; or
- (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college, or for the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor.
- (5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a Statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the Council in accordance with subsection (3) or in the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the Visitor (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 44: Proof of Statute.

A Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Commandant Provost or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of that Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 45: Power to Decide the Meaning of Statute.

- (1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he deems fit.

- (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of that Academy and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute has been decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any other authority in Nigeria:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a Statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution.

- (3) The foregoing provisions of this section shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is, for the purposes of this Bill, academic or a non academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1), and accordingly the reference in subsection (2) to any question as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or non-academic matter (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 46: Legal Proceedings.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply to any suit instituted against the Academy, Principal Officers, an officer or employee of the Academy.
- (2) No suit shall lie or be instituted in any court against the Academy, a member of the Council or any principal officer or employee of the Academy for an action carried out in pursuance or execution of this Bill or any enactment or law, or of any public duty or authority in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Bill or any other enactment or law, duty or authority, unless it is commenced —
- (a) within three months of such act, neglect or default complained of; or
- (b) in the case of a continuation of damages or injury, within six months next after the ceasing of the act, neglect or default.
- (3) No suit shall be commenced against the Academy, a member of the Council or any principal officer or employee of the Academy before the expiration of a period of 30 days after written notice of the intention to commence the suit has been served on the Academy by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state the —
- (a) cause of action;
- (b) particulars of the claim;
- (c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
- (d) relief sought.

- (4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) and any summons, or other documents required or authorised to be served on the Academy under this Bill or any other enactment or law, may be served by:
- (a) delivering it to the Academy; or
 - (b) sending it by registered mail to the postal address of the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 47: Restriction on Execution Against property of the Academy.

In any action or suit against the Academy, no execution shall be imposed or attachment process issued against the Academy unless at least three months' notice of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 48: Indemnity of Officers of the Academy.

A member of the Council or any principal officer or employee of the Academy shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Academy against any proceedings brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Council, principal officer or employee of the Academy where the act complained of is not ultra vires his powers (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 49: Visitation.

- (1) The Visitor may, as circumstances require, not being less than once in every two years, conduct a visitation to the Academy or cause a visitation to the Academy to be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may appoint to visit the Academy to look into any of the affairs of the Academy where the need arises.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the Academy to —
 - (a) make available to the Visitor and to other persons conducting a visitation in pursuance to this section, such facilities and assistance as may be reasonably required for the purposes of a visitation; and
 - (b) comply with any instruction or direction which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of a visitation subject to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 50: Commissioning of Cadets.**

- (1) A cadet shall be commissioned by the order of the President after successful completion of his course and professional training.
- (2) Where a cadet is withdrawn before being commissioned on disciplinary grounds or on such other grounds except on medical ground, such cadets shall not be granted the use of the Academy degree, certificate or transcript, as the case may be.
- (3) A graduate of the Academy shall serve in the Police Force for a minimum of five years before giving an option to exist (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 51: Exclusion of Discrimination on Account of Race, Religion.**

- (1) Cadets shall not be required to satisfy the requirements as to race, ethnic grouping, sex, place of birth, family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a cadets at the Academy, the holder of any degree of the Academy or of any appointment or employment at the Academy or a member of anybody established pursuant to any of the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) A person shall no subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage, in the Academy, by reference to any of the matters specified in subsection (1) (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 52: The Seal of the Academy.**

- (1) The seal of the Academy shall be such as may be administered by the Council and the fixing of the seal of the Academy shall be signed by the Commandant and the Registrar
- (2) Academic Certificates issued by the Academy shall have the Academy seal fixed and signed by the Provost of the Academy and the Registrar.
- (3) 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 Academy by any authorized person (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 53: Transfer of Property to the Academy.**

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the Academy by any provisional council, planning and implementation committee or any interim body by whatsoever name called, shall by virtue of this section and without further assurances vest in the Academy.

- (2) Where any person has, before the commencement of this Bill, been appointed has purported to act under powers, however conferred, incidental to the acquisition of land for, or incidental to the erection, supervision or control of the Academy hereby established, such persons shall be deemed always to have been lawfully appointed, or to have validly exercised the powers, as the case may be (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 54: Restriction on Disposal of Landed Property.

All landed property of the Academy shall not be disposed of or charged except with the resolution of the Council (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 54 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 55: Compulsory Acquisition of Land.

Any requirement of land by the Academy shall be deemed to be for the public purpose of the Federation under the Land Use Act (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 55 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 56: Unionism.

- (1) No civilian personnel employed in any capacity, whether or not a member of a trade union, shall engage or take part in any union activities.
- (2) Any civilian who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least ₦20,000.00 and not more than ₦50,000.00 or an imprisonment for a term of at least six months or both (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 56 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 57: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Academic staff" means a member of staff of the Academy whose sole and primary responsibility is teaching, research and community service (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Academic year" means two semesters covered by a period of not more than 12 calendar months within which students must complete a level of study (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Academy" means the Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"administrative staff" means those persons in the employment of the Academy other than academic staff who hold administrative, professional or technical posts (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"cadets" means any prospective officer on training in the Nigerian Police Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Council established under section 4 of this Bill (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commandant" means the Commandant of the Nigeria Police Academy, Kano (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Deputy Commandant" means the Deputy Commandant of Police Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"graduate" means a person on whom a degree other than an honorary degree has been conferred by the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Faculty" means any Faculty established by the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"functions" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Instructors or Lecturers" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of the teaching or research, or instructing staff of the Academy (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Instructors or Lecturers" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister of the Government of the Federation responsible for police affairs (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Nigeria Police" means the Nigeria Police Force established under the Police Act. Cap. LFN, 2004 (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"notice" means notice in writing (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"officer" means a staff of senior rank holding an administrative post, but does not include Visitor and members of the Council (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"postgraduate students" means students pursuing or continuing formal education after graduation from an institution of higher learning (i. e. students pursuing programmes whose entry requirements are bachelor's degree or higher national diploma from a recognised university or polytechnic) (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"prescribed" means prescribed by law, Statutes or regulations (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"principal officers" means the officers mentioned in Part III of this Bill (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"professor" means a person designated as a professor of the Academy in accordance with the provisions made in that behalf by the Statute or Regulation (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"property" includes rights and assets (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"regulations" means regulations made pursuant to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"students" means persons who are not Nigerian cadets but are admitted into the Academy for the purpose of being trained (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"undergraduate students" means a person undergoing a course of study at the Academy pursuant to the acquisition of a first degree; and (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

"Visitor" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that Clause 57 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 58: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Police Academy (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 59 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL

1. Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Council may regulate its proceedings and make standing orders with respect to the —
 - (a) holding of its meetings and those of its committees;
 - (b) notices to be given;
 - (c) keeping of minutes of its proceedings;
 - (d) custody and production for inspection of such minutes; and
 - (e) other matters as the Council may determine.
2. There shall be at least three ordinary meetings of the Council in every calendar year and the Council shall meet whenever it is convened by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is requested to do so by notice given to him by at least four other members, he shall convene a meeting of the Council to be held within 30 days from the date on which the notice was given.
3. Every meeting of the Council shall be presided over by the Chairman and if the Chairman is unable to attend a particular meeting the members present at the meeting shall elect one of them to preside at the meeting.
4. A quorum at a meeting of the Council is one third of members of the Council.
5. The Council shall meet for the conduct of its business at such places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint.
6. A question put before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by consensus and, where this is not possible, by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.
7. The Chairman shall, in the case of an equality of votes, have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.
8. Where the Council seeks the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may invite that person to attend for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is invited under this paragraph is not entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and does not count towards the quorum.

Committees

9. The Council may set up one or more committees to perform, on behalf of the Council, such of its functions as the Council may determine and report on any matter with which the Council is concerned.
10. A committee set up under paragraph 9 shall be presided over by a member of the Council and shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily all members of the Council) as may be determined by the Council, and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

11. A decision of a committee of the Council is of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Meetings and Transition

12. The first meeting of the Council under this Bill shall be convened by the Chairman in such manner as he may determine.
13. The Council shall meet as at when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least twice a year.
14. The meeting of the Academic Board under this Bill shall be convened by the Commandant on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
15. The first meeting of the Academic Committee as constituted in this Bill shall be convened by the Provost of the Academy on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
16. Subject to any direction to the contrary which may be given in that regard by the Council, any person who was a member of staff of or was employed by the Nigeria Police Academy before the coming into effect of this Bill shall become the holder of the appointment at the Academy with such status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as members of staff of such an employment.

Miscellaneous

17. The validity of any proceeding of the Council or its committees shall not be affected by —
- (a) any vacancy in the membership of the Council or its committees;
 - (b) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings; or
 - (c) any defect in the appointment of a member.
18. Any member of the Council or committee who has a personal interest in any arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or any Committee shall —
- (a) disclose his interest to the Council or committee; and
 - (b) not vote on any question relating to the arrangement (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Police Academy Wudil, Kano as a Degree Awarding Institution to Provide Academic and Professional Training; and for Related Matters (HB. 90, HB. 195, HB. 684 & HB. 1209) (*Hon. Bello Usman Kumo — Akko 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 Nigeria Police Academy as a Degree Awarding Institution to Provide Academic and Professional Training; and for Related Matters (HB. 90, HB. 195, HB. 684 and HB. 1209) and approved Clauses 1 - 58, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(v) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Technology, Ipokia, Ogun State to Provide the Federal Government Local Content Policy in Science and Technology; and for Related Matters (HB. 512)" (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, IPOKIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 512)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, IPOKIA

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal University of technology, Ipokia.
The objectives of the University of Technology, Ipokia shall be to:

- (a) encourage the advancement of learning to all persons without distinction of race, religion, sex or political conviction, the opportunity of acquiring higher education in Nigeria;
- (b) develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, diplomas, first degrees, post-graduate diploma and other higher degrees with emphasis on planning, adaptive, technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in the engineering, scientific, and allied professional disciplines relating to technology with the aim of producing socially mature men and women with capability not only to understand, use and adapt existing technology in all industries, but also to improve on it and develop new ones;
- (c) act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training, research and innovation for the effective and economic utilization, exploitation and conservation of the country's resources;
- (d) offer to the general population, particularly the technology sector and all industries, as a form of public service, the results of training and research and to foster the practical applications of these results;

- (e) establish appropriate relationships with other national institutions involved in training research and development of technology in all sectors;
- (f) identify the technological problems and needs of technology in the country and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national development;
- (g) consider specially, the host community or communities and state as catchment areas in the conduct of its research and activities especially in the admission of students in all classes of degrees;
- (h) provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a foundation for the development of technology, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity;
- (i) create, develop and implement a programme for the development of the local community to enable the indigenes learn, participate and build capacity in every aspect of the University life to allow for local content in competence to manage and administrate the University in the future; and
- (j) undertake any other activities appropriate for a university of Technology of the highest standard (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Objectives Of The University.

- (1) There is hereby established the Federal University of Technology, Ipokia.
- (2) The University referred to in sub-section (1) of this Section shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, which may sue or be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Constitution and Principal officers of the University.

The University shall consist of —

- (a) a Chancellor;
- (b) a Pro-Chancellor;
- (c) a Vice-Chancellor;
- (d) a Council;
- (e) a Senate;
- (f) a body to be known as the Congregation;
- (g) a body to be known as Convocation;
- (h) the campuses and colleges of the University

- (i) the schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;
- (j) undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University; and
- (k) all other persons who are members of the university in accordance with provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Governing Council of the University.

- (1) The governance of the University and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the governing Council of the University (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section (1) of this Section, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider and approve the:
 - (a) plan of activities of the University;
 - (b) programme of studies, courses, and research to be undertaken by the University;
 - (c) annual estimates of the University; and
 - (d) investment plans of the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Composition of the Council of the University.

The Council of the University shall consist of a Chairman and other Members to be appointed by the President —

- (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
- (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) the deputy Vice-Chancellor;
- (d) one person from the ministry responsible for education;
- (e) all traditional rulers of host communities;
- (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
- (g) two persons appointed by the Congregation of the University from among its members;
- (h) two representatives of the academic board of the University;
- (i) one representative of the National Universities Commission;

- (j) one person appointed by the Convocation of the University from among its members;
- (j) two person representing the host communities appointed by the President (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Tenure of office of the members of the Council.

- (1) A member of the Council, other than an ex-officio member, shall hold office for a term of four years and may be eligible for re-appointment for another four years and no more.
- (2) A member of the Council shall cease to be a Member under this Bill, where:
 - (a) such member resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the President through the Minister; or
 - (b) the President is satisfied that it is not in the best interest of the University or of the public for such member to continue in his office and notifies such member in writing to that effect (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Power of the University and its Exercise.

- (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section I of this Bill, the University shall have power to:
 - (a) establish such campuses, institutes, schools extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of National Universities Commission;
 - (b) institute professorships, readerships or associate professorships, lecture-ships, other posts and offices and make appointments thereto;
 - (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;
 - (d) provide for the welfare and discipline of members of the University;
 - (e) conduct examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down;
 - (f) grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

- (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University of the purpose of instruction, such fees as the University may from time determine subject to the overall directives of the Ministry;
- (h) acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate;
- (i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching thereto;
- (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;
- (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;
- (l) hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and book selling;
- (m) invest any surplus funds of the University in profit-yielding ventures;
- (n) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statutes, invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments, not being immediately required for current expenditure in any investment or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time, to vary any such investments to deposit any moneys for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;
- (o) borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the security of any or all of the property, movable or immovable, of the University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;
- (p) conduct examinations in technology for qualified teachers;
- (q) donate gifts for any charitable purposes;
- (r) recruit staff of the right caliber and determine the career structure of such staff;
- (s) provide amenities for students' welfare and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff of the University;
- (t) organise and mount exhibitions to foster appreciation of trends in technology and the scope requirements of education;
- (u) to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by statute to do;

- (v) to do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the statutes and without prejudice to section 7(2) of this Bill, the power conferred on the University by subsection (1) of the section shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in many other manner which may be authorized by the statute.
- (3) The power of the University to establish further campuses and colleges shall be exercisable by statute and not otherwise (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Functions of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.

- (1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present, shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring degrees.
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of Congregation or Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the Chairman at all meetings of the Council (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Functions of the Council and its Finance and general Purpose Committee.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the government body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University.
- (2) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
- (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the finance and General purpose Committee.
- (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Council and finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.

- (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the finance and general purposes committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that Committee conflict with any direction given by the Council, whether before or after the coming into the force of the rules in question, the direction of the Council shall prevail.
- (7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of traveling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.
- (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least three times in every year.
- (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council.
- (10) Any request made under sub-section (9) of this section shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Composition of the Senate.

- (1) The senate of the University shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) the Deans of various schools in the University;
 - (d) the Directors of various institutes in the University;
 - (e) the Professors in the University;
 - (f) the University Librarian;
 - (g) persons holding such appointment on the staff payroll of the University as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (h) such lecturers, not being more than one third of the total number of non-elected members, elected by the congregation of the University of which at least one of whom shall come from each of the schools in the University; and
 - (i) two persons representing a variety of interests of professional bodies outside the University, appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Functions of the Senate.

- (1) The Senate of the University shall perform the following functions:
 - (a) determine, organise and regulate teaching in the University;
 - (b) admit and discipline students, where no other enactment provides to the contrary the procedure for admitting and discipline of students in the University;
 - (c) promote research activities in the University;
 - (d) establish, organize and control campus activities of the University, colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the university;
 - (e) allocate responsibilities to various branches of learning of the University;
 - (f) organise and control courses of study in the University and conduct examinations based on the courses taught;
 - (g) appoint both internal and external examiners;
 - (h) consider and approve award of degrees, certificates, diploma and such other qualifications as may be prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the University;
 - (i) make recommendations to the Council with respect to honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus, to be conferred on any qualified person by the University;
 - (j) establish, organize and control of halls of residence under the University;
 - (k) ensure the welfare of students in the University and regulate conduct;
 - (l) recommend to the Council the grant of fellowships on scholarships, prizes and similar awards within the control of the University on any person approved for such awards; and
 - (m) determine the colour and design of what shall be the academic dress of the University and regulate its usage.
- (2) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school, department, institute or other teaching and research units, hall of residence or similar institution of the University without the approval of the Council.
- (3) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this Bill, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University, which has been conferred upon him, but after due enquiry, whereby he is shown to have been guilty of discreditable conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award.

- (4) The Senate shall ensure that at least one person out of the persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study at the University is not a lecturer at the University but is a lecturer at any other branch of learning the which the course relates in other University of high repute or a person engaged in practicing the profession in a reputable organization or institution (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: The Visitor.

- (1) The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be the Visitor of the University.
- (2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require, not being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to carry out visitation for the purposes of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the University or for such other purposes in respect of any affairs of the University, which the Visitor may consider necessary.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University to make available to the Visitor, and to any other person conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purposes of a visitation (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, OTHER OFFICERS
AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: The Chancellor.

- (1) The Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the President.
- (2) The Chancellor shall, subject to the provisions of this Bill, hold office for a period of five years from the date of his appointment and no more (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: The Pro - Chancellor.

- (1) The Pro-Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by the President.
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, subject to the provisions of this Bill, hold office for a period of five years from the date of his appointment.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provision of sub-section (2) of this Section, the President may remove any Pro-Chancellor from office, where it is in the interest of the University or of the public to do so (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: The Vice - Chancellor.

- (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University, who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chief executive and academic officer of the University, exercise general function in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise, which includes directing activities in the University and serves as ex-officio and Chairman of the Senate.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.
- (4) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall:
 - (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying:
 - (i) the qualities and qualifications of the persons who may apply for the post; and
 - (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a shortlist of suitable candidates for the post for consideration;
 - (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of:
 - (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as chairman,
 - (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a professor,
 - (iii) two member of the Congregation who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a professor, to identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post on their own volition but that of the national interest.
- (5) A joint Council of Senate Selection Board shall consist of:
 - (a) the pro-Chancellor, as chairman;
 - (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate; and
 - (c) two members of the Senate not below the rank of professors, who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons shortlisted under sub-section (2) of this Section through evaluation of their curriculum vitae and interaction, shall recommend to the Council, suitable candidates from the list for further consideration.

- (6) The Council shall select three candidates from among the candidates recommended in sub-section (5) of this Section and may indicate its order of preference stating the reasons, if any, forward the names to the President for consideration and approval.
- (7) The President may appoint as Vice-Chancellor one of the candidates recommended to him accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of this Section.
- (8) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment and no more.
- (9) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office by the President after due consultation with the Council and the Senate, acting through the Minister responsible for education (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Deputy Vice Chancellor.

- (1) There shall be for the university such number of deputy Vice-Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of each university.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the senate a list of two candidates for the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant.
- (3) The senate shall select for any vacant post one candidate from the list forward to it under sub-section (2) of this Section and forward his name to the Council for confirmation.
- (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall —
 - (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions:
 - (b) act in the place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and
 - (c) perform such other function as the Vice-Chancellor of the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.
- (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor —
 - (a) hold office for a period of two years from the date of his appointment on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be re-appointed for another period of two years and no more (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Appointment of the Registrar.

- (1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University except as regards matter for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with sub-section (3) of Section 18 of this Bill.
- (2) The person holding the office of the registrar shall by virtue of that office be the Secretary to the Council, the Senate, the Congregation and the Convocation of the University.
- (3) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five years from the date of his appointment on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Appointment of other principal officers of the University.

- (1) There shall be for the University the following principal officers, in addition to the Registrar:
 - (a) the Bursar; and
 - (b) the University Librarian.
- (2) The Bursar and the University Librarian shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under this Bill.
- (3) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.
- (4) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University library and the coordination of the library services in the University and any of its campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or research units of the University.
- (5) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for such period and on such terms as to the emoluments of their offices and otherwise as may be specified in their letters of appointment.
- (6) The scope of the responsibilities of the officers referred to in sub-section (5) of this Section shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 19: Selection Board for Other Principal Officers.**

- (1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as Chairman;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) four member of the Council not being members of the Senate; and
 - (d) two member of the Senate.
- (2) Functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under sub-section (1) of this Section shall be determined by the Council from time to time (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 20: Other Employees of the University.**

The Council may employ such other persons and employees of the university, as may be required to assist the Vice - Chancellor and the Principal officers of the university in the performance of their functions and responsibilities under this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 21: Removal and Discipline of staff of the University.**

- (1) Where it appears to the Council that there are reasons to believe that any staff employed by the University other than the Vice-Chancellor and other principal staff, should be removed from office or employment of the University on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall:
 - (a) give notice to the staff, stating the reasons for either his removal or discipline;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity to make representation in person on the matter to the Council; and
 - (c) where he made representation to the Council or not less than three members of the Council as may be requested within the period of one month from the date of the notice, an arrangement:
 - (i) for a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to investigate the matter may be constituted and submit report to the Council on the matter,

- (ii) the staff shall be afforded an opportunity of appearing before the investigating Committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council after considering the report of the investigating committee, and
 - (iii) is satisfied that the staff in question is guilty of the offence alleged, the Council may so direct his removal or being disciplined through an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by any member of staff of the University which in his opinion is prejudicial to the interests of the University may suspend such member of staff and report such suspension to the Council.
- (3) The Council may for good cause, suspend or terminate the appointment of any member of staff from duty.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, "good cause" means:
 - (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the performance of the functions of his office; or
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity, which in the opinion of the Council and medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature, which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to perform the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service; or
 - (e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person concerned as prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the University.
- (5) Any person suspended pursuant to sub-sections (2) or (3) of this section, shall be on half pay and the Council shall, before the expiration of three months of such suspension, consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to:
 - (a) whether to continue such person on the suspension and is so, on what terms, including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him;
 - (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

- (c) whether to terminate the appointment of such person, which in the circumstance shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against the person, which include the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments withheld during suspension or as the Council may determine.
- (6) Where the Council, pursuant to this Section, decides to continue the person's suspension or take further disciplinary action against the person, the Council shall before the expiration of three months of such decision, come to a final determination of the case against the person.
- (7) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed pursuant to this Section, to make effort to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (8) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, nothing in the foregoing provisions shall:
- (a) apply to any directive given by the Visitor in consequence of any visitation report; or
 - (b) prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: Retiring age of Academic and Non-Academic Staff of the University.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of the University shall be 70 years.
- (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for 35 years shall not apply to both academic and non-academic staff of the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Application of the Pensions Reform Act.

- (1) Service in the employment of the University shall be as approved service under the Pensions Reform Act, 2004 and accordingly, employees of the University shall, in respect of their services be entitled to pension, gratuity and other retirement benefits as are prescribed in the Act.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) of this Section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms, which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.
- (3) For the purpose of the application of the Pensions Reform Act, 2004 and any power exercisable thereunder by the President or authority other than the Federal Government (not being the power to make Regulations under Section 32 of this Bill), shall be vested in and exercisable by the University.

- (4) Subject to sub-section (2) of this Section, the Pensions Reform Act, 2004 shall in its application by virtue of sub-section (3) of this Section, have effect as if the office were in the public service of the federation within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Establishment of Fund for the University.

- (1) The University shall establish and maintain a Fund, which shall be applied towards the achievement of the aims and objectives of this Bill.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established pursuant to sub-section (1) of this Section:
- (a) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the Federation or of a State for payment into the Fund;
- (b) fees charged for services rendered by the University; and
- (c) all sums accruing to the University by way of gifts, testamentary dispositions, endowments or contributions from philanthropic or organizations (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 25: Annual Estimates, Accounts and Audit.

- (1) The University shall not later than 30th September of each year, submit to the Council for approval its estimates of income and expenditure for the next financial year.
- (2) The University shall:
- (a) keep proper records of all accounts of its income and expenditure; and
- (b) prepare a statement of account in respect of each financial year.
- (3) The University shall not later than 30th June of each financial year, submit its accounts to auditors appointed from a list of qualified auditors in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Auditor-General of the Federation and the auditor's fees and expenses shall be paid from the Funds of the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: Annual Report.

- (1) The University shall not later than 30th June of each financial year, submit to the Council, in respect of the preceding financial year, an annual report on the activities of the University in such form as the Council may direct.

- (2) The report referred to in sub-section (1) of this Section shall include:
 - (a) information the activities of the University in that year;
 - (b) a copy of the audited accounts of the University for that year together with the Auditor-General's report on the accounts of the University; and
 - (c) such other information as the Council may request.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall provide such information on the affairs of the University as the Council may from time to time request (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 27: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The University may accept any gift of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization donating the gift.
- (2) The University shall not accept any gift where the conditions attached by the person or organization donating the gifts are inconsistent with the functions and objects of the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 28: Borrowing and Investment power of the University.

- (1) The University may with the consent or in accordance with any general authority given by the Council or appropriate authority; borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source, any specified amount of money required by the University for its Obligations and functions under this Bill.
- (2) The University may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest any of its funds with the consent or general authority of the Council.
- (3) The University may invest any of its surplus funds in such securities as the Council may from time to time approve.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, "appropriate authority" means Ministry charged with the responsibility of education (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 29: Discipline of students.

- (1) The Council may make rules providing for the Vice-Chancellor to conduct enquiries into any alleged breach of discipline in the University, which include lack of due diligence exhibited by any students.

- (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this section.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) of this Section, where it is proved during enquiry that any student of the University has been found guilty of any misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made pursuant to this Bill, direct that the:
 - (a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facilities of the University, as may be specified; or
 - (b) activities of such student shall during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
 - (c) the student may be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) student should be expelled from the University.
- (4) Where there is no Vice-Chancellor or where the Vice-Chancellor refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff of the University, apply such disciplinary actions specified in sub-section (3) of this Section to any student of the University that is found guilty of any misconduct.
- (5) Where a direction is given under sub-section (3), paragraphs (c) or (d) of this Section in respect of any student, the student may, within 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal against the direction to the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council after making inquiry in relation to the matter, may either modify, confirm or set aside the direction in such manner as the Council may deem necessary.
- (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to sub-section (5) of this Section, shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (7) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this Section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate.
- (8) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities in the University otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (9) The direction under sub-section (3) paragraph (a) of this Section may be combined with a direction under sub-section (3) paragraph (b) of this Section.
- (10) In all cases of indiscipline and misconduct under this Section, the decision of the Council shall be final unless it is reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 30: The seal of the University.**

- (1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and the affixing of the seal shall be signed by the Chairman of the Council and the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
- (2) Certificates issued by the University shall have the seal of the University affixed and signed by the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of the University.
- (3) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, shall be presumed to be so executed.
- (4) 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 University by any authorized person generally or specifically authorized to do so by the Council (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 31: Limitation of suit against the university.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Bill shall apply to any suit instituted against the University, an officer or employee of the University.
- (2) No suit shall lie or be instituted in any court against the University, a member of the Governing Board or any principal officer or employee of the University for an action carried out in pursuance to the execution of this Bill or any enactment, or of any public duty in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Bill or any other enactment or law, duty or authority, unless it is commenced —
 - (a) within three months of such act, neglect or default complained thereof; or
 - (b) in the case of a continuation of damages or injury, within six months after the ceasing of the act, neglect or default.
- (3) No suit shall be commenced against the University, a member of the Council or any principal officer or employee of the University before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of the intention to commence such suit has been served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent.
- (4) The notice referred to in sub-section (3) of this Section shall clearly state the cause of action, particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief sought (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 32: Power to make Regulations.**

- (1) The Council may make Regulations:
 - (a) to regulate the activities and programmes of the University, or any matter connected with the University; or
 - (b) for the effective implementation of any of the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) The Council shall have power to amend Regulations made under this Bill provided that the proposal for amendment shall be passed by two-thirds majority of the Council members.
- (3) All Regulations made by the Council subject to the provisions of this Bill, may be published in the Official Gazette of the Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 33: Transfer of Property.**

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the Colleges shall vest in the University and be held by it for the purposes of the University.
- (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to matters arising from the transfer of property by this section and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 34: Restriction on disposal of land belonging to the University.**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, a University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land, including any land transferred to the University by this Bill, except with the prior written consent of the President:

Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 35: Exclusion of discrimination on Account of race, religion, etc.**

- (1) No person shall be required to satisfy any requirements as to race, ethnicity, sex, place of birth or of family origin, or religion or political affiliation, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the University created by this Bill.

- (2) No person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University, by reference to any of the holder of any degree of the University or of appointment or employment at the University, or a member of any, of the bodies established by virtue of this Bill.
- (3) Nothing in sub-section (1) of this Section shall prevent the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons mentioned in that sub-section, where such person wilfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them, which in the opinion of the University is reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 36: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Campus" means any campus which may be established by the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means any College which may be established by the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Council established pursuant to sub-section (1) of Section 4 of this Bill of the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree, has been conferred by each University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to education (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Notice" means notice in writing (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Officer" does not include the Visitor (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulation (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Regulations" means regulations and other statutory instruments made by the Council under this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to paragraph (e) of Section 3 of this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Undergraduate" means a person in status pupillary at each University other than:

- (a) a graduate; and
- (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purpose of the definition (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Host community" or "Host communities" means Agosasa, Ipokia, Idiroko, Tube, Madoga, Ita Egbe, Oniro, Ihunbo, Ilase, Ajegunle, Ijofin, Ibatofin, Koko, Aseko, Ayetoro, Agbologun, Ifoyintedo, Igborodo, Oke-Odan, Ajilete, Owode, Ilobi, Erinja, Ijanna, Itoro, Iwoye, Idogo, Ilaro, Ayetoro, and Oja-Odan, communities (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"University" means the Federal University of Technology, Ipokia established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 37: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Technology, Ipokia Bill, 2021 (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND SENATE'S MEETINGS

1. Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, Cap. I 23, LFN, 2004, —
 - (a) the Council and Senate may make Standing Orders to regulate its proceedings or those of any of its Committees; and
2. The Council or the Senate shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman and if, the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than 3 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council or of the Senate, to be held within fourteen days from the date on which the notice is given.
3. At any meeting of the Council and Senate, the Chairman shall preside but where he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their members to preside over the meeting.
4. Where the Council or the Senate, desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, they may co-opt such person to be members for such period as it deem fit, but the person who is in attendance by virtue of this paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting and shall not count towards constitution of required quorum as contemplated by paragraph 2.
5. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of these paragraphs, the first meeting of the Council and Senate shall be summoned by the President,
6. The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill, but shall meet not less than three times in every year.
7. Where not less than five members of the Council requested in writing that a meeting should hold, the chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request, call a meeting of the Council.
8. Any request made under sub-section (10) of this Section, the agenda of the meeting shall disclose the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at such meeting.

Constitution of Committees

9. The Council or the Senate may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on its behalf, such functions as it may consider necessary.
10. A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the body constituting the committee and the persons shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of their appointment.
11. A decision of a Committee of the Council and Senate shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the constituting body.

Miscellaneous

12. The validity of any proceedings of either the Council or the Senate or of a Committee shall not be adversely affected by:
 - (a) a vacancy in the membership of such body or the Committee; or
 - (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of such body or the Committee; or
 - (c) reason being that a person not entitled to so took part in the proceedings of such body or the Committee.
13. Any member of the Council or of the Senate or any person holding office in any Committee, who has personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by either the Council or the Senate or a Committee thereof, shall disclose his interest to the body concerned and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.
14. A person shall not by reason of his membership of either the Council or the Senate or of any committee be treated as holding an office of emolument under the University.

Functions of Finance and General Purposes Committee

15. Subject to the provision of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of each University, charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University.
16. There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions as may be delegated to it by the Council.
17. Constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall be carried out in compliance with the statute made by each of the universities.
18. The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University are kept and audited annually by an independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and ensure that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the audited account.
19. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Bill or any statutes made subject to this Bill, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions under this Bill.

20. Rules made under sub paragraph (16) of this Paragraph by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless it is approved by the Council.
21. Where any of the rules made by the Committee is in conflict with any directions given by the Council, before or after the coming into force of such rules, the directions of the Council shall prevail.
22. There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and any other committee set up by the Council, such allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses incurred, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Government.

Statutory instruments made by the University

23. Subject to this Bill, the Federal University of Technology, Ipokia may make rules and regulations to —
 - (a) provide with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority in the University.
 - (b) specify the powers of any authority in the University and any other matter connected with the exercise of such powers confer on such authority;
 - (c) regulate the duties of any authority of the University and any other matter connected with the University;
 - (d) regulate admission, welfare, and discipline of students, where no other enactment provides to the contrary;
 - (e) determine whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or a non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill or Regulations or other instrument made under this Bill.
24. Subject to section 24 (6) of this Bill, the interpretation Bill shall apply in relation to any statutory instruments made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of Section 29 (1) of that Act.

Mode of exercising power to make statutory instruments

25. The power of the University to make statutory instruments shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of Section 32 of this Bill and not otherwise.
26. Such statutory instruments shall not become law unless it has been approved at a meeting of the:
 - (a) Senate by not less than two thirds votes of the members present at the meeting; and
 - (b) Council by not less than two thirds votes of the members present at the meeting.
27. Statutory instruments may originate either from the Senate or from the Council and shall be approved as required by sub paragraphs (a) and (b) of Paragraph (26) by either one of those bodies before the other.
28. Any statutory instrument which —

- (a) makes provision for the alteration of the composition or constitution of the Council and the Senate or any other authority of the University; or
- (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any statutory instrument whereby a campus or college is established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the President.
29. For the purposes of Section 2, sub-section (2) of the interpretation Act, such a statutory instruments shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within sub-section (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the President.
30. The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this Bill, shall be binding upon such authorities, staff and students of the University.
31. Where any question as to the meaning of any provision of any statutory instrument made subject to this Bill has been decided by the Visitor, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria.
32. Nothing in this Bill shall affect any power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of statutory instrument is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as Altered).

Proof of statutory instruments

33. Any statutory instrument made by the University, may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Secretary to the Council to the effect that the copy is a true copy of such statutory instrument of the University.

Removal of examiners

34. If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, except in such cases as may be prescribed, the Vice-Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter, may disengaged such examiner from the University by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.
35. Subject to the provisions of statutory instrument made in pursuant to Paragraph 34 of the Second Scheduled to this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed under sub-section (1) of this Section.
36. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor, on signing an instrument of removal in accordance to Paragraph 34, shall cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

COMPOSITION OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

1. The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of:
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he is present;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) six representatives of the Council, two of whom shall be selected from among the Council's members, two members appointed by the Senate and one member appointed by the Congregation;
 - (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or such member of his Ministry as may be delegated by him to represent him; and
 - (e) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Science and Technology or such member of his Ministry as may be delegated by him to represent him.
2. The quorum of the Committee shall be five.
3. Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

Composition of the Congregation of the University

4. The Congregation of the University shall consist of:
 - (a) the vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) full-time members of the academic staff;
 - (c) the Registrar;
 - (d) the Bursar;
 - (e) the Librarian;
 - (f) the Director of Works;
 - (g) the Director of Health Services; and
 - (h) every administrative staff of the University, who holds a degree, other than an honorary degree, of any University recognised for the purposes of this Bill by the Vice-Chancellor.
5. Subject to sub-paragraph 4 of this Paragraph, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present and in his absence, any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting of the Congregation or may appoint for that meeting a chairman where the Vice-Chancellors and Deputy Vice-Chancellors is absent.
6. The quorum at any meeting of the Congregation shall be one third of the whole number of the total number of members or fifty members in attendance.

7. A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying the:
 - (a) total number of members of the Congregation for the purpose of any particular meeting or meetings of the Congregation; or
 - (b) names of members of the Congregation during a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or, as the case may be, of the names of those persons.
8. Subject to the foregoing provisions of Paragraphs (6) and (7), the Congregation may regulate its own proceeding of meeting.
9. Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolutions or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and members, shall have power to elect members of the Council in addition to other functions as may be provided by this Bill or Statutory instruments made subject thereto.

Convocation

10. Convocation shall consist of:
 - (a) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to this Bill;
 - (b) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill;
 - (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph (2) of this article.
11. A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of Convocation if:
 - (a) he is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
 - (b) he applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pays the prescribed fees.
12. Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of Paragraph 4, may provide for the payment, from time to time, of fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.
13. The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of the Convocation by virtue of sub-paragraphs (a) or (b) of this Paragraph are entered and retained on the register.
14. A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register or a copy of the register at the principal offices of the University at all reasonable times.
15. The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named therein is not, a member of Convocation, but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.

16. The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third or the whole number nearest to one third or the whole number of members of Convocation whichever is less.
17. Subject to section 4 of the Bill, the Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.
18. Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by any statutory instrument of each University.

Division of Schools

19. Each school shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed in accordance with established standards in similar universities.

School Boards

20. (1) There shall be established in respect of each school a board of studies which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:-
 - (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the school;
 - (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and
 - (c) advise the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate.
- (2) Each school board of studies shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Dean;
 - (c) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;
 - (d) such of the teachers assigned to the school and having the prescribed qualifications as the board may determine; and
 - (e) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the Board may determine with the approval of the Senate.
- (3) The quorum of any board meeting shall be eight members or one quarter, whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the board; and subject to the provisions of this Statute and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the board may regulate its own procedure.

Dean of the School

21. (1) The board of each school shall, at a meeting in the last term of any academic year in which the term of office of the Dean expires, nominate one of its members, being one of the professors assigned to that teaching unit, for appointment by the Senate as Dean of the school.

- (2) The person appointed under sub-paragraph (1) of Paragraph 8, shall act as Dean of the school and chairman at all meetings of the school board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the school.
- (3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further period of two years. Thereafter, he shall not be eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.
- (4) The Dean of a school shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the school.
- (5) It shall be the function of the Dean to present to Convocation for the conferment of degrees on persons who are qualified for the degrees of the University. at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that school.
- (6) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several schools and the Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and matters referred to the University by the Senate.
- (7) The Dean of school may be removed from office for good cause by the school board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor, provided that at the next school board meeting, an election shall be held for a new Dean.
- (8) In this Schedule "good cause" has the same meaning as in sub-section (3) of Section 20 of the Bill.

Selection of Director of Works

22. (1) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of Works, a selection board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of —
- (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of the Senate; and
 - (d) the selection board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office; and after considering the recommendation of the board the Council may make an appointment to that office.

Creation of academic posts

23. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Appointment of academic staff

24. (1) Subject to the Bill and statutes, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the Senate.

- (2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set up.
- (3) For appointments to professorships, associate professorship or readerships or equivalent posts, a board of selection, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) two members appointed by the Council;
 - (c) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;
 - (d) where the post is tenable at the University, the Vice-Chancellor of the University;
 - (e) where the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit of the University, the Dean of the school or the teaching unit, or the director of the institute, as the case may be; and
 - (f) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.
- (4) For other academic posts, a selection board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;
 - (c) where the office is justifiable at the University, the Vice-Chancellor of the University;
 - (d) where the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit of the University, the Dean of the school or the teaching unit or the director of the institute, as the case may be; and
 - (e) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.
- (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre and for all such posts other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the selection board.
- (6) Boards of selection may interview candidates directly or consider the reports of interviewing panels and shall in addition, in the case of professorships, associate professorships, readerships or equivalent post, consider the reports of external assessors relevant to the area in which the appointment is being considered.

Appointment of administrative and professional staff

25. (1) The Administrative and professional staff of the University other than principal officers, shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with delegation of any powers made by the Council in that behalf.
- (2) In the case of administrative or professional staffs that have close and important contacts with the academic staff, the Senate or its representative shall participate in the selection process (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to give statutory backing to the Federal University of Technology, Ipokia, Ogun State as a University established to provide special and high level personnel needed to drive the Federal Government's Local Content Policy in Science and Technology (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Technology, Ipokia; and for Related Matters (HB. 512) (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Technology, Ipokia, Ogun State to Provide the Federal Government Local Content Policy in Science and Technology; and for Related Matters (HB. 512) and approved Clauses 1 - 37, 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.

(vi) Committee on Health Institutions:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Billiri, Gombe State; and for Related Matters (HB. 677)" (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL
MEDICAL CENTRE, BILLIRI, GOMBE STATE; AND FOR
OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 677)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL
MEDICAL CENTRE, BILLIRI, GOMBE STATE

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal Medical Centre, Billiri, Gombe State.

- (1) There is hereby established the Federal Medical Centre, Billiri, Gombe State (in this Bill referred to as "the Federal Medical Centre") and the medical Centre shall serve as the Medical Centre subject to the provision of this Bill.
- (2) The Medical Centre:
 - (a) shall be a body corporate;
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
 - (c) shall have perpetual succession and a common seal (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Establishment of the Board of Management of the Medical Centre.

There is hereby established for the management of the Medical Centre a Board of Management (in this Bill referred to as "Board") which shall be constituted and have the functions and powers set out in this Bill (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Membership of the Board.

- (1) The Board shall consist of:
 - (a) a chairman;
 - (b) the Medical Director of the Medical Centre;
 - (c) the Director of Clinical Services;
 - (d) Association of Medical laboratory scientists;
 - (e) one person to represent each Medical and Health Workers Union.
 - (f) one person to represent National Union of Allied Health Professional;

- (g) the representative of the Minister of health who should not be below the rank of Assistant Director
 - (h) the Federal Ministry of Health;
 - (i) the National Planning Commission;
 - (j) one representative of Nigerian Medical Association;
 - (k) the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria;
 - (l) the Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria
 - (m) the Pediatrics Association of Nigeria;
 - (n) the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives.
- (2) The Director of Administration shall be the Secretary of the board
- (3) The chairman and members of the Board, other than ex-officio members, shall be:
- (a) appointed by the President; and
 - (b) persons of proven integrity and ability.

Schedule.

- (4) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters contained therein (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Tenure of Office.

Subject to the provisions of section 5 of this Bill, a member of the Board, other than *ex-officio* members, shall each hold office:

- (a) for a term of three years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for a further term of three years and no more; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 5: Cessation of Membership.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of this Bill a person shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board if:
- (a) he becomes bankrupt, suspends payment principal loan with his creditors;

- (b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or fraud;
 - (c) he becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his duties;
 - (d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or
 - (e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, he is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own request, from practising his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority made in respect of that member; or
 - (f) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.
- (2) If a member of the Board ceases to hold office for any reason whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed, another person representing the same Interest as that member shall be appointed to the Board for the unexpired term.
- (3) A member of the Board may be removed by the President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Medical Centre or the interest of the public that the member continues in office (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 6: Allowance of the Board.

There shall be paid to every member of the Board such allowances and expenses as the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission may, from time to time, direct (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE BOARD, ETC.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 7: Function of the Board.

(1) The Board shall:

- (a) equip, maintain and operate the Medical Centre so as to provide facilities for diagnosis, curative, promotive and rehabilitative services in medical treatment;
- (b) construct, equip, maintain and operate such training schools and similar institutions as the Board considers necessary for providing the Medical Centre at all times with a proper staff of the Medical Centre technicians and nurses;
- (c) construct, equip, maintain and operate such clinics, out-patient departments, laboratories, research or experimental stations and other like institutions as the Board considers necessary for the efficient functioning of the Medical Centre.

- (2) The Board shall ensure that the standards of teaching provided at all establishments under its control and the standards of treatment and care provided for patients at those establishments do not fall below those usually provided by similar establishments of international repute.
- (3) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall perform such other functions which in its opinion are calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Power of the Board.

The Board shall have power to:

- (a) provide the general policies and guidelines relating to major expansion programmes of the Medical Centre;
- (b) provide facilities for the training of medical students of associate universities;
- (c) manage and superintend the affairs of the Medical Centre;
- (d) subject to the provisions of this Bill, make, alter and revoke rules and regulations for carrying on the functions of the Medical Centre;
- (e) fix terms and conditions of service, including remuneration of the employees of the Medical Centre subject to the approval of National Salaries Incomes and Wages Commission;
- (f) do such other things which in the opinion of the Board are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Medical Centre (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — STAFF OF THE MEDICAL CENTRE

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: Medical Director of the Medical Centre.

- (1) There shall be for the Medical Centre a Medical Director who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of Hon. Minister of Health on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment or as may be determined, from time to time, by the National Salaries Income and Wages Commission.
- (2) The Medical Director shall:
 - (a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Medical Centre;
 - (b) be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day administration of the Medical Centre;
 - (c) be appointed for a term of four years in the first instance and may be reappointed for a further term of four years subject to satisfactory performance;

- (d) be a person who is a medical practitioner and shall have been so qualified for a period of not less than 15 years;
- (e) have considerable administrative experience in matters of health;
- (f) hold a post-graduate specialist qualification obtained not less than ten years prior to the appointment as Medical Director (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Appointment of Director of Administration and recruitment of other staff of the Medical Centre.

- (1) The Board shall appoint for the Medical Centre:
 - (a) a Director of Administration, who shall:
 - (i) be responsible to the Medical Director for the effective functioning of all the administrative divisions of the Medical Centre;
 - (ii) conduct the correspondence of the Board and keep the records of the Medical Centre; and
 - (iii) perform such other functions as the Board or the Medical Director, as the case may be, may, from time to time, assign to him;
 - (b) a Director of Clinical Services;
 - (c) a Director of Finance;
 - (d) a Director of Maintenance.
- (2) The Directors appointed under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of this section shall each be responsible to the Medical Director for the effective running of the clinical services, the finance and accounts and the co-ordination of the maintenance of the Medical Centre, as the case may be.
- (3) The Board shall appoint for the Medical Centre such number of employees as may in opinion of the Board expedient and necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Medical Centre.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section the Board shall have power to appoint for the Medical Centre either directly or on secondment from any public service in the Federation, such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Board, be required to assist the Medical Centre in the discharge of any of its functions under this Bill.
- (5) Nothing in subsection (4) of this section shall preclude the Board from appointing persons from outside the public service of the Federation or of the State whenever it deems it necessary so to do.

- (6) The terms and conditions of service of the employees of the Medical Centre shall be as determined by the National Salaries Income and Wages Commission (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 11: Service in the Medical Centre to be pensionable.

- (1) Service in the Medical Centre shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reforms Act.
- (2) The officers and other persons employed in the Medical Centre shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the Federation.
- (3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension and gratuity in respect of that office (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Establishment of the Medical Advisory Committee, etc.

- (1) There shall be for the Medical Centre a Medical Advisory Committee which shall:
 - (a) consist of a chairman who shall be the Director, Clinical Services and such number of other members as may be determined from time to time;
 - (b) be responsible to the Medical Director for all the clinical and training activities of the Medical Centre; and
 - (c) be appointed by the Board.
- (2) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power to appoint either directly or on secondment and discipline consultants holding or acting in any office in the hospital; and any such appointment shall be made having due regard to the approved personnel establishment of the Medical Centre.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may, from time to time, appoint consultants outside the hospital to perform such medical duties as the Board or the Medical Director may assign to such consultants (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 13: Fund of the Medical Centre.

There shall be established and maintained for the Medical Centre a fund into which shall be paid and credited:

- (a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Government of the Federation;
- (b) all fees and funds accruing from the sale of drugs and other services;
- (c) all sums accruing to the Medical Centre by way of gifts, endowments, bequests, grants or other contributions by persons and organisations;
- (d) foreign aid and assistance from bilateral agencies; and
- (e) all other sums which may, from time to time, accrue to the Medical Centre (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Expenditure of the Medical Centre.

The hospital shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its disposal to:

- (a) the cost of administration and maintenance of the Medical Centre;
- (b) publicize and promote the activities of the Medical Centre;
- (c) pay allowances, expenses and other benefits of members of the Board and committees of the Board;
- (d) pay the salaries, allowances and benefits of employees of the Medical Centre;
- (e) pay other overhead allowances, benefits and other administrative costs of the Medical Centre; and
- (f) undertake such other activities as are connected with all or any of the functions of the Medical Centre under this Bill (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Power to Accept Gifts.

- (1) The Medical Centre may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.
- (2) The Medical Centre shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Medical Centre under this Bill (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 16: Annual Estimate and Expenditure.**

- (1) The Board shall, not later than 30 September in each year, submit to the President through the Secretary to the Government of the Federation an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Medical Centre during the next succeeding year.
- (2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Medical Centre in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 17: Annual report.**

The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, not later than 30th June in each year, a report in such form as the President may direct on the activities of the Medical Centre during the immediately preceding year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Federal Medical Centre for that year and the auditor's report thereon (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 18: Power of Borrow.**

- (1) The Medical Centre may, from time to time, borrow by overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (2) The Medical Centre shall not, without the approval of the President, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the President.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where the sum to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Medical Centre shall not borrow the sum without the prior approval of the President (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 19: Exemption from Tax.**

- (1) The Medical Centre shall not pay income tax on any income derived by the Federal Medical Centre under this Bill or accruing to it from any of its investments.
- (2) Accordingly, the provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Board of the Federal Medical Centre (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 20: Exemption from Customs Duties, etc.**

The Medical Centre shall not pay customs duty on or be restricted or prohibited from importing any equipment, material, supply and any other thing required by the Medical Centre for the purposes of this Bill:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the Nigeria Customs Service from inspecting any equipment, or material imported by the centre (Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency).

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

PART V — GENERAL

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 21: Discipline of Student.**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other enactment, where it appears to the Board that any student of the Medical Centre has been guilty of misconduct, the Board may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on it by regulations, direct:
 - (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Medical Centre, or make use of such facilities of the Medical Centre as may be so specified;
 - (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
 - (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) that the student be expelled from the Medical Centre.
- (2) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (3) The Board may delegate its powers under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Medical Centre as the Board may nominate.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of student's activities at the Medical Centre otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (5) A direction issued under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction issued under subsection (1) (b) of this section.
- (6) Nothing in this Bill shall affect the provisions of any enactment relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists, midwives, nurses or members of any other profession or calling (Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 22: Removal and discipline of clinical administrative and technical staff.

- (1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or technical staff of the Medical Centre, other than the Medical Director, should be removed from his office or employment, the Board shall require the Director of Administration to:
 - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Board; and
 - (c) if the person in question so requests within a period of 1 month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements for:
 - (i) a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the Board; and
 - (ii) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by an investigating committee set up with respect to the matter, and if the Board, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Board may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of the Board.
- (2) The Medical Director may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Medical Director is prejudicial to the interest of the Medical Centre, suspend any such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.
- (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated or he may be dismissed by the Board and for the purposes of this section, "good cause" means:
 - (a) a conviction for any offence which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office;
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Board, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (d) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute a failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.

- (4) Any person suspended shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to:
- (a) whether to continue the person's suspension and if so, on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
 - (b) whether to reinstate the person, in which case the Board shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;
 - (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case he shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against the person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been withheld), as the Board may determine, and in any case where the Board, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.
- (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall preclude the Board from making such regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Bill for the discipline of students and all other categories of employees of the hospital as the Board may prescribe.
- (7) Regulations made under subsection (6) of this section need not be published in the Gazette but the Board shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 23: Discipline of junior staff.

- (1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Medical Director may suspend him for not more than a period of 3 months and shall direct a committee to:
- (a) consider the case; and
 - (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Medical Director.
- (2) In all cases under this section of this Bill, the officer shall be informed of the charge against him and given a reasonable opportunity to defend himself.

- (3) The Medical Director may, after considering the recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss, or take such other disciplinary action against the officer concerned.
- (4) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Medical Director made under subsection (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Board to reconsider his case (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 24: Regulations.

- (1) The Board may, with the approval of the President, make regulations
- (a) as to the access of members of the public either generally or of a particular class, to premises under the control of the Board and as to the orderly conduct of members of the public on those premises; and
- (b) for safeguarding any property belonging to or controlled by the Board from damage by members of the public.
- (2) Bye-laws under this section shall not come into force until they are confirmed (with or without modification) by the National Assembly and published in such manner as he may direct (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 25: Power to give directives.

The "Minister of Health" may give to the Board directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with the directions; but no direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the duties of the Board under this Bill (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 26: Interpretation.

In this Bill:

"associate universities" means the universities whose medical students receive aspects of their training from the Medical Centre (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Board" means the Board of Management of the Medical Centre (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"chairman" means the chairman of the Board (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"functions" include powers and duties (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Federal Medical Centre" means the Federal Medical Centre Billiri, Gombe State (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Federal Medical Centre" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"junior staff" means staff of such grade as may be determined, from time to time, by the Board (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"medical student" means a student whose course of instruction is:

- (a) designed (either alone or in conjunction with other courses) to enable him to qualify as a medical practitioner; or
- (b) designed for the further training of medical practitioners (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to health; and (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 27: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centre, Billiri, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

Proceedings of the Board

1. (1) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any committees.
- (2) The quorum of the Board shall be the chairman or the person presiding at the meeting and 5 other members of the Board, 2 of whom shall be ex-officio members, and the quorum of any Committee of the Board shall be as determined by the Board.
2. (1) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman and if the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than 8 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (2) At any meeting of the Board, the chairman shall preside but if he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their members to preside at the meeting.
- (3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this "Sub-section" shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count toward a quorum.

Committees

3. (1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such functions as the Board may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Board and a person shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (3) A decision of a committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

Miscellaneous

4. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Medical Centre shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman, the Medical Director or any person generally or specifically authorized by the Board 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 Medical Centre by the Medical Director or any person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose.
- (3) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Medical Centre shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
5. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or of a committee shall not be adversely affected by:
- (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee;
- (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or committee; or
- (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Board or committee (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to provide for the Legal Framework to establish the Federal Medical Centre, Billiri, Gombe State (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Billiri, Gombe State; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 677) (*Hon. Paschal Obi — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Billiri, Gombe State; and for Related Matters (HB. 677) and approved Clauses 1 - 27, 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.

21. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 8 July, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.38 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker





