



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 20 January, 2022

1. The House met at 11.56 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 Wednesday, 19 January, 2022.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

Bereavement:

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Dele Gboluga Ikengboju (*Okitipupa/Irele Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of Hon. Ogunbameru Adewole Daniel (*Okitipupa/Irele Federal Constituency*, 1992 - 1993) at the age of 71.

5. **Petition**

A petition from Godwin Akpan, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Nsikak Ekong (*Ikot Ekpene/Obot Akara/Essien Udim Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

Need to Investigate the Alleged Missing Firearms and Ammunition of the Nigeria Police Force:
Hon. Toby Okechukwu (*Aninri/Awgu/Oji River 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 Alleged Missing Firearms and Ammunition of the Nigeria Police Force:

The House:

Notes the 2019 report of the Office of the Auditor General of the Federation on alleged disappearance of about 178,459 different arms and ammunition of the Nigeria Police Force in 2019 recently reported in our national daily newspapers;

Also notes that the audit of Arms Movement Register, Monthly Returns of Arms and Ammunition and Ammunition Register at the Armoury Section reveals that a total number of lost firearms as at December 2018 stood at 178,459 pieces;

Further notes that out of this number, 88,078 were AK-47 rifles, 3,907 assorted rifles and pistols across different police formations, which could not be accounted for as at January 2020:

Aware of the findings in the report that the police high command failed to keep record of unserviceable and expired firearms and ammunition; owing to non-compliance to the internal control system of the Nigeria Police Force;

Also aware that records of the total number of unserviceable firearms were not produced for examinations and there were no returns from Adamawa State Command, Police Mobile Force (PMF) 46, 56, 64 and 68 for the period under review;

Alarmed that dully completed Treasury Form 146 (loss of stores) were not presented. Records obtained from force armament at Force Headquarters showed 21 Police Mobile Force (PMF) Squadron, Abuja did not report a single case of missing firearm, whereas schedule of missing arms obtained from the same PMF showed a total of 46 missing arms between year 2000 and February 2019;

Worried that the value of the lost firearms could not be ascertained because no document relating to their cost of acquisition was presented for examination;

Mindful of the worsening state of security, kidnapping and banditry in the country and concerned that the missing arms could have found their ways into the wrong hands;

Also mindful that Nigeria did not undertake any war in recent times;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Inspector General of Police to take urgent actions to apprehend those culpable for the depletion of the armoury of the Nigeria Police Force; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Public Accounts to establish the veracity of those allegations and conduct due diligence of the control processes of the armoury of the Nigeria Police Force; and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Awgu/Oji River Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (ii) and *insert* as follows:

“mandate the *Ad-hoc* Committee Investigating the Wanton Killings and Kidnappings in Wase Local Government Area and the Complicity of Security Agents in the Release of Arrested Criminals and Bandits in Plateau State to establish the veracity of the allegations and conduct due diligence of the control process of the armoury of the Nigeria Police Force and report within four (4) weeks” (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the 2019 report of the Office of the Auditor General of the Federation on alleged disappearance of about 178,459 different arms and ammunition of the Nigeria Police Force in 2019 recently reported in our national daily newspapers;

Also noted that the audit of Arms Movement Register, Monthly Returns of Arms and Ammunition and Ammunition Register at the Armoury Section reveals that a total number of lost firearms as at December 2018 stood at 178,459 pieces;

Further noted that out of this number, 88,078 were AK-47 rifles, 3,907 assorted rifles and pistols across different police formations, which could not be accounted for as at January 2020;

Aware of the findings in the report that the police high command failed to keep record of unserviceable and expired firearms and ammunition; owing to non-compliance to the internal control system of the Nigeria Police Force;

Also aware that records of the total number of unserviceable firearms were not produced for examinations and there were no returns from Adamawa State Command, Police Mobile Force (PMF) 46, 56, 64 and 68 for the period under review;

Alarmed that dully completed Treasury Form 146 (loss of stores) were not presented. Records obtained from force armament at Force Headquarters showed 21 Police Mobile Force (PMF) Squadron, Abuja did not report a single case of missing firearm, whereas schedule of missing arms obtained from the same PMF showed a total of 46 missing arms between year 2000 and February 2019;

Worried that the value of the lost firearms could not be ascertained because no document relating to their cost of acquisition was presented for examination;

Mindful of the worsening state of security, kidnapping and banditry in the country and concerned that the missing arms could have found their ways into the wrong hands;

Also mindful that Nigeria did not undertake any war in recent times;

Resolved to:

- (i) call on the Inspector General of Police to take urgent actions to apprehend those culpable for the depletion of the armoury of the Nigeria Police Force; and
- (ii) mandate the *Ad-hoc* Committee Investigating the Wanton Killings and Kidnappings in Wase Local Government Area and the Complicity of Security Agents in the Release of Arrested

Criminals and Bandits in Plateau State to establish the veracity of the allegations and conduct due diligence of the control process of the armoury of the Nigeria Police Force and report within four (4) weeks (HR. 08/01/2022)

7. **Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)**

Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma (*Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to an interview he granted on Channels Television's Sunrise Daily programme on Thursday, 20 January, 2022. He stated that his comments at the interview were misinterpreted and not intended to ridicule the legislature as an Institution. He apologised to the House for his comments during the interview.

Mr Speaker noted his apology and urged Members to be cautious while expressing their opinions to the public.

8. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) National Sports Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2022 (HB.1798).
- (2) Federal University of Education, Numan (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1799).
- (3) Federal Polytechnic, Ayede (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1800).
- (4) Administration of Criminal Justice Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1802).
- (5) Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1803).
- (6) Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1804).
- (7) Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1805).
- (8) Federal Cancer Centre, Toro, Bauchi State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2022 (HB.1806).
- (9) Niger Delta Institute of Technology and Skills Acquisition (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1807).
- (10) National Research and Innovation Council (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1808).
- (11) Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1810).
- (12) Child's Right Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1811).
- (13) Federal Medical Centre, Akpugo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1098).

9. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act, No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Bill, 2021 to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 981) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act, No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Bill, 2021 to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 981) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Investments and Securities Act, 2007 and Enact the Investments and Securities Bill to Establish Securities and Exchange Commission as the Apex Regulatory Authority for the Nigerian Capital Market as well as Regulation of the Market to ensure Capital Formation, the Protection of the Market to ensure Capital Formation, the Protection of Investors, Maintain Fair, Efficient and Transparent Market and Reduction of Systematic Risk; and for Related Matters (HB. 1787) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Investments and Securities Act, 2007 and Enact the Investments and Securities Bill to Establish Securities and Exchange Commission as the Apex Regulatory Authority for the Nigerian Capital Market as well as Regulation of the Market to ensure Capital Formation, the Protection of the Market to ensure Capital Formation, the Protection of Investors, Maintain Fair, Efficient and Transparent Market and Reduction of Systematic Risk; and for Related Matters (HB. 1787) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Capital Market and Institutions.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Cultural Orientation Act, Cap. N48, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 947) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Idere to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and to Provide for the Appointment of Provost and other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 309) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Idere to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and to Provide for the Appointment of Provost and other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 309) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Ajibola Muraina Saubana — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Youth Service Corps Trust Fund (NYSCTF) to provide a sustainable source of Funds for National Youth Service Corps, Skill Acquisition, Training and Empowerment of Corps Members, Training and Retraining of the Personnel of National Youth Service Corps, Development of Camps and NYSC formations and facilities therein; and for Related Matters (HB. 1795) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Youth Service Corps Trust Fund (NYSCTF) to provide a sustainable source of Funds for National Youth Service Corps, Skill Acquisition, Training and Empowerment of Corps Members, Training and Retraining

of the Personnel of National Youth Service Corps, Development of Camps and NYSC formations and facilities therein; and for Related Matters (HB. 1795) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Akinfolarin Mayowa Samuel — Ileoluji-Okeigbo/Odigbo Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Youth Development.

14. Need to Address the Rising Cases of Mental Health in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the World Health Organization considers Mental Health as a state of wellbeing in which the individual can cope with the stress of life, work productively and contribute to the community;

Also notes that mental illness manifests in mood disorder, anxiety disorder, trauma-related disorder, personality disorder, old age-related disorder, substance abuse disorder or mental pattern that causes significant distress or impairment of personal functioning;

Further notes that according to the World Health Organization statistics, over twenty million Nigerians are currently suffering from various degrees of mental illness or disorder without psychiatric health care;

Observes that 3 out of 10 Nigerians have one form of mental illness or the other, presently there is no mental health legislation in Nigeria. However, the Nigerian mental health policy is the only framework that has access to mental healthcare, dealing with mental and neurological disorders in Nigeria, discouraging stigmatization against persons with mental disorders and has institutionalized standards for Psychiatric practice;

Concerned that the increase in cases of depression is traceable to multifactorial inter and intrapersonal issues which leads to suicidal death in the country and this requires urgent attention;

Also concerned that Nigeria has only 130 Psychiatrists with over 20 million citizens suffering from mental disorders;

Worried that with the few functional Mental Health Facilities and inadequate mental health Practitioners in the country, mental health cases are left for traditional practitioners, hence the upsurge in mental health in Nigeria;

Also worried that the statistics are troubling and the continued lack of a legal framework on mental health in the Country will simply cause the situation to degenerate;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, and Healthcare Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Health towards improving Mental Health Facilities around the Country and further carry out serious sensitization of Nigerians on this issue;

- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Health Institutions to explore the modalities of liaising with Stakeholders in the Health Sector to promote, educate and sensitize Nigerians on mental health and report within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Uchechuku Nnam-Obi George — Ahoada West/Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

(**HR. 09/01/2022**).

Agreed to.

15. Need to Adopt a Policy to Discourage Deforestation in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Rural Areas often suffer neglect as a result of lack of social basic amenities which include a right to shelter, food, clothing and access to modern cooking facilities which enhances healthy living;

Also notes that due to the exorbitant price of cooking gas and kerosene, rural dwellers are often left with no other option than to cut down trees for firewood, which are used to prepare food;

Aware of the report in the Blueprint Newspaper of September 2, 2019, on the need for the Federal Government to embark on public enlightenment program at the grassroots level, on the importance of using cooking gas and kerosene instead of firewood to improve the living conditions of rural dwellers;

Concerned that felling of trees for firewood and bush burning will cause deforestation and desert encroachment, and consequently restrict food production which is a major factor in sustaining the country's economy;

Also concerned that bush burning and cutting down of trees as an alternative means of cooking adversely affects not only the degradation the environment, but also endanger the health of people exposed to smoke;

Cognizant of the need to formulate policies or guidelines to regulate gas production and distribution to make it affordable to Nigerians, especially in the rural areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to embark on public enlightenment, especially in the rural areas on the importance of the use of cooking gas and kerosene as well as the dangers of bush burning and tree cutting;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to formulate and implement policies to make cooking gas affordable, especially in the rural areas;
- (iii) mandate the committee on Gas Resources to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Auwal Jatau — Zaki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

16. **Need to Investigate Unclaimed Funds and Dividends in Commercial Banks and Capital Markets, and the Infractions by the Central Bank of Nigeria**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Need to Investigate Unlawful Administrative Charges and Levies by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the Award of Contracts**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Assembly makes laws for the peace, order and good government of the Federation to ensure the welfare and security of every Nigerian;

Also notes that one of such very important legislations is the Appropriation Act which appropriates funds to various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government for implementation of specific projects;

Aware that the most critical component of the Annual Budget is the Capital and Recurrent Expenditure Estimates approved by the National Assembly for the provision of critical infrastructure and to cater for national priority projects;

Also aware that various MDAs are mandated by the Appropriation Act of each year to execute such provisions on projects by awarding contracts to qualified and competent companies and entities in line with extant laws while maintaining fairness, reliability, transparency, accountability and ethical standards in the process;

Acknowledges that the process of awarding contracts on projects mandates contractors to pay such taxes as Value Added Tax and Withholding Tax, and are the only charges required by law for such contractors to pay to the government for the award of the contracts;

Disturbed by the alleged arbitrary, indiscriminate and unlawful administrative charges, levies and contract fees charged by Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government ranging from 5% to 25% of contract sums to be paid by contractors to officials of the MDAs;

Also disturbed that such charges by the MDAs are unlawful, fraudulent and clear cases of corrupt practices as such monies when collected, are not remitted to government coffers;

Further aware that when contractors are compelled to pay such advance fees, there is the high tendency of not keeping to the terms of the contract as such projects are often abandoned or poorly executed;

Cognizant of the provisions of Section 88 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which states that each House of the National Assembly shall have power by resolution published in its journal or in the Official Gazette of the Government of the Federation to direct or cause to be directed an investigation into any matter or thing concerning which it has the power to make laws, and the conduct of affairs of any person, Authority, Ministry or Government Department charged or intended to be charged, with the duty of or responsibility for executing or administering laws enacted by National Assembly and disbursing or administering money appropriated or to be appropriated by the National Assembly and that such powers are exercisable only to expose corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution or administration of laws within its legislative competence and the disbursement or administration of funds appropriated by it;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate alleged cases of indiscriminate and unlawful administrative charges on contracts and such percentage charges on project implementation by Ministries, Departments, and Agencies of the Federal Government from 2010 to 2021 and report back within 12 weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Kpam Jimin Sokpo — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

(HR. 10/01/2022).

Agreed to.

Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate Alleged Cases of Indiscriminate and Unlawful Administrative Charges on Contracts and such Percentage Charges on Project Implementation by Ministries, Departments, and Agencies of the Federal Government from 2010 to 2021 (HR. 10/01/2022):

Mr Speaker constituted membership of the Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Muraina Saubana Ajibola	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Aliyu Magaji Da'u	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Abejide Leke Joseph	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Shehu Balarabe	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Kabiru Idris	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Aliyu Ibrahim Almustapha	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Tijani Ismail	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Sani Umar Dangaladima	—	Member
(11)	Hon. Elisha Simon Karu	—	Member
(12)	Hon. Ahmed Yusuf Badau	—	Member
(13)	Hon. Chinedu Ogah	—	Member
(14)	Hon. Kpam Jimin Sokpo	—	Member
(15)	Hon. Henry Nwawuba	—	Member
(16)	Hon. Tijjani Zannah Zakariyya	—	Member
(17)	Hon. Ahmed Satomi	—	Member
(18)	Hon. Sada Soli	—	Member
(19)	Hon. Fatoba Steve Olusola	—	Member
(20)	Hon. Omowunmi Olubunmi Ogunlola	—	Member

18. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, Ogun State, to Provide for Teaching, Research, Instruction and Training of Students in Border Management; and for Related Matters (HB.1467) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, Ogun State, to Provide for Teaching, Research, Instruction and Training of Students in Border Management; and for Related Matters (HB.1467)" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR BORDER STUDIES, IMEKO, OGUN STATE,
TO PROVIDE FOR TEACHING, RESEARCH, INSTRUCTION AND
TRAINING OF STUDENTS IN BORDER MANAGEMENT
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1467)

Clause 1: Establishment of the National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko.

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be called National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, Ogun State (herein referred to as "the Institute").
- (2) The Institute shall be —
 - (a) a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
 - (b) shall be capable of —
 - (i) acquiring, holding and disposing of the Institute's property;
and
 - (ii) performing such other acts and things as a body corporate may by law and by the provision of this Bill do or perform
(*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: The Objectives and the Powers of the Institute Vested in the Governing Council.
The Institute shall have power to:

- (a) award certificates for courses provided for under this Bill thus;
- (b) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;
- (c) acquire, hold, lease, sell, mortgage or otherwise alienate or dispose of any property, movable or immovable;
- (d) invest its funds in such manner and to such extent as it may deem necessary or expedient;
- (e) establish and maintain a library, comprising such books, journals, records, reports and other publications and information systems as may be required for the discharge of the functions conferred on the Institute by this Bill;
- (f) accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift; provided that the Institute shall not accept any gift if the terms and conditions attached thereto are inconsistent with its functions under this Bill
(*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Establishment and Composition of the Governing Council.

- (1) There is to be established for the Institute a governing body herein referred to as "the Council" to give effect to the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of subclause (1) of this clause, the Council shall compose of the following members:
 - (a) the Chairman and other members who shall be persons with both the requisite knowledge and practical experience to be appointed by the president;
 - (b) the Institute's Officer in charge of policy, planning and strategy;
 - (c) the Provost of the Institute;
 - (d) the Registrar of the Institute who shall be the Secretary of the Council;
 - (e) one representative of the National Universities Commission; and
 - (f) one representative of the Federal Ministry of Education.
- (3) The members of the Council shall receive remuneration and allowances as may be determined by the President from time to time.
- (4) The proceedings of the Council shall be in a manner set out in the schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Tenure of the Members of the Council.

- (1) The Chairman and other members of the Council shall hold office for a period of four years and may only be reappointed for another term of four years.
- (2) When a member of the Council appointed by the president wishes to resign from his/her membership of the Council, he or she shall do so by a hand-written notice addressed to the President and copied to the Minister and the Council.
- (3) The member stated in subclause (2) above shall cease to be a member of the Council upon the President's acknowledgement of his or her letter of resignation.
- (4) When there is a vacancy in the membership of the Council, the Person representing the same interest as the one whose exit created the vacancy shall be nominated or appointed as circumstances so dictate to fill such position (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 5: Cessation of Membership.

A member of the council shall cease to hold office if —

- (a) he or she becomes permanently incapacitated or insane;

- (b) he or she is convicted of any offence by a competent court of superior record that he is dishonest; and
- (c) he/she is found guilty of serious misconduct with regards to his duties (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART II — FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

Clause 6: Functions of the Institute.

(1) The functions of the Institute shall be:

- (a) to offer courses leading to the award of degrees and diplomas on both full-time and part-time basis to cover, but not limited to, *inter alia*, the following: migrations, refuge and trans-border management, border security and other areas of governance, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanity.
- (b) to provide facilities and encourage research in all its area of focus to aid the development of Nigeria in the areas of Industry, Commerce, Technology and Engineering etc.
- (c) to provide capacity in form of training to meet manpower needs and requirements in border security and management *inter alia* the following security outfits:
 - (i) Nigeria Immigration Service,
 - (ii) Nigeria Military,
 - (iii) Office of the NSA,
 - (iv) Nigeria Customs Service,
 - (v) Nigeria Police,
 - (vi) Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps;
- (d) to arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relevant to the fields of learning specified in this clause;
- (e) to perform such other functions which in the opinion of the Institute, may serve to promote its objectives;
- (f) to provide a well-developed and articulate technical education through consistent research, development and constant contact with renowned institutions and appropriate industries;
- (g) to provide appropriate training and vocational dexterity for a self-reliant and focused Nigerian student, and also to provide industrial skills for those who want to be employers of labour or gainfully employed;
- (h) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council, may serve to promote the objectives of the Institute; and

- (i) to carry out other activities as are necessary and expedient for the full discharge of any of its functions pursuant to this Bill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 7: Functions of the Governing Council.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council:
- (a) shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs of the Institute and in particular, the control of the property and finances of the Institute;
 - (b) shall have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of activities of the Institute and promote its best interest;
 - (c) shall set up committees for the purpose of working on specific matters and making recommendations to the Board for necessary action;
 - (d) shall provide pieces of advice as may be necessary, for the interest of the Institute on any matter referred to it;
 - (e) may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of the National Institute Act.
 - (f) shall perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the Institute.
- (2) The Minister may give to the Institute directives of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the Institute of its functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Institute to comply with such directives (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

**PART III — ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC AND
ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS OF THE INSTITUTE**

Clause 8: Establishment, Composition and Functions of the Academic Board.

- (1) Subject to the powers and general oversight of the Council, the Institute shall have an Academic Board to —
- (a) set guidelines, organize and monitor lectures of approved academic courses, examinations and research projects;
 - (b) determine passes or failure in all approved academic courses in line with criteria spelt out in the academic policy or any other directives given by the NBCE; and
 - (c) perform such other functions as may be assigned or delegated to it by the Council or the Provost.
- (2) The Academic Board shall compose of the following members —

- (a) the Provost who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) Deans of Faculties;
- (c) Heads of Academic Departments;
- (d) the Registrar who shall be the Secretary;
- (e) the Institute Librarian; and
- (f) resource persons that may be appointed by the chairman from within or outside the Institute as consultants (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: Establishment and Composition of the Selection Committee for other Principal Officers.

- (1) Subject to the general oversight of the governing council, there shall be a selection committee for the Institute which shall composed of the following members —
 - (a) the chairman and four other members of the Council;
 - (b) the Provost of the Institute; and
 - (c) two members of the academic Board none of which shall be the Provost or a member of the Council.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other related activities of the selection committee constituted in subclause (1) of this clause shall be in accordance with the standards set out by the Council (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 10: Establishment and Composition of the Institute's Interview Panel.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of clause 13 of this Bill, an interview panel shall be constituted to conduct interviews of candidates seeking to occupy non-principal offices of the Institute and it shall consist of —
 - (a) the Provost;
 - (b) two representatives of the faculties in which the vacancy is declared;
 - (c) the head of departments concerned; and
 - (d) the Registrar who shall be the secretary of the Panel.
- (2) The functions, procedure, and other matters of the Panel shall be determined from time to time by the Council (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 11: Appointment of the Provost.

- (1) There shall be a Provost for the Institute who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister of Education.
- (2) The provost shall be a professor with cognate experience of not less than 10 years in his academic field of competence.
- (3) The Provost shall be a person with the requisite qualifications and practical teaching and research experience.
- (4) Where there is a vacancy for the post of the Provost, the Council shall specify —
 - (a) advertise the vacancy in reputable and widely read national newspapers;
 - (b) the requirements from persons seeking to occupy the post;
 - (c) the terms and conditions of service attached to the post and thereafter short list the names of suitable candidates for the consideration of the minister.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of subclause (3) of this clause, the president shall appoint one of the candidates recommended by the minister for the post of the Provost.
- (6) Subject to the general oversight of the Council, the Provost shall be the chief executive of the Institute vested with the responsibility of running all academic and general administration activities of the institute and shall perform such other functions as assigned to him by the Governing Council.
- (7) The Provost shall hold office for a single unrenewable term of five years in accordance with the conditions of service stipulated in his or her appointment letter (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: Appointment of Deputy Provosts.

- (1) The Council shall appoint for the Institute a Deputy Provost (Academic) and a Deputy Provost (Administration) from a list of five Professors in order of preference submitted by the Provost to assist him in the discharge of his duties.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost after due consideration of the recommendation of the selection Committee inaugurated for the purpose in clause 7 of this Bill.
- (3) The functions of the Deputy Provost (Academic) shall be to —
 - (a) assist the Provost in the handling of academic matters of the Institute;
 - (b) act as the acting Provost in the absence of the Provost or when, for some reasons, the post of the Provost is vacant;

- (c) perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Provost or the Council.
- (4) The functions of the Provost (Administration) shall be to —
 - (a) assist the Provost in the discharge of administrative duties of the Institute; and
 - (b) perform such other duties assigned to him by the Provost or the Council (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 13: Appointment and functions of the Registrar.

- (1) There shall be a Registrar appointed by the Council to serve as the secretary of —
 - (a) the Council;
 - (b) the Academic Board; and
 - (c) such other subcommittee(s) constituted by the Council.
- (2) The registrar shall also handle the records and correspondences of the Institute and perform such other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Provost or the Council (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 14: Appointment and Functions of other Principal Officers of the Institute.

- (1) The Council shall appoint for the Institute —
 - (a) a Bursar; and
 - (b) a Librarian.
- (2) The Bursar shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration and general control of financial affairs of the Institute;
- (3) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost in administering and coordinating the activities of the central, faculty, departmental and other libraries of the Institute;
- (4) The Bursar and the Librarian of the Institute shall both hold office for a single term of five years only (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 15: Appointment of Other Employees (Staff) of the Institute.

- (1) The Governing Council may also appoint other persons into the academic and nonacademic staff of the Institute to assist the Provost and other principal officers in carrying out academic and administrative functions of the Institute;

- (2) The remuneration, allowances, pensions and other conditions of service of the employees of the Institute shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 16: Resignation of Principal and Non-Principal Staff of the Institute.

- (1) Where the Provost wish to resign, he or she shall do so through a letter addressed to the President and copied to the Minister and the Council.
- (2) Other principal officers and employees who wish to resign shall do so in a manner prescribed by the Council (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 17: Staff Regulations.

- (1) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff of the Institute and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such regulations may provide for:
 - (a) the appointment, promotion and discipline (including dismissal) of employees of the Institute; and
 - (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of public officers in the institute system shall be applicable with such modifications as may be necessary to employees of the Institute.
- (2) Staff regulations made under subclause (1) of this clause shall not have effect until approved by the President and when so approved, they need not to be published in the Gazette but the Council shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such a manner as it may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 18: Pensions.

- (1) Pension service in the Institute shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reform Act.
- (2) Officers and other persons employed in the Institute shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed in the Pensions Reform Act, so nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefit in respect of that office.
- (3) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other Authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations is vested in and shall be exercisable by the Council and not by any other person or authority (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 19: Establishment of Academic Board of the Institute.

- (1) There is established as an integral part of the Institute an Academic Board which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Provost of the Institute;
 - (b) the Deputy Provost;
 - (c) the Registrar as Secretary;
 - (d) the Librarian;
 - (e) Deans /Provosts of Schools;
 - (f) Heads of Academic Departments/Units;
 - (g) not more than two (2) members of the academic staff other than Heads of Departments/Units, to be appointed by the Academic Board.
- (2) The Academic Board shall:
 - (a) give the direction and management of academic matters of the institute including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates and diplomas, school prizes and other academic distinctions;
 - (b) formulate and continuously evaluate the academic programme of the Institute;
 - (c) make periodic reports to the Council on such academic matters as the Board may deem fit or as the Council may, from time to time, direct;
 - (d) the discharge of any other functions which the Council may delegate to it.
- (3) The Provost shall be the Chairman at the meeting of the Academic Board and in his absence the Deputy Provost shall preside at such meeting, but in the absence of both, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting.
- (4) Subject to subclause (3) of this clause, the Academic Board shall have the power to regulate its own procedure (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 20: Funding, Account, Audit and Annual Reports.

- (1) There is established for the Institute a fund into which shall be paid —
 - (a) all monies appropriated through the National Assembly;

- (b) annual budgetary allocation by the Federal Government through; Appropriation by the National Assembly;
 - (i) special grants from the office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) to augment subclause (1) (b) for managing research on National Boarder Security and emergency;
 - (c) all monies received through donations gifts and grants-in-aid;
 - (d) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the Institute; and
 - (e) returns on investments and other monies or assets that may accrue to the Council or the Institute;
- (2) The Institute's Council shall submit to the minister responsible for education, through the National Universities Commission, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the succeeding year.
- (3) The estimate stated in subclause (2) above shall be submitted not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other times as the minister or the Commission may direct (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 21: Account and Audit.

- (1) The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities with regards to each financial year as well as proper records connected therewith;
- (2) When the accounts, subject to the provisions of subclause (1) above is certified by the Council, the account shall be audited by a firm approved by the Council from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the office of the Auditor General of the Federation;
- (3) The auditor appointed for the purpose of this clause shall not be a member of the Council;
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this clause the audited accounts shall be published within three months from the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 22: Donations for particular purpose.

- (1) Donations of money to be applied for any particular purpose shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account and may be invested in such securities or other investments as may be approved by the Minister, until such time as they may be expended in fulfilment of such purpose; provided that the Institute shall not accept a donation from a particular purpose, if the terms and conditions attached to such donation are inconsistent with the actions of the Institute under this Bill.

- (2) The interest derived from the investments referred to in sub clause (1) of this clause (unless the terms of the donations otherwise required) shall be deemed to be revenue of the Institute (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 23: Annual Reports.

The Council shall notwithstanding the provision of clause 16 of this Bill, submit to the Minister an annual report of its activities and administration of the Institute's fund pursuant to objectives set out in this Bill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART VI — DISCIPLINE

Clause 24: Removal of a Member of Council.

- (1) The President may, in writing, remove any member of the Council from office if it is established that his contributions run counter to the purpose, interest and objectives of the institute.
- (2) If it appears to the Council that a member of Council (other than an *ex-officio* member) or the Provost should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his/her office, the Council shall make a recommendation to the President and if the President after making such enquiries as he considers necessary, approves the recommendation, the President shall, in writing declare the office of such member vacant (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 25: Removal from Office of a Staff of the Institute.

- (1) If there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or technical staff of the institute, other than the Provost, should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall:
- (a) give notice to the person of the reasons in question;
- (b) afford him an opportunity to make representations in person on the matter to the Council; and carry out such investigations and actions pursuant to the National Institutes Act.
- (2) The Provost may, in a case of misconduct by a member of staff which in the opinion of the Provost is prejudicial to the interests of the Institute, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.
- (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from office or his/her appointment may be terminated by the Council by virtue of its power pursuant to the National Institute Act (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 26: Discipline of Students.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this clause, where it appears to the Provost that any student of the Institute has been found guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or regulations made hereunder direct —
 - (a) that the student shall not during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Institute, or make use of such facilities of the Institute, as he may have specified;
 - (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
 - (c) that the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the directions; or
 - (d) that the student be expelled from the Institute.
- (2) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost refuse to apply any disciplinary measures, the council, either directly or through some other staff, may apply such disciplinary actions as specified in sub-clause (1) to any student of the Institute who is guilty of misconduct.
- (3) Where a direction is given under subclause (1) (c) or (d) of this clause in respect of any student may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the council; and where such an appeal is brought, the council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in any manner the council deems just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the council may think fit.
- (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subclause (3) of this clause shall not affect the operation of the direction while appeal is pending;
- (5) The Provost may delegate his power under this clause to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Institute as he may nominate;
- (6) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities in the Institute otherwise than on the ground of misconduct;
- (7) The directions as contained in Subclause (1) (a) and (b) may be combined.
- (8) In all cases under this clause, the decision of the council shall be final (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 27: Discipline of Staff.

- (1) If any staff is accused and found guilty of any misconduct or inefficiency, the Provost may suspend him for a period not less than three (3) months and direct the Staff Appointment, Promotions and Disciplinary Committee —
 - (a) to consider the matter justly; and

- (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate actions to be taken by the Provost;
- (2) In all cases under this clause, the officer shall be informed of the charge against him and shall be given a fair hearing;
- (3) The Provost may, after considering the recommendations made pursuant to Subclause (1) of this clause, dismiss, terminate, retire or downgrade the officer concerned;
- (4) Any person aggrieved by the Provost's decision under Sub clause(3) may within a period of 21 days from the receipt of the letter conveying the decision to him, appeal through a petition to the council.
- (5) The decision of the council on that particular matter is final (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 28: Power of the Minister for Directives and Visitation.

- (1) The minister shall have the power to give to the Council, such directives which are not inconsistent with the provision of this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directives.
- (2) The minister responsible for education shall be the visitor of the Institute.
- (3) The visitor shall, not less than one in every five years, conduct a visitation to the Institute or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation.
- (4) The purpose of the visitation shall be to —
- (a) assess the academic and administrative performance of the Institute; and
- (b) for such other purposes the visitor may deem fit (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 29: Power to Make Bye-laws.

- (1) The Council may, within the scope of its authority under this Bill, make bye-laws relating to any internal domestic matters placed by this Bill under its control and superintendence other than matters for which provision is to be made by standing orders under paragraph 1 (1) of the Schedule to this Bill or in pursuance of paragraph 2 (2) of the said Schedule.
- (2) All such bye-laws shall be in writing and shall come into force when sealed with the seal of the Institute, unless some other date for commencement be therein prescribed.
- (3) Nothing in subclause (2) above shall make it obligatory for the Council to publish any of the said bye-laws in the Gazette (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 30: Regulations.

The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Bill and without prejudice to the foregoing regulations shall provide:

- (a) the entry into and the type of courses approved for the Institute;
- (b) the duration of the courses and academic standards; and
- (c) the certificates, diplomas or degrees which may be awarded by the Institute
(Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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

Clause 31: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Institute" means the National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, Ogun State (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the Institute established in clause 3 of this Bill (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Education (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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

"Board" means the Academic Board established in clause 6 of this Bill to organize and monitor academic tasks of the Institute (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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

"Committee" means the selection committee established in clause 7 of this Bill to screen and write recommendations about candidates seeking to occupy principal offices of the Institute (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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

"Panel" means the interview Panel established in clause 8 of this Bill to screen non-principal officers of the Institute (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Provost" means the chief executive officer vested with the responsibility of managing the day to day academic and administrative activities of the Institute appointed by the president in clause 9 of this Bill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Registrar" means the Chief Registrar of the Institute appointed in clause 11 of this Bill to keep records, handle correspondence, and serve as the Secretary of the Council, Academic Board and other important committees or subcommittees of the Institute (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Bursar" means an officer appointed in clause 12 of this Bill who is responsible to the provost and handle the financial affairs of the Institute; and (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"Librarian" means one of the principal officers appointed in clause 12 of this Bill to organize, coordinate and administer the activities of all the libraries in the Institute (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

"NSA" means National Security Adviser (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

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

Clause 32: Short Title.

This Bill is cited as the National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

1. (1) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make standing orders to regulate its proceedings or those of any of its Boards, Committee or subcommittee(s) for the purpose of giving effect to the objectives set out in this Bill.
- (2) The quorum of the Council shall be the chairman or the secretary and four other members of the Council:
 - (a) the Council shall meet quarterly and whenever circumstances so dictate, it may organize such other number of meetings provided it is summoned by the chairman or by notice given to him by not less than four other members of the Council.
 - (b) where the chairman receives such notice he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held not later than seven (7) days from the date on which the notice is served.
- (3) The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Council but if he is absent, other members present at the meeting shall elect one of the members amongst them to preside at such meetings.
- (4) Whenever the Council requires the advice of any person or institution on any matter related to the objectives set out in this Bill, the Council shall co-opt the said person for a period of time it considers necessary.
- (5) A person co-opted for the purpose stated above shall not be entitled to vote at any of the meetings of the Council and shall also not be counted for the purpose of forming a quorum.

Committees

2. (1) For the purpose of implementing the objectives set out in this Bill, the Council may appoint such number of subcommittees it considers necessary or expedient to execute on behalf of the Council such other functions as the Council may from time to time delegate;
- (2) The numbers of persons so appointed in the sub-committee(s) may not necessarily be members of the Council;
- (3) A person other than a member of the Council shall hold office in the Council, the Academic Board, Committee and such other subcommittee(s) in accordance with the terms of his or her appointment as the Council may from time to time determine;
- (4) Where the subcommittee(s) make a decision, such decision shall become effective only when it is approved by the Council.

Miscellaneous

3. (1) The seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or any other person(s) authorized by the Council to act for that purpose;

- (2) Any contract, instrument or transaction which if executed by a person who is not a corporate body would not be required to be under the seal of the Council may be carried out or executed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman or a person so authorized generally or specifically as circumstances so dictates to act for that purpose;
- (3) Any document claiming to be a document bearing a task duly executed under the seal of the Council of the Institute shall be recorded as such and unless the contrary is proved, shall be presumed to be so executed.
- (4) The validity of proceedings of the Council, Board or Committee of the Institute shall not be questioned on account of any vacancy in their membership or by any defect in the appointment of their members or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in their proceedings (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko to offer courses leading to the award of degrees and diplomas on both full-time and part-time basis to cover, but not limited to, the following: migrations, refuge and trans-border management, border security and other areas of governance, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanity. Also to provide facilities and encourage research in all its area of focus to aid the development of Nigeria in the areas of Industry, Commerce, Technology and Engineering, etc. (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, Ogun State, to Provide for Teaching, Research, Instruction and Training of Students in Border Management and for Related Matters (HB.1467) (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, Ogun State, to Provide for Teaching, Research, Instruction and Training of Students in Border Management; and for Related Matters (HB.1467) and approved Clauses 1 - 32, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) Committee on Aviation:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aviation on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Act, 2003 and Enact the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Bill to Provide for the Regulation of Meteorology; and for Related Matters (HB. 19 and HB. 464)" (*Hon. Nnolim Nnaji John — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*)

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NIGERIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) ACT NO. 9 OF 2003 AND TO RE-ENACT THE NIGERIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF METEOROLOGY; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 19 and HB. 464)

**PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, ETC. OF THE
NIGERIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY**

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency.

- (1) There is established a body to be known as the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (in this Bill referred to as "the Agency").
- (2) The Agency —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) may sue or 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. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Establishment of the Governing Board.

- (1) There is established for the Agency a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") which shall consist of —
 - (a) a part-time Chairman;
 - (b) a representative each not below the rank of a Director from the Federal Ministries in charge of —
 - (i) Aviation,
 - (ii) Agriculture and Natural Resources,
 - (iii) Environment,
 - (iv) Transportation, and
 - (v) Water Resources;

- (c) two other persons with cognate experience in meteorological matters representing public interest; and
 - (d) the Director-General of the Agency.
- (2) The Chairman and other members of the Board other than *ex-officio* members as specified in subsection (1) (b) of this section shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (3) The composition of the Governing Board shall reflect equity and fairness as enshrined in Section 14 (3) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended)
- (4) The Chairman shall be a person knowledgeable in meteorology, or related sciences.
- (5) The Board 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 vote at the meeting.
- (6) The Supplementary Provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained in it (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Tenure of office.

The Chairman and other members of the Board, other than *ex-officio* members as specified in section 2 (1) (b) of this Bill shall hold office for a period of 4 years on such terms and condition as may be specified in their letters of appointment and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Cessation of membership.

- (1) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant where —
 - (a) his term of office expires;
 - (b) he resigns his appointment by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President;
 - (c) he is bankrupt;
 - (d) he dies;
 - (e) he is incapable of performing the functions of his office due to mental or physical illness;
 - (f) he has been convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty;
 - (g) *he is found guilty of gross misconduct;*

- (h) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, he is disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority made in respect of that member;
 - (i) the President directs his removal on the satisfaction that it is not in the interest of the Agency or the public for the person to continue in office as a member of the Board; or
 - (j) 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 Board.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, 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 (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 5: Emoluments, etc.

The Chairman and members of the Board shall be paid such emoluments, allowances and benefits as the Federal Government may, from time to time, direct in accordance with extant laws and regulations (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 6: Powers and functions of the Board.

The Board shall have power to —

- (a) formulate the general policies and guidelines for the efficient discharge of the functions of the Agency;
- (b) monitor and ensure the implementation of the policies and programmes of the Agency;
- (c) receive and review annual reports from the Management of the Agency and submit same to the Minister not later than 30th day of June each year;
- (d) determine the job description, title, terms, qualifications and salaries, including allowances of the employees of the Agency, subject to the approval of the National Income, Salaries and Wages Commission in the case of remunerations;
- (e) make rules relating generally to the conditions of service of employees of the Agency, including rules providing for the appointment, promotion, advancement, determination of appointment and disciplinary control of employees; and
- (f) exercise such other powers as may be necessary or expedient to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Agency under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 7: Functions of the Agency.

- (1) The Agency shall be the authority for the performance of meteorological activities and shall —
 - (a) advise the Federal Government on all aspects of meteorology;
 - (b) project, prepare and interpret Government policies in the field of meteorology;
 - (c) issue weather forecasts for the safe operation of air-crafts, ocean going vessels and oil rigs in accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Standard and Recommended Practices (SARPs);
 - (d) promote the service of meteorology in agricultural, drought and desertification activities;
 - (e) provide meteorological services in operational hydrology and water resources activities;
 - (f) provide weather services in marine, environmental pollution and bio-meteorology for climatic and human health activities;
 - (g) provide and operate telecommunications systems for meteorological purposes subject to regulations made by the Nigerian Communications Commission;
 - (h) proffer advice to the Federal, State and Local Government on volcanic ash advisories;
 - (i) collect, process and disseminate all meteorological data and information within and outside Nigeria;
 - (j) keep in safe custody all meteorological data and records in the National Meteorological Archive;
 - (k) be the sole authority to approve, licence, certify and regulate the establishment of meteorological stations for meteorological observations, the operators and operating personnel at a fee to be prescribed by the Agency and where, necessary make regulation in this regard, save for aeronautical meteorological services;
 - (l) charge cost and sustainability recovery charges for services and consultancy rendered by the Agency to users;
 - (m) ensure uniform standards of observation of all meteorological phenomena in Nigeria;
 - (n) keep and maintain a register of all meteorological stations, observatories, operators and operating personnel;

- (o) levy fees, penalties and administrative cost of proceedings or other charges on any person in relation to the functions of this Agency as prescribed in this Bill;
 - (p) enter and seal or close up synoptic stations and observatories at the premises of persons illegally carrying out any meteorological activities;
 - (q) call for or furnish such data and information generated in the course of carrying out meteorological activities in Nigeria as may be considered necessary for the efficient discharge of its functions;
 - (r) prepare adequate guidelines and organise training programmes for the training of all meteorological professionals and for other meteorological related activities;
 - (s) establish training schools for the training of observers, forecasters, meteorologists, meteorological engineers/technicians and for other related activities;
 - (t) ensure that international standards and practice in meteorological operations is maintained;
 - (u) train, conduct and undertake research in the field of tropical, agricultural, hydro and marine meteorology and other areas of meteorology;
 - (v) provide consultancy and advisory services on meteorology and meteorological engineering and technology;
 - (w) monitor and issue meteorological components of environmental pollution and ozone concentration;
 - (x) calibrate, develop and fabricate meteorological conventional equipment for export and national needs;
 - (y) report to the relevant authority or organisation and demand appropriate sanction or closure of any station or premises where meteorological information is used in contravention to the provisions of this Bill; and
 - (z) carry out other activities as are necessary and expedient for the full discharge of any of its functions under or pursuant to the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) Without prejudice to the functions specified in subsection (1) of this section, the Agency shall be the sole authority to prescribe and issue the meteorological information and data required for all sectoral activities in Nigeria including —
- (a) aviation;
 - (b) defence;
 - (c) finance;

- (d) agriculture;
 - (e) construction works;
 - (f) environment;
 - (g) industries;
 - (h) marine;
 - (i) natural disaster and relief management;
 - (j) water resources;
 - (k) power and steel;
 - (l) transport;
 - (m) science and technology;
 - (n) oil and gas;
 - (o) sports;
 - (p) tourism;
 - (q) communication;
 - (r) insurance; and
 - (s) health.
- (3) A person, organisation or corporate body shall not carry out or undertake any of the sectoral activities listed under subsection (2) of this section without complying with the meteorological requirements as prescribed by the Agency.
- (4) In this section, "synoptic stations" includes stations where meteorological parameters are observed (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Powers of the Agency.

- (1) The Agency shall enforce and administer the provisions of this Bill and all other laws impacting on meteorology in Nigeria.
- (2) The Agency shall be the sole authority to regulate, licence, approve and authorise the standard of meteorological activities and operations in Nigeria save for aeronautical meteorological services.
- (3) The Agency shall provide aeronautical meteorological services for aviation in Nigeria in line with the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: Intellectual Property.

- (1) All data generated or acquired by the Agency either processed or unprocessed shall be the property of the Agency.
- (2) The Agency shall have the power to receive or acquire intellectual property of any kind on meteorological information and data generated from its activities (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE AGENCY

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Appointment of the Director-General of the Agency.

- (1) There shall be for the Agency a Director-General who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister and 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 Federal Government.
- (2) The Director-General shall be —
 - (a) the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Agency;
 - (b) responsible to the Board for the day-to-day administration of the Agency; and
 - (c) appointed for a term of 5 years in the first instance and may, subject to satisfactory performance, be re-appointed for a further term of 5 years and no more.
- (3) A person shall not be appointed as the Director-General, except he has a recognised professional degree in meteorology or any other meteorological related sciences with at least 15 years cognate experience, 5 of which shall be at senior management level.
- (4) The Director-General shall be the permanent representative of Nigeria in the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, Part V of the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization, 1947.
- (5) The Director-General may be suspended or removed from office by the President on the recommendation of the Minister where he —
 - (a) has demonstrated inability to effectively perform the duties of the office;
 - (b) has been absent from 5 consecutive meetings of the Board without the consent of the Chairman unless he shows good reason for such absence;
 - (c) is found guilty of gross misconduct;

- (d) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, is disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority; or
 - (e) is in breach of the conflict of interest and use of insider information for personal gain as stipulated under section 40 of this Bill and in the Schedule to this Bill.
- (6) The Director-General of the Agency shall not be removed from office except in accordance with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 11: Appointment of Legal Adviser.

- (1) The Board shall appoint a Legal Adviser for the Agency.
- (2) The Legal Adviser shall be the Secretary to the Board and shall be —
 - (a) a Legal Practitioner with not less than 12 years post call experience;
 - (b) the Director, Legal Services;
 - (c) be responsible for keeping the books and proper records of proceedings and correspondence of the Board and the upkeep of the records of the Board;
 - (d) administer and discharge all legal obligations and insurance requirements of the Agency;
 - (e) retain external legal services on behalf of the Agency as he may deem necessary or expedient;
 - (f) ensure the enforcement and compliance with the provisions of this Bill;
 - (g) carry out the registration and licencing of third parties and keep records of third party relationships with the Agency;
 - (h) participate in meteorological inspections and investigation; and
 - (i) perform such other functions as the Board or the Director-General, as the case may be, may from time to time, assign to him (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Other employees of the Agency and conditions of service.

- (1) The Agency shall appoint, designate or cause to be deployed, directly or on secondment from any public or private bodies such number and category of employees as it may require to assist it in the effective discharge of its duties and functions under this Bill.

- (2) The composition of the Directors and Senior Management staff of the Agency appointed under sub-section (1) of this Section shall reflect equity and fairness as enshrined in Section 14 (3) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended).
- (3) The terms and conditions of service including remuneration, allowances, benefits and pensions of the employees of the Agency shall be as may be determined by the Board in line with existing laws and regulations.
- (4) The Agency may with the approval of the Board, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of its employees and providing for —
 - (a) the appointment, promotion and staff discipline;
 - (b) appeals by employees against disciplinary measures; and
 - (c) such other matters as it may deem necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Agency under this Bill.
- (5) Staff Regulations and conditions of service made under subsection (4) of this section shall not have effect until it is published in the Gazette and website of the Agency (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 13: Directorates of the Agency.

- (1) The Agency may with the approval of the Board —
 - (a) set up or collapse Directorates, Departments, Special Units, technical committees, working groups and task forces to assist the Agency in the performance of its duties and functions under this Bill; and
 - (b) make changes to its structure, from time to time.
- (2) There shall be appointed for each of the departments and special units, a principal officer who shall be known by such designation as the Agency may determine (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Service in the Agency to be Pensionable.

- (1) Service in the Agency shall be approved public service for the purpose of the Pension Reform Act, No. 4 of 2014 and accordingly, officers and other staff of the Agency shall in respect of their service in the Agency, be entitled to such pension and other retirement benefits as are prescribed in the Pension Reform Act, No. 4 of 2014.
- (2) Nothing in subsections (1) of this section shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which may preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.

- (3) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, No. 4 of 2014, any power exercisable under it by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation, not being the power to make regulations, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable solely by the Board (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Co-operation.

In exercising and performing the powers, functions and duties conferred on it under this Bill, the Agency may appoint, contract, liaise or co-operate with experts, relevant organisations, international institutions including specialised agencies, resource persons, academic and technical institutes, advisory committees and any other person or authority in order to assist it in carrying out its functions or duties under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Fund of the Agency.

- (1) There is established for the Agency a fund into which shall be paid or credited —
- (a) all subventions and budgetary allocations from the Federal Government;
 - (b) gifts, loans, grants-in-aid from national, bilateral and multilateral agencies;
 - (c) administrative penalties payable for violation of meteorological regulations;
 - (d) returns on investments made by the Agency;
 - (e) 10 percent of landing charges from the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria;
 - (f) 10 percent of en-route and over flight charges from the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency;
 - (g) 9 percent of the 5 percent sales tax surcharged on tickets and cargo charges by the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority;
 - (h) fees or funds, approved by the Board in respect of such services provided by the Agency including —
 - (i) rendering of climatic information to the Power and Energy Sector operators, marine and ocean going vessels and crude oil explorers in Nigeria,
 - (ii) provisions of agricultural, marine and non-aeronautical meteorological services,

- (iii) exhibition and sale of meteorological data, information or equipment,
 - (iv) production and sale of books, pamphlets, bulletins, etc. on meteorological services,
 - (v) provision of consultancy services on meteorology including investigative meteorological activities and meteorological training,
 - (vi) rentals of property, plant and equipment including rents and fees received from the use of pamphlets and documentaries owned by the Agency. sale, rent or lease of landed properties,
 - (vii) fees from personnel licensing,
 - (viii) establishment, registration, licencing, monitoring and supervision of meteorological stations, telecommunication masts, including observatories on all on-shore and off-shore platforms used by oil and gas companies in Nigeria,
 - (ix) provision of meteorological information on the construction of Government and non-Government owned four storey building and beyond, roads, dams, telecommunication masts and other related projects, or
 - (x) any other commercial activities;
 - (i) any other fund which the Federal Government may designate for the development of Civil Aviation or Meteorology in Nigeria; and
 - (j) such other moneys as may be received by the Agency in the course of its operations or in relation to the exercise by the Agency of any of its functions under the Act.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as altered), the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be managed in accordance with extant Financial Regulations applicable in the Public Service of the Federation (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 17: Expenditure of the Agency.

The Agency may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established under section 16 of this Bill —

- (a) to the cost of administration of the Agency;
- (b) to the payment of the allowances and benefits of members of the Board and for reimbursing members of the Board or of any committee of the Board and for such expenses as may be expressly authorised by the Board;

- (c) to the payment of the salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances, gratuities and pensions, and other benefits payable to the officers and other employees of the Agency, provided that no payment of any kind under this paragraph, except such as may be expressly authorised by the Board, shall be made to any person who is, within the relevant period, in receipt of emoluments from the Federal or State Government;
- (d) for the development and maintenance of any property vested in or owned by the Agency;
- (e) to publicise and promote the activities of the Agency; and
- (f) to undertake such other activities as are connected with the functions of the Agency under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 18: Annual estimates and accounts.

- (1) The Agency shall not later than 30th September in each year, submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income including payments to the Agency's fund for the next succeeding year.
- (2) The Agency shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within 6 months after the end of each year by auditors from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 19: Annual reports.

The Agency shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive Council, through the Minister, not later than 6 months after the end of each year, a report in such form as he may direct on the activities of the Agency during the immediately preceding year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Agency for that year and the auditor's report on the accounts (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 20: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The Agency may accept any 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) The Agency shall not accept any gift where the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Agency under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 21: Power to borrow.**

- (1) The Agency may with the approval of the Minister, borrow such sums by way of loan, overdraft or from any source, as may be required for the performance of its functions and meeting its obligations under this Bill; and any interest payable on monies so borrowed shall be paid out of the fund of the Agency.
- (2) The Agency shall not, without the approval of the Board borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the amount set by the Government as the limit of the borrowing powers of the Agency (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 22: Investment in securities.**

- (1) The Agency may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest any or all monies in its fund, not immediately required for its current expenditure in —
 - (a) any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Act, Cap. T22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 or in such other securities as may, from time to time, be approved by the Minister;
 - (b) any securities created or issued by or on behalf of the Federal Government, as may be approved by the Board, from time to time;
 - (c) the purchase or improvement of any land in any part of the Federation; or
 - (d) any venture in Nigeria as may be approved by the Minister, including investment in stocks quoted on the Nigerian Stock Exchange.
- (2) In the exercise of its powers of investment of its fund under subsection (1) of this section, the Agency may, from time to time, vary any of such investments and may deposit any monies for the time being un-invested with any bank approved by the Agency in line with Government Regulations (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 23: Exemption from tax.**

- (1) The Agency shall be exempted from the payment of income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Agency.
- (2) The provision of any law relating to the taxation of companies or trust shall not apply to the Agency.
- (3) The Agency shall be exempted from taxes, levies and tenement rates and any arrears whatsoever in connection thereto (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND

*Committee's Recommendation:***Clause 24: Acquisition of land, etc.**

- (1) The Agency, may subject to the Land Use Act, Cap. L4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 or any relevant law acquire any land for the purpose of discharging its functions under this Bill.
- (2) Where there is any hindrance in the acquisition of any land by the Agency under this Bill, including any failure by the Agency to reach an agreement as to the amount to be paid in respect of the acquisition, the Agency may apply to the Minister for a declaration under subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) The Minister on receiving an application from the Agency and after such enquiry as he may deem fit in the circumstance, may request the Governor of the State or the relevant authority where the land is situated to declare that the land is required for the service of the Agency and accordingly for an over-riding public purpose.
- (4) Where a declaration is made under subsection (3) of this section, the land to which the declaration relates shall be deemed to be land required for the purpose of the Federation within the meaning of the Land Use Act, Cap L4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and the Agency shall acquire the land accordingly.
- (5) Where a declaration has been made under subsection (3) of this section in respect of any land and the —
 - (a) land has been acquired pursuant to subsection (4) of this section; or
 - (b) Governor of the State concerned is satisfied that there is no rights subsisting in respect of the land,the Governor of the State may vest the land in the Agency by issuing a Certificate of Occupancy in respect of it, in favour of and in the name of the Agency.
- (6) The compensation, if any, payable under the Land Use Act, Cap. L4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 for the revocation of any rights relating to the land, where applicable, shall be paid by the Agency.
- (7) The plan of the land referred to in subsection (2) of this section —
 - (a) containing measurement of the boundaries of the land;
 - (b) showing the relationship of the land to any sufficient identifying mark; and
 - (c) signed by the Surveyor-General of the Federation or of the State concerned,

shall be a sufficient description of the land for the purpose of an application under that subsection.

- (8) The Agency shall not, without the prior approval in Writing by the Governor of the State in which the land is situated, alienate, mortgage, charge or otherwise demise any immovable property which has been vested in the Agency under this section or in respect of which a right of occupancy has been granted to the Agency (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 25: Power to enter land to make survey, etc.

- (1) Subject to this section, the Agency may by its officers, employees, workmen or agents enter, from time to time, upon any land for the purpose of the discharge of any of the functions of the Agency under this Bill and, in particular, may enter upon any of such land for the purpose of —
- (a) inspecting and examining lands, buildings and equipment of meteorological stations;
 - (b) inspecting and examining accounts, records and memoranda required to be kept by meteorological stations; and
 - (c) cutting down and removing a tree, underwood or structures that may interfere with surveys and any installation which constitute hindrance to meteorological or climate activity.
- (2) The Agency shall, when practicable, serve on the occupier of any land on which it intends to enter pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, a notice in writing giving description of the nature of the work intended to be carried out on the land.
- (3) In the discharge of its functions under subsection (1) of this section, the officers, employees, workmen or agents of the Agency may remain on any land for such reasonable time as may enable them to execute and do all such work and things as may be necessary for the discharge of the functions of the Agency under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 26: Compensation for damages, etc.

- (1) In the exercise of the power conferred upon it by section 25 of this Bill, the Agency, its officers, employees, workmen or agents shall ensure that buildings, crops and economic trees are protected from damages and the Agency shall pay compensation for any damage done to any building, crops and economic trees.
- (2) In the case of dispute as to the amount of compensation payable, the same shall be determined by the Federal High Court (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 27: Establishment of staff housing scheme.**

- (1) The Agency may with the approval of the Minister engage in the establishment of staff housing scheme.
- (2) The Agency shall with the approval of the Board issue guidelines for the establishment and management of the staff housing scheme referred to under subsection (1) of this section (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 28: Establishment of Meteorological Calibration Laboratories.**

- (1) The Agency shall establish and operate Calibration Laboratories at designated locations for purposes of carrying out regular calibration of meteorological instruments and equipment.
- (2) The Agency shall have power to certify that calibrated meteorological equipment meets the standard specified by the World Meteorological Organization, International Civil Aviation Organization and the Standard Organisation of Nigeria (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT**Committee's Recommendation:****Clause 29: Duties of an authorised officer of the Agency.**

- (1) Any authorised officer of the Agency who has reasonable grounds for believing that an offence under this Bill has been or is being committed on any premises or there is on any premises, anything connected with the commission of any offence under this Bill or any regulation made under it, may enter upon such premises, to —
 - (a) conduct a search and inspection of the premises;
 - (b) take measurement and samples, where necessary, for conducting analysis and tests of any substance found on any premises pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection;
 - (c) arrest any person whom he reasonably suspects to have committed an offence;
 - (d) take photographs, films, audio, video and other recordings or extracts from documents; and
 - (e) seal up any premises or seize any articles including plant, equipment, substance, or any other thing whatsoever used in the commission of an offence or in respect of which an offence has been committed.

- (2) A written receipt shall be given for any article or item seized under subsection (1) of this section and the grounds for such seizure shall be stated on the receipt (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 30: Offences and penalties.

- (1) Any person who —
- (a) hinders or obstructs an authorised officer in the exercise of his duties under this Bill or regulations made under it;
 - (b) fails to comply with a lawful order or requirement made by an authorised officer pursuant to the provisions of this Bill or regulations made under it; or
 - (c) fails, neglects or refuses to carry out a meteorological order issued under this Bill,
- commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than ₦250,000 or to a term of 6 months imprisonment or to both.
- (2) Any person who —
- (a) collects, uses or disseminates weather forecast or any other meteorological information obtained from any other source outside the approval, licence or authority of the Agency for commercial or public purpose; or
 - (b) impersonates an authorized officer of the Agency, refuses to state or wrongly states his address and misleads or gives wrongful information to an authorized officer of the Agency,
- commits an offence under this Bill and shall be liable on conviction —
- (i) in the case of an individual, be liable to a fine of ₦1,000,000.00 or to a term of 3 years imprisonment or to both; and
 - (ii) in the case of a body corporate, be liable to a fine of not less than ₦1,000,000 for every day after receipt of notice of the commission of the offence from the Agency.
- (3) Where a body corporate is proved to have been committed on the instigation or with the connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of a director, manager, secretary, head of branch or project manager or other similar officer of the body corporate, or any person purporting to act in any of such capacity, he as well as the body corporate, where practicable, shall be deemed to have committed that offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly in line with the provisions of subsection (1) of this section.

- (4) Where an offence under this section continues unabated, the offender shall be liable, upon conviction to twice the fine and term of imprisonment imposed under this section (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 31: Power to investigate and impose fine, etc.

- (1) The Agency shall after notice and hearing the complaint or on its own initiative and investigation determine whether any person is violating any provision of this Bill, regulations, rules or orders made under it.
- (2) Where the Agency is satisfied after such hearing that such a person is violating any provisions of this Bill, regulations, rules or orders, as the case may be, it shall by order require the person to pay penalty, revoke its licence or take such action consistent with the provisions of this Bill, regulations, rules or orders, as may be necessary in the opinion of the Agency to prevent further violation of the provisions of the Act, regulations, rules or orders.
- (3) In the exercise of its power, the Agency shall appoint an administrative panel to give effect to the provision of this section.
- (4) The decision of the administrative panel appointed under subsection (3) of this section shall become effective upon confirmation by the Board provided that an appeal from the decision of the administrative panel as may be confirmed by the Board shall lie to the Minister (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 32: Meteorological Orders.

- (1) The Agency may cause an order known as Meteorological Order to be issued or served on any person where it has reasonable grounds for believing that the person has contravened or is contravening, or there exists a likelihood of contravention of the provision of this Bill or regulations made under it.
- (2) A Meteorological Order shall —
- (a) specify the provision of the Act contravened;
- (b) state the specific content of the permit or licence contravened;
- (c) direct the owner or person in possession to take remedial measures to terminate or prevent further re-occurrence; and
- (d) set out maximum fine for failure to comply with the order.
- (3) A Meteorological Order may impose any other requirements for the purpose of preventing, remedying or minimising harm which may include an order that a person should —
- (a) stop the commencement of a specified activity, indefinitely or for a specified period of time;

- (b) take certain measures within a specified period to prevent harm, remedy or restore the environment to its original state; or
 - (c) not conduct a specific activity except within a specified time or subject to specified conditions.
- (4) The issuance of or compliance with an order in respect of a person's alleged contravention of this Bill or the regulations made under it shall not be a bar to any proceedings against the person under this or any other Act in relation to the alleged contravention by that person (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 33: International treaties, conventions or agreements.

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as altered), the Agency shall take necessary measures to give effect to any international treaty, convention or agreement concerning any aspect of meteorology to which Nigeria is a party (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

**PART VII — METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY AND
SYNOPTIC OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT**

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 34: Grant of a meteorological permit.

- (1) The Agency may on application made to it by any person, grant a meteorological permit in respect of any activity prescribed by the Agency, including permit to —
 - (a) conduct meteorological research activities; or
 - (b) develop or test experimental equipment.
- (2) Activities for which meteorological permits or licence may be granted shall include activities specified under sections 7 (1) (k) and 7 (2) of this Bill.
- (3) A person, organisation or corporate body shall not carry out or undertake such sectoral activities as mentioned in subsection (2) of this section and any other meteorological activity without obtaining the Agency's certification, permit or licence and complying with the meteorological requirements as prescribed by the Agency.
- (4) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (3) of this section shall be liable; where the contravention is by a corporate body to a fine not exceeding ₦5,000,000 and where the contravention is by an individual, to a fine not exceeding ₦2,000,000.
- (5) Where the contravention mentioned in subsection (4) of this section continues unabated, the fine imposed under that subsection shall be twice (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — LEGAL PROCEEDING

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 35: Limitation of suits against the Agency, etc.**

- (1) The provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act, Cap. P41, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against a member of the Board, an officer or employee of the Agency.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law, no suit against the Agency, Members of the Board, Director-General or any employee shall lie or be instituted in respect of any act done in pursuance to or in execution of the functions, powers and public duties prescribed under this Bill,* or in an action in contract, tort, or howsoever unless it is commenced —
 - (a) within 3 months next after the act, neglect or default complained of; or
 - (b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within 6 months next after cessation of it.
- (3) A suit shall not be commenced against a member of the Board, the Director-General or any other officer or employee of the Agency before the expiration of a period of 1 month after written notice of the intention to commence the suit shall have been served on the Agency by the intending plaintiff or his agent.
- (4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) of this section shall clearly and explicitly state the cause of action, the particulars of the claims, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims.
- (5) In any proceeding before a court of law or tribunal, the Agency may, with the consent of the Attorney-General of the Federation, be represented by its Legal officers or any legal practitioner authorized by the Agency who shall have the right to appear at any stage of a proceedings and who shall satisfy the court that he is duly authorised by the Agency in that behalf (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 36: Service of documents, notices or processes.**

- (1) A notice, summons or other document required or authorised to be served on the Agency under the provisions of this Bill or any other law may be served by delivering the same to the Director-General of the Agency or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Director-General at the headquarters of the Agency.
- (2) Service of notices, warrants, orders, summons, proceedings, documents or written communication of which service is required, shall be made by a person appointed for that purpose by the Agency, provided that where a party is represented by a legal practitioner, service of notices, warrants, orders, summons, proceedings, documents or written communication of which service is required may be made through such legal practitioner or through a partner, counsel or clerk under his control.

- (3) All notices, warrants, order, summons, proceedings, documents or written communications in respect of which service is required by this Bill shall be sufficient service if left with an adult person resident or employed at the address for service; provided that where there is no person on the premises at the time of service, service shall be effected by posting the process sought to be served at the main entrance gate or wall of the premises or by advertisement or otherwise as may be deemed necessary and proper in the circumstances (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 37: Service of notice on individual or body corporate.

- (1) Any notice required or authorised under this Bill to be served on any person may be served either by —
- (a) delivering it to the person or his agents or servants;
 - (b) leaving it at the person's proper address; or
 - (c) posting it to the person's principal office by registered post or courier.
- (2) Any notice required or authorised to be served upon a body corporate shall be deemed to have been duly served if it is served on a Director of or the Secretary to the body corporate.
- (3) For the purpose of this section, the proper address of any person on whom such notice is to be served shall —
- (a) in the case of a body corporate, be that of the registered or principal office of the body corporate; and
 - (b) in any other case, be the last known address of the person (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 38: Restriction on execution against property of the Agency.

In any action or suit against the Agency, no execution or attachment of process in any nature of it shall be issued or levied against the Agency unless —

- (a) not less than three months' notice of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the Agency; and
- (b) the consent of the Attorney-General of the Federation has been obtained before execution of the judgment (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 39: Indemnity of officers.**

- (1) A member of the Board, the Director-General or any officer or employee of the Agency shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Agency against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, where the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Board, Director-General, officer or employee of the Agency.
- (2) Any sum of money which may be the judgment of any court awarded against the Agency shall, subject to any direction given by the court where no notice of appeal against the judgment has been given, be paid from the fund of the Agency (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 40: Conflicts of interest and use of insider information for personal gain.**

- (1) Members of the Governing Board, Director-General, Directors and employees of the Agency shall not manage or operate any meteorological enterprise while in office.
- (2) Any of the persons specified in subsection (1) of this section, having a financial interest in any meteorological enterprise —
 - (a) shall make full disclosure of such interest to their respective appointing Authorities and to the Agency;
 - (b) is prohibited from participating in any action or decision that may, directly or indirectly, affect their financial interest in any meteorological enterprise.
- (3) A member of the Board or the Director-General or any other officer or employee of the Agency shall —
 - (a) not for his personal gain, make use of any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the ordinary course of his duty as a member of the Board or as the Director-General, officer or employee of the Agency;
 - (b) treat as confidential any information which has come to his knowledge in the exercise of his powers or is obtained by him in the performance of his duties under this Bill; and
 - (c) not disclose any information referred to under paragraph (b) of this subsection, except where required to do so by a court or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed by the Agency and approved by the Board, from time to time (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 41: Jurisdiction.**

The Federal High Court shall have jurisdiction to try offences, hear and determine proceedings arising under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IX — MISCELLANEOUS**Committee's Recommendation:****Clause 42: Power of the Minister to give directives of general character to the Agency.**

- (1) The Minister may from time to time, give general policy guidelines to the Agency.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Minister may give to the Agency directives of a general or specific nature relating generally to a particular matter or case, as the case may be.
- (3) The Agency shall comply with any policy guidelines or any directive given to it by the Minister pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this section (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 43: Power to make regulations or issue guidelines.**

- (1) The Agency may with the approval of the Board, make rules, guidelines or regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill and for the due administration of its provisions, save for aeronautical meteorological services.
- (2) The contravention of any regulations issued pursuant to any of the provisions of this Bill shall constitute an offence and shall be punishable as prescribed in the particular regulations (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 44: Repeal and savings provision.**

- (1) The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act No. 9 of 2003 is hereby repealed.
- (2) Without prejudice to section 6 of the Interpretation Act, Cap. 123, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 the repeal of the Act specified in subsection (1) of this section, shall not affect anything done under or pursuant to the Act.
- (3) Every regulation, order, requirement, certificate, notice, direction, decision, authorisation, consent, application, request or thing made, issued, given or done under the repealed Act shall, if in force at the commencement of this Bill, continue to be in force and have effect as if made, issued, given or done under the corresponding provisions of this Bill.

- (4) All assets, funds, resources and other movable and immovable property which, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, vested in the Agency established under the repealed Act shall by virtue of this Bill and without further assurance be vested in the Agency established under section 1 of this Bill.
- (5) Every reference to the former Agency, Board, Minister, Director-General, Chairman or any person under their control or a document issued in the name of the former Agency, Board, Minister, Director-General, Chairman of the former Board or employee of the former Agency shall be read, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to the Agency, Minister, Board, Director-General, Chairman, or an employee of the Agency established under this Bill, as the case may be (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 45: Transitional provisions.

- (1) Any person who immediately before the commencement of this Bill was a staff of the Agency established under the repealed Act shall continue in office and be deemed to have been appointed under this Bill for purposes of pension.
- (2) Any person who immediately before the coming into force of this Bill is the holder of any office in the Agency existing before the commencement of this Bill shall on the commencement of this Bill continue in office and be deemed to have been appointed to his office unless the authority by which the person was appointed terminates the appointments.
- (3) Properties held immediately before the commencement date of this Bill on behalf of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency by any person shall, by virtue of this Bill, be vested in the Agency established under this Bill.
- (4) The Agency established in section 1 of this Bill shall be subject to all the obligations and liabilities to which the former Agency was subject immediately before the commencement of this Bill and all other persons shall have the same rights, powers and remedies against the Agency established by this Bill as they had against the Agency immediately before the commencement of this Bill.
- (5) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or against the Agency established under the repealed Act in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the Agency may be continued or commenced, as the case may be, and any determination of a court of law, tribunal or other Commission or person may be enforced by or against the Agency established by this Bill to the same extent that such proceeding, cause of action or determination might have been continued, commenced or enforced by or against the Agency existing before the commencement of this Bill.
- (6) As from the commencement of this Bill, any disciplinary proceeding pending or existing against any employee of the Agency shall be continued and completed by the Agency established under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 46: Interpretation.

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

"aeronautical service" includes information, direction and other facilities furnished, issued or provided in connection with meteorological forecasts or data (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Agency" means the Nigerian Meteorological Agency established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"agro-meteorology" means the application of meteorological information and data in the monitoring, management of agricultural activities and in aid of food production and security (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "agro-meteorology" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"authorised officer" means the Director-General or any other officer of the Agency specifically or generally authorised by the Director-General to carry out the functions of the Agency under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"airport" means any area on land or water including any building, installation and equipment intended to be used either wholly or in part for the arrival, departure and surface movement of aircraft (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Board" means the governing Board of the Agency established under section 2 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Convention of the World Meteorological Organization" is found in the Basic Documents of the World Meteorological Organization Publication Number 15. Authentic text of the Convention of the World Meteorological

Organization, adopted by the Washington Conference on 11 October, 1947, is as amended by Resolutions 1 and 2 adopted by the Third Congress in 1959; Resolutions 1 and 2 adopted by the Fourth Congress in 1963; Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 adopted by the Fifth Congress in 1967; Resolution 48 adopted by the Seventh Congress in 1975; Resolution 50 adopted by the Eighth Congress in 1979; Resolutions 41, 42 and 43 adopted by the Ninth Congress in 1983; Resolutions 39 and 41 adopted by the Fourteenth Congress in 2003; and Resolution 44 adopted by the Fifteenth Congress in 2007 (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Convention of the World Meteorological Organization" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Government" means Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"hydro-meteorology" means the application of meteorological information and data in the monitoring and management of water resources sector and water related phenomenon (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "hydro-meteorology" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"marine-meteorology" means the application of meteorological information and data in the monitoring and management of coastal and ecosystem and maritime activities such as ocean transportation and shipping, fisheries, oil exploration, etc. (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "marine-meteorology" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"member" means a member of the Board and includes the Chairman (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"meteorology" means the study dealing with the phenomena of the atmosphere (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister in charge with the responsibility of matters relating to aviation and "Ministry" shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"policy and guidelines" means policy and guidelines made for the administration of the functions of the Agency (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "policy and guidelines" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"power" includes functions and duties (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

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

"premises" includes lands, plants and ancillary works (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

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

"Regulations" means rules that may be established by the Agency from time to time for the administration and regulation of meteorological services in Nigeria (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

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

"synoptic station" means a meteorological observatory where all the meteorological parameters are observed and reported on a 24 hourly basis (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

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

"volcanic ash" means a mixture of rock, mineral and glass particles expelled from a volcano during a volcanic eruption (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

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

"weather" means the state of the atmosphere which consists of the short-term minutes to months variation of the atmosphere; and (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

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

"WMO" means World Meteorological Organisation (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

- (2) Every other term shall have the same meaning as contained in the Basic Documents of the World Meteorological Organisation (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 47: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Metrological Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2022 (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

[Section 2 (5)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

Proceedings of the Board

1. Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, Cap. 123, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, the Board shall have power to regulate its proceedings and may make Standing Order with respect to the holding of its meetings, and those of the committees, notices to be given, the keeping of minutes of its proceedings, the custody and production for inspection of such minutes and such other matters as the Board may from time to time, determine.
2. At every meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside and in his absence the members present at that meeting shall appoint one of their numbers to preside at the meeting.
3. The quorum at a meeting of the Board consists of the Chairman or, in an appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 of this schedule, and 4 other members.
4. The Board shall for the purpose of this Bill, meet not less than 4 times in each year and subject to it, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if required to do so, by notice given to him by not less than 4 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.
5. Where the Board desires the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may invite that person to attend for such period as it thinks fit, but a person who is invited by virtue of this paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards the quorum.

Committees

6. Subject to its standing orders, the Board may appoint such number of standing or *Ad-hoc* Committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Agency is concerned.
7. A committee appointed under paragraph (6) shall —
 - (a) consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board as may be determined by the Board) and a person other than a member, of the Board, shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of this appointment; and
 - (b) be presided over by a member of the Board.
8. The quorum of any committee set up by the Board shall be determined by the Board.

Miscellaneous

9. The common seal of the Agency shall be kept in the custody of the Director Legal Services.
10. The fixing of the seal of the Agency shall be authenticated by the signature of the Director-General and the Director Legal Services/Secretary of the Agency.
11. Any contract or instrument which if made 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 Agency by the Director-General or any other person generally or specifically authorised by the Board to act for that purpose.
12. Any document purporting to be a contract instrument or other document duly signed or sealed on behalf of the Agency shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved be presumed without further proof to have been so signed or sealed.
13. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or any of its committees shall not be affected by —
 - (a) any vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee; or
 - (b) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or committee; or
 - (c) reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Board or committee.
14. A member of the Board or a Committee set up by the Board or Agency who is directly or indirectly interested in any matter being deliberated on by the Board, or is interested in any contract made or proposed to be made by the Agency shall, as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Board or Committee and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.
15. A disclosure under paragraph 15 of this Schedule shall be recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the Board and the member concerned shall —
 - (a) not, after the disclosure, take part in any deliberation or decision of the Board; and

- (b) be excluded for the purpose of constituting a quorum of any meeting of the Board for any deliberation or decision, with regard to the subject matter in respect of which his interest is so disclosed.

16. A member of the Board or a committee shall not be personally liable for any act or omission done or made in good faith while engaged on the business of the Agency (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

(This Memorandum does not form part of the above Bill but is intended to explain its purport)

This Bill seeks to repeal the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act No. 9 of 2003 and to re-enact the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act to provide for comprehensive legal and institutional framework for the regulation of meteorology in Nigeria (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act No. 9 of 2003 and to Re-enact the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Act to Provide for the Regulation of Meteorology; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 19 and HB. 464) (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West 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 Aviation on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Act, 2003 and Enact the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Bill to Provide for the Regulation of Meteorology; and for Related Matters (HB. 19 and HB. 464) and approved Clauses 1 - 47, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) Committee on Aviation:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aviation on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act, Cap. N96, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Bill to Provide for its Organisation, Council and Operations; and for Related Matters (HB. 463)" (Hon. Nnolim Nnaji John — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency)

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NIGERIAN COLLEGE OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY ACT, CAP. N96, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND TO RE-ENACT THE NIGERIAN COLLEGE OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY ACT; PROVIDE FOR ITS ORGANISATION, CONTROL AND OPERATIONS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 31 AND HB. 463)

PART I — NIGERIAN COLLEGE OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology.

- (1) There is established in Zaria, a body to be known as the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (in this Bill referred to as "the College").
- (2) The College —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) may own, hold or dispose of property whether movable or immovable (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Functions of the College.

- (1) The College shall —
 - (a) provide full-time and part-time courses of instruction and training —
 - (i) in civil aviation, standard or specially designed for use in flight training or in airport operation and management,
 - (ii) in the installation, maintenance and operation, as the case may be, of technical equipment the use of which is calculated or likely to increase the margin of operational safety of civil aircraft services,
 - (iii) in aircraft manufacturing and distribution,
 - (iv) in other fields of humanities, science and applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of aviation in Nigeria, or
 - (v) for research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine;
 - (b) arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relative to the fields of learning referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection;
 - (c) acquire necessary equipment and facilities relative to the fields of learning referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection for the issuance of professional certificates, degrees, diplomas, and other

distinctions to persons who have pursued course of study approved by the Council and have satisfied such other requirements as laid down by the Council;

- (d) establish such campuses, faculties, institutes, schools, extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the College as may from time to time be necessary subject to the approval of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, National Board for Technical Education, National Universities Commission, or any approved accreditation body, whether domestic or international;
 - (e) institute professorships, readerships, lectureships, instructorships and other posts and offices and make appointments to it;
 - (f) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the College may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives of the Council;
 - (g) cooperate and collaborate with any other institution of higher learning; and
 - (h) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College.
- (2) Courses provided for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section shall include the organisation of incidental study groups and the delivery of necessary series of lectures, and if approved, fees may be calculated and charged at a rate approved by the Council.
- (3) The College may hold or acquire property, movable and immovable, but shall not mortgage, charge or dispose of any property held by it without obtaining the consent in writing of the Minister or approving Authority as specified in the Financial Regulations of the Federal Government.
- (4) The College may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Establishment and composition of the Governing Council of the College.

- (1) There is established for the College a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").
- (2) The Council shall consist of —
 - (a) a part-time Chairman;
 - (b) one representative of the Federal Ministry of Aviation or the Ministry for the time being responsible for Aviation not below the rank of a director;
 - (c) one representative of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority not below the rank of a Director;

- (d) Nigeria's Permanent Representative to International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Council;
 - (e) one industry representative from the Aviation sector;
 - (f) the Rector of the College;
 - (g) the Deputy Rector(s);
 - (h) one representative of the National Board for Technical Education;
 - (i) one representative of the National Universities Commission;
 - (j) one representatives of the Academic Board of the College and one representative of the College elected from the congregation who shall be a non-teaching staff of a rank equivalent to a Principal Instructor or Lecturer;
 - (k) one person of good standing in the Community where the College is situate who shall be a woman and One alumni member elected by the Alumni Association of the College; and
 - (l) the Registrar who shall be Secretary to the Council.
- (3) The Governing Structure of the College shall consist of the —
- (a) Governing Council;
 - (b) Academic Board;
 - (c) College Management Board/Committee;
 - (d) School Board; and
 - (e) Departmental Board.
- (4) The composition of the Governing Council shall reflect equity and fairness as enshrined in Section 14 (3) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended).
- (5) The composition and functions of the Governing Council, the Academic Board, the College Management Board, the School Board and the Departmental Board are as set out in this Bill or the Schedule thereto (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Qualification of members of Council.

- (1) The Chairman of the Council shall be a renowned professional aviator.
- (2) The Chairman and members of the Council other than *ex-officio* members shall be appointed by the President (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 5: Tenure and removal of members of Council.**

- (1) A member of the Council other than an *ex-officio* member shall hold office for a period of 3 years commencing from the date on which he was appointed and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of 3 years and no more.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, that vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of his predecessor and the successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.
- (3) Any member of the Council who ceases to be a member shall, if he is also a member of a committee, cease to hold office on the committee.
- (4) A member appointed by the President in accordance with section 4(2) of this Bill may resign his appointment by, notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President through the Minister and in the case of *ex-officio* member, when he ceases to hold office on the basis of which he became a member of the Board.
- (5) The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any member or that a person not entitled to do so took part in its proceedings (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 6: Allowances of members of Council.**

- (1) A member of Council other than an *ex-officio*, shall be paid remuneration or allowances in accordance with rates specified from time to time in extant Federal Government Circulars.
- (2) Members of the Council shall be paid travelling and other allowances in accordance with extant rules (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 7: Powers of the Council.**

- (1) The Council shall have power to formulate policies and guidelines which in the opinion of the Council are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the College.
- (2) The Council may delegate any of its powers or functions to any person or persons, authority or committee.
- (3) Subject to this Bill, the Council may approve the appointment of such other person as members of staff as it considers necessary.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council shall be the Governing body of the College and shall have general powers over the College property and finances.

- (5) The Council may acquire and hold or dispose of such movable and immovable property as may be expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill.
- (6) The Council may enter into contracts as may be expedient for carrying into effect the functions of the College (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Establishment of the Academic Board.

- (1) There is established for the College a board to be known as the Academic Board which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Rector of the College, as the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Rector of the College as the Vice Chairman;
 - (c) all Deans and Academic Directors;
 - (d) the College Librarian;
 - (e) all Chief Instructors/Lecturers;
 - (f) not more than two members of the academic staff who are not members of the Academic Board, not below the rank of Principal Instructor/Lecturer elected from among its members, and such members shall serve for a non-renewable term of three years.
 - (g) all Heads of academic Departments and Units;
 - (h) the Registrar who shall be the secretary to the Board; and
 - (i) the Academic Secretary who shall be the assistant secretary.
- (2) The Registrar and Academic Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board unless excused for good reasons by the Chairman of the Board.
- (3) The Academic Board shall be responsible for —
 - (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, diplomas, degrees, scholarships, prizes and any other academic distinction;
 - (b) making periodic reports to the Council on such academic matters as the Academic Board may think fit or as the Council may, from time to time direct; and
 - (c) the discharge of any other functions which the Council may delegate to it (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 9: Selection Board for other Principal Officers.**

- (1) There shall be, for the College, a Selection Board which shall be responsible for the appointment of Principal Officers of the College other than the Rector and Deputy Rectors and which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) the Rector;
 - (c) 4 members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board; and
 - (d) two members of the Academic Board not being members of the Council and not below the rank of Chief Instructor/Lecturer elected from among its members and;
 - (e) three members elected by the Congregation of the College, one of whom should not be below the rank of Principal Instructor/lecturer, and two of whom shall be non-teaching staff not below a rank equivalent to Principal Instructor/Lecturer.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 10: Joint Council, Academic Board and Congregation Selection Board.**

- (1) There shall be for the College, a Joint Council, Academic Board and Congregation Selection Board consisting of —
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) 2 members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board;
 - (c) 2 members of the Academic Board not below the Rank of Chief Instructor/Lecturer, who were not members of the Search Team elected from among its members; and
 - (d) 2 members, one of whom shall be a non-teaching staff elected from the Congregation both of whom shall not be below the Rank of Chief Instructor/Lecturer or equivalent who are not members of the Search Team.
- (2) The Joint Council, Academic Board and Congregation Selection Board established under subsection (1) of this section shall be responsible for recommending candidate for appointment as Rector (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 11: Quorum and procedure of bodies established under this Bill.**

The Quorum for meetings of all bodies, boards and committees established under this Bill shall be two-thirds of the membership of such bodies, boards and committees (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 12: Visitation.**

- (1) The President of the Federal Republic of Nigerian shall be the Visitor to the College.
- (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every 5 years, after the end of the tenure of a Rector, appoint a Visitation Panel, consisting of not less than 5 experts to conduct the visitation for —
 - (a) the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the College; or
 - (b) such other purpose or in respect of any other affairs of the College as the Visitor may deem fit (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency).

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

PART II — PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF OF THE COLLEGE

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 13: Appointment of the Rector.**

- (1) There shall be a Rector for the College (in this Bill referred to as "the Rector") who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this section.
 - (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Rector, the Council shall —
 - (a) advertise the vacancy, not less than six months to the expiration of the term of the sitting Rector, in a reputable journal and 2 widely read newspapers in Nigeria, specifying in addition to any other qualification, that the person shall as minimum qualification, either —
 - (i) be a pilot of the standing of a captain with a total of 10 years cognate experience as a captain with at least 5 years' experience as a chief flying instructor or training captain, or
 - (ii) be a chief instructor or Lecturer with a professional Aviation licence or equivalent rank in a tertiary institution and possess a minimum of masters degree from a recognised university with at least 5 years' experience as chief instructor or equivalent rank in a tertiary institution,
- provided that in each case, the candidate's qualification shall be relevant to any of the schools in the College;
- (b) specify the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post;

- (c) thereafter, draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration; and
- (d) constitute a search team consisting of —
 - (i) a member of the Council, not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman,
 - (ii) 2 members of the Academic Board, not below the rank of chief lecturer or chief instructor, and
 - (iii) 2 members of the Academic staff of the College not below the rank of chief lecturer or chief instructor to be elected from among its members, to identify and draw up a short list of persons who are not likely to apply on their own volition because they feel that it is not proper to do so.
- (3) The Joint Council, Academic Board and Congregation Selection Board established under section 10 (1) of this Bill shall consider the candidates on the short list drawn up under subsection (2) of this section through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend, through the Council, to the President, 3 candidates for his consideration.
- (4) The President shall appoint, as Rector, one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.
- (5) The Rector shall be —
 - (a) the Chief Executive Officer of the College; and
 - (b) subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council charged with the responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management of the College.
- (6) The Rector shall —
 - (a) hold office for a single term of 5 years only beginning from the date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;
 - (b) where he was appointed to serve for a term of 4 years before the commencement of this Bill, shall upon the commencement of this Bill have his tenure extended for one year to complete the single term of 5 years in line with paragraph (a) of this subsection;
 - (c) where he is already serving a second term of 4 years, shall at the commencement of this Bill, be deemed to be serving his final term of office on completion of his second tenure of 4 years;
 - (d) have power to exercise general authority over staff and be responsible for discipline in the College in line with the provisions of this Bill; and

- (e) have his appointment determined by the terms and conditions in his letter of appointment and his remuneration determined by the extant laws and in line with the conditions obtainable in other similar tertiary institutions.
- (8) The Rector may for reason of gross misconduct be suspended from office by the Minister on the recommendation of the Council, or he may be removed from office by the President on the recommendation of the Council, or if he —
 - (a) has demonstrated inability to effectively perform the duties of his office;
 - (b) has been absent from five consecutive meetings of the Council without the consent of the Chairman unless he shows good reason for such absence;
 - (c) is guilty of serious misconduct; or
 - (d) is disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority, in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications.
- (9) The Rector shall not be removed from office except in accordance with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Deputy Rector.

- (1) There shall be for the College such number of Deputy Rectors as the Council may deem necessary for the proper administrations of the College, consequently, wherever Deputy Rector appears in this Bill, it shall be construed to refer to such number of Deputy Rectors.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Rector, the Rector shall forward to the Academic Board a list of two candidates for each of the post of Deputy Rector that is Vacant.
- (3) The Academic Board shall elect for each vacant post, one candidate from each list forwarded by the Rector and forward same to the Council for confirmation.
- (4) Where the —
 - (a) Academic Board rejects the two candidates for any vacant Post of Deputy Rector, the Rector shall submit another list of two different candidates;
 - (b) Council rejects the name sent by the Academic Board from the list sent by the Rector, the Board shall forward the name of the other candidate on the list for the particular vacant post of Deputy Rector; and

- (c) Council rejects all the two candidates on any list nominated either by the Rector or the Academic Board, the nomination process shall start afresh.
- (5) The Deputy Rector shall hold office for a single term of 4 years from date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as Council may specify in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Registrar of the College.

- (1) There shall be for the College a Registrar who shall be appointed by the Council.
- (2) The Registrar, as minimum qualification, shall in addition to any other qualification that the Council may stipulate —
 - (a) possess a first degree in arts or humanities with at least second class lower division and at least 18 years cognate experience in administration in a tertiary institution and risen up to the rank of deputy registrar; or
 - (b) possess a masters' degree in arts or humanities with 15 years cognate experience in administration in a tertiary institution and risen up to the rank of deputy registrar, possession of a Ph.D. in arts and or humanities will be added advantage; and
 - (c) the candidate shall be a member of a professional body recognised by law relevant to the duties of a Registrar.
- (3) The Registrar shall —
 - (a) be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration of the College;
 - (b) be the Secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and any Committee of the Council and shall attend all the meetings of those bodies unless excused for good reason by the Chairman of the Council; or
 - (c) perform any other duty as the Council, or as the case may be, the Rector may from time to time require him to do.
- (4) In the absence of the Registrar, the Chairman of the Council may, after consultation with the Rector, appoint a suitable person to act as Secretary for any particular meeting of the Council.
- (5) The Secretary to the Council or a person appointed to act under subsection (3) of this section, shall not vote on any matter before the Council or count towards a quorum unless he is so entitled as a member of the Council.
- (6) A Registrar shall hold office —

- (a) for a single term of five years only beginning from the date of appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by his letter of appointment and other extant laws; or
- (b) where, on the commencement of this Bill, he has held office for four years or less from the date of his first appointment, his tenure shall be extended to reach the fifth year and he shall be deemed to be serving his final term; or
- (c) where, on the commencement of this Bill, he is serving a second term of four years or has held office for a cumulative record of more than five years he shall leave office after eight years from the date of his first appointment as Registrar (*Hon. Nuolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Other Principal Officers of the College.

- (1) There shall be other Principal Officers for the College as follows —

- (a) the Bursar; and
- (b) the College Librarian,

who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 9 (1) of this Bill.

- (2) The Bursar shall be —

- (a) as minimum qualification, a professional accountant possessing an accounting qualification and membership of a professional accounting body recognized by Law in Nigeria with a minimum of 15 years cognate experience;
- (b) the chief financial officer of the College; and
- (c) responsible to the Rector for the day to day administration and control of the financial affairs of the College.

- (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the administration of the College library and the co-ordination of the library services in the teaching units of the College.

- (4) The College Librarian shall as minimum qualification, be a professional librarian and attained the rank of Chief Lecturer or equivalent rank in a tertiary institution with a minimum of 15 years cognate experience.

- (5) The Bursar or Librarian shall hold office —

- (a) for a single term of five years only commencing from the date of his appointment; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

- (6) Where on the commencement of this section, a Bursar or Librarian has held office —
- (a) for 4 years or less from the date of his first appointment his tenure shall be extended to reach the fifth year and he shall be deemed to be serving his final term; and
 - (b) where he is serving a second term of four years or has held office for a cumulative record of more than five years, he shall leave office after eight years from the date of his first appointment as either Bursar or College Librarian as the case may be whether in acting or substantive capacity.
- (7) The Principal Officers of the College include the Rector, Deputy Rector(s), Registrar, Bursar and the College Librarian.
- (8) The composition of the Principal Officers of the College shall reflect equity and fairness as enshrined in Section 14 (3) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 17: Resignation of appointment by Principal Officers..

- (1) A principal officer may resign his appointment —
- (a) in the case of the Rector, by notice to the Visitor through the Governing Council; or
 - (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council.
- (2) The Council shall immediately notify the Minister upon the resignation of a principal officer (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 18: Removal from office of members of the Council and the Rector.

- (1) Where a member of the Council other than an *ex-officio* member or the Rector is to be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect to the President through the Minister, and where the President, after making such inquiries he considers necessary, approves the recommendation, the Minister, shall, in writing, declare the office of such member vacant.
- (2) The President may remove any member of the Council where he is satisfied that it is not in the public interest or in the interest of the College that such member should continue as a member of the Council.
- (3) In case of a vacancy in the office of the Rector, the Council shall appoint an acting Rector upon the recommendation of the Academic Board who shall not be in office for more than six months (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 19: Other employees of the College.

- (1) There shall be appointed from time to time by the Council, either directly, by transfer of service, secondment, by Sabbatical leave appointment etc. or such other staff as may be required for the purposes of the efficient performance of the functions conferred on the College under this Bill.
- (2) The composition of the Senior Management staff of the College appointed under sub-section (1) of this Section shall reflect equity and fairness as enshrined in Section 14(3) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended).
- (3) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from public service after serving for 35 years or having attained the age of 60 years in service shall not apply to staff of the College.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Pension Reform Act or any other enactment, the compulsory retirement age for permanent staff of the College shall be 65 years.
- (5) The power to appoint all other employees of the College shall be exercised —
 - (a) in the case of senior employees, by the Council on the recommendation of the Senior Staff Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary Committee set up under the provisions of paragraph 2 (3) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill; or
 - (b) in the case of junior employees, by the Rector on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary Committee constituted under paragraph 2 (3) (b) of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the remuneration and condition of service of employees of the College shall be as determined by the Council and in consultation with the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission of the Federation (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 20: Removal and discipline of academic, administrative and technical staff.

- (1) Where there is any reason for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or technical staff of the College, other than the Rector, is to be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall —
 - (a) give notice of the reason to the person in question;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Council; and

- (c) where he or any 3 members of the Council so request within the period of 1 month commencing from the date of the notice, make arrangements —
 - (i) if he is an academic staff, for a joint committee of the Council and the Academic Board described in the Schedule to this Bill as Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee and the Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee in the case of Senior and Junior Staff respectively to investigate the matter and to report on it to the Council, or
 - (ii) for a committee of the Council to investigate the matter where, it relates to any other member of the staff of the College and to report on it to the Council, and
 - (iii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter,and where the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
- (2) The Rector may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Rector, based on an investigation report, is prejudicial to the interest of the College, suspend such member for not more than 3 months and the suspension shall be reported to the Council.
- (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from office or his appointment may be terminated by the Council.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (3) of this section, "good cause" means —
 - (a) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, 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 Council, 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 disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be capable of rendering 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 discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
- (5) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section, shall be placed on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of the period of 3 months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to —

- (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if 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 the person in question, in which case such a person, will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
- (d) whether to take lesser disciplinary action against the person including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld as the Council may determine,

and in any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning such person.

- (6) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person against whom it relates.
- (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Council from making such regulations for the appointment, condition and scheme of service, and discipline of other categories of staff and workers of the College as it may think fit.
- (8) Any person aggrieved by the decision may within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the letter communicating Council decision, address an appeal to Council to reconsider its decision based on cogent reasons and the Council shall consider the appeal and communicate its decision within 45 days of receipt of the appeal (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 21: Discipline of Students.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Rector following an investigation report that any student of the College has been guilty of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or Regulations made pursuant to this Bill direct that the —
 - (a) student shall not during the period specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the College or make use of such facilities of the College, as he may specify;
 - (b) activities of the student shall, during the period specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
 - (c) student be suspended for the period specified in the directions; or

- (d) student be expelled from the College.
- (2) Where there is temporarily no Rector or where the Rector refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions specified in subsection (1) of this section to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.
- (3) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within a period of 21 days from the date of receipt of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the Council and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, within 3 months cause an inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit.
- (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (5) The Rector may delegate his power under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (7) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.
- (8) The decision of the Council shall be final in all cases under this section (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 22: Discipline of junior staff.

- (1) Where any junior staff is accused of misconduct, gross misconduct or inefficiency, the Rector may suspend him for not more than three months and shall direct the Junior Staff Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary Committee —
- (a) to consider the case; and
- (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Rector.
- (2) In all cases under this section, the officer shall be informed of the charge against him and be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself.
- (3) The Rector may, after considering the recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss, terminate, retire or down-grade the officer concerned.

- (4) Any person aggrieved by the Rector's decision 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 or appeal to the Council to reconsider his case and the Council's decision on the matter shall be final (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 23: Pension.

- (1) Service in the employment of the College shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pension Reform Act No. 4 of 2014 and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall be entitled to in respect of their services to the College pensions and other retirement benefit as is prescribed in the Pensions Reform Act No. 4 of 2014.
- (2) Nothing in the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall prevent the appointment of any person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension in respect of service in that office.
- (3) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act No. 4 of 2014, any power exercisable by a Minister or other Authority of the Government of the Federation, not being the power to make regulations, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Council (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 24: Funds of the College.

- (1) There is established for the College a fund from which all expenses incurred by the College for the execution of its functions under this Bill shall be paid.
- (2) There shall be credited to the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section —
 - (a) grants, subventions and budgetary allocations received from the Government of the Federation including such monies as may be appropriated to the College, from time to time, by the National Assembly;
 - (b) such monies as may from time to time, be lent or granted to the College by the Federal, States or Local Governments;
 - (c) fees for training and allied services received by the College;
 - (d) all sums accruing to the College by way of gifts, endowments, bequests, grants, donations, subsidies or other contributions by persons, organisations and donor agencies;
 - (e) monies from such other sources as may, from time to time, be approved by the Council for the College; and

- (f) a percentage of ticket, contract, cargo, charter sales or any other charges under the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority Act or such other percentage as may be stipulated under the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority Act or by the Minister in charge of Aviation.
- (3) The fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be managed in accordance with extant Financial Regulations applicable in the Public Service of the Federation (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 25: Income and Expenditure.

- (1) The Council shall prepare and submit to the Minister for approval not later than 1st October in each financial year an estimate of its income and expenditure for the following financial year.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section the Council shall where necessary due to unforeseen circumstances, submit supplementary or adjusted statement of estimated income and expenditure to the Minister for approval (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 26: Application of Fund.

The College may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established pursuant to section 24 of this Bill —

- (a) to pay overhead allowances, benefits and other administrative costs of the College;
- (b) for the reimbursement of members of the Council or any committee set up by the Council or the College for such expenses as may be authorised in accordance with the rates approved by the Government of the Federation;
- (c) for the payment of salaries, fees and other remunerations or allowances, payable to members of the Council, employees, experts or professionals appointed by the College;
- (d) to publicise and promote the activities of the College;
- (e) for the maintenance of any property acquired or vested in the College; and
- (f) to undertake any other activity or matter connected with all or any of the functions of the College under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 27: Account and Audit.

- (1) The Council shall keep proper accounts and audit of the College in respect of each financial year.

- (2) The Council shall when the statement of account referred to in subsection (1) of this section is certified by the Rector, submit its account for audit to auditors appointed by the College from among the list of auditors and in accordance with guidelines approved by the Auditor-General of the Federation and shall be published in the annual report of the College (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 28: Annual report.

- (1) The Council shall in every year furnish half-yearly reports to the Minister on the activities of the College, so however, that the first of such reports shall be furnished not later than 15 July in each year and every report shall be accompanied by a copy of the audited accounts of the College, and of the report (if any) by the auditor on the accounts as audited by him.
- (2) The Council shall on or before 31 December in each year prepare and submit to the President through the Minister, a report of the activities of the College for the preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that calendar year and the auditors' comments on the account (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 29: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The College may accept gifts of land, aircraft, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift.
- (2) The College shall not accept any gift where the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift is inconsistent with the functions of the College under this Bill.
- (3) Donations of money to be applied to any particular purpose shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account approved by the Council until such time as it may be expended in fulfilment of such purpose (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 30: Payment into bank.

All sums of money received on account of the Council shall be paid into such bank accounts for the credit of the Council as may be approved by the Council in line with prevailing laws, regulations and policies (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 31: Power to borrow.**

- (1) Subject to all applicable laws and regulations, the Council may, from time to time, borrow by overdraft or otherwise, such money as the College may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (2) The Council shall not, without the approval of the President borrow money, which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the Government of the Federation.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where the sum to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Council shall not borrow the sum without the prior approval of the President on the recommendation of the Minister (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 32: Power to invest funds.**

- (1) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest funds which is not in immediate use in Government bonds and securities in accordance with any general guidelines approved by the President or other appropriate authorities.
- (2) The College shall strive to recover the whole of its costs and to achieve reasonable returns on capital and investment (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — GENERAL POWERS OF THE COLLEGE**Committee's Recommendation:****Clause 33: Commissioning of pilots and other professionals.**

- (1) Pilots and other professionals shall be commissioned and certified upon the successful completion of their designated courses and professional training by the College.
- (2) Where a trainee is withdrawn before being commissioned on disciplinary grounds or on any other ground, not being medical ground, such trainee shall not be granted the use of the College (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 34: Exclusion of discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.**

- (1) Trainees shall not be required to satisfy requirements as to race, nationality including ethnic grouping, sex, place of birth or family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a trainee at the College, the holder of any certificate of the College or of any appointment or employment at the College or a member of anybody established pursuant to any of the provisions of this Bill.

- (2) A person shall not be subjected to any disadvantage, or accorded any advantage, in the College, by reference to any of the matters specified in subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the College from imposing any disability or restriction on any person where such person wilfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious or cultural belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all persons or any group of person which duty, having regard to the nature and the special circumstances is, in the opinion of the College, reasonably justifiable in the National Interest and for the purpose of the training (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 35: Compulsory acquisition of land.

For the purposes of the Land Use Act, Cap. L4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for overriding public interest, any requirement of land by the College pursuant to its objectives as set out in this Bill shall be deemed to be for overriding public interest (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 36: Restriction on disposal of landed property.

All landed property of the College shall not be disposed of or charged except with the resolution of the Council (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 37: Establishment of staff housing scheme.

The College may, with the approval of the Minister engage in the establishment of staff housing scheme (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 38: Directives of general character.

The Minister may give to the Council directions of a general nature or relating generally to particular matters and the Council shall comply with any of the directions given by the Minister (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 39: Validation of past acts, etc.**

It is declared for the avoidance of doubt that where any person have before the commencement of this Bill been appointed or have purported to act under powers, however conferred, incidental to the acquisition of land for, or incidental to the erection, supervision or control of the College 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. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 40: The Seal of the College.**

- (1) The seal of the College shall be such as may be administered by the Rector and the fixing of the seal of the College shall be signed by the Rector or the Registrar of the College.
- (2) The seal of the College shall be kept in the custody of the Rector of the College.
- (3) Academic Certificates issued by the College shall have the College seal fixed and signed by the Rector and the Registrar of the College.
- (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 College by any authorised person (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 41: Limitation of suit against the College.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act, Cap P4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 shall apply to any suit instituted against the College, an officer or employee of the College.
- (2) A suit shall not lie or be instituted in any court against the College, a member of the Council or any principal officer or employee of the College for an action carried out in pursuance or execution of this Bill or any 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 law, duty or authority, unless it is commenced —
 - (a) within 3 months of such act, neglect or default complained of; or
 - (b) in the case of a continuation of damages or injury, within 6 months next after the ceasing of the act, neglect or default.
- (3) A suit shall not be commenced against the College, a member of the Council or any principal officer or employee of the College before the expiration of a period of 1 month after written notice of the intention to commence the suit has been served on the College by the intending plaintiff or his agent.

- (4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) of this section shall clearly and explicitly state the cause of action, the particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief sought (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 42: Indemnity of officers of the College.

A member of the Council, Rector, officer or employee of the College shall be indemnified out of the assets of the College against any proceedings brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Council, Rector, officer or employee of the College where the act complained of is not ultra vires his powers (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 43: Power to make Rules.

- (1) The Council may make rules relating to any matter within its competence under this Bill other than matters for which provision is to be made by standing orders pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) Rules made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be in writing and shall come into force when sealed with the seal of the Council unless some other date for its commencement is prescribed.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (2) of this section shall make it obligatory for the Council to publish any of the rules referred to in this section in the Federal Gazette, however the Council shall bring such rules to the notice of all affected by the notice (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 44: Power to issue guidelines.

- (1) The College shall, with the approval of the Minister, issue guidelines for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) Guidelines made under this section shall, when approved by the Minister, be published in the Federal Gazette (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 45: Repeal and Savings Provision.

- (1) The Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act, Cap. N96, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 is hereby repealed.
- (2) Without prejudice to section 6 of the Interpretation Act, Cap. 123, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, the repeal of the Act specified in subsection (1) of this section, shall not affect anything done pursuant to the Act.

- (3) Every regulation, statute, order, requirement, certificate, notice, direction, decision, authorisation, consent, application, request or thing made, issued, given or done under the repealed Act shall, if in force at the commencement of this Bill, continue to be in force and have effect as if made, issued, given or done under the corresponding provisions of this Bill.
- (4) All assets, funds, resources and other movable and immovable property which, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, vested in the College established under the repealed Act, (hereinafter referred to as "the former College") shall by virtue of this Bill and without further assurance be vested in the College established under section 1 of this Bill.
- (5) Every reference to the former College, Council, Minister, Rector, Council Chairman or any person under their control or a document issued in the name of the former College, Council, Minister, Rector, Chairman of the former Council or employee of the former College shall be read, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to the College, Minister, Council, Rector, Chairman or an employee of the College established under this Bill, as the case may be (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 46: Transitional Provisions.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Rector of the College established under the repealed Act is deemed to have been transferred to the College established under this Bill under the same conditions as Rector.
- (2) Any person who immediately before the commencement of this Bill was a staff of the College established under the repealed Act shall continue in office and be deemed to have been appointed under this Bill for purposes of Pension.
- (3) Properties held immediately before the commencement date of this Bill on behalf of the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria by any person shall, by virtue of this Bill, be vested in the College established under this Bill.
- (4) The College established in section 1 of this Bill shall be subject to all the obligations and liabilities to which the former Nigerian College of Aviation Technology was subject immediately before the commencement of this Bill and all other persons shall have the same rights, powers and remedies against the College established by this Bill as they had against the College immediately before the commencement of this Bill.
- (5) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or against the College established under the repealed Act in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the College may be continued or commenced, as the case may be, and any determination of a court of law, tribunal or other Commission or person may be enforced by or against the College established by this Bill to the same extent that such proceeding, cause of action or determination might have been continued, commenced or enforced by or against the College as if this Bill had not been made.

- (6) As from the commencement of this Bill, any disciplinary proceeding pending or existing against any employee of the College shall be continued and completed by the College established under this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 47: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Academic Board" means the Board establish under section 8 of this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Act" means the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Act, 2021 (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Approved" means approved by the Minister (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council established under section 3 of this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Joint Council" means a combination of members of the Governing Council and members of the Academic Board (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister of the Government of the Federation charged with responsibility for Civil Aviation (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Prescribed" means prescribed on behalf of the College with the approval of the Minister (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"Rector" means the Rector of the College; and (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

"The Senior Staff Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary Committee" means a body by that name established under paragraph 2 (3) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "The Senior Staff Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary Committee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 48: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2022 (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

[Section 3(3)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Proceedings of the Council

1. (1) The Council may make standing orders with respect to the holding of meetings, the nature of notices to be given, the proceedings, the keeping of minutes of such proceedings and the custody and production for inspection of such minutes.
- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman shall preside and if he is not present, the members attending may appoint 1 of their members to be chairman of that meeting.
- (3) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times as the Chairman of the Council may appoint but shall meet not less than once in a quarter.

- (4) The Chairman of the Council may at any time and shall at the request in writing of not less than 5 members of the Council summon a meeting of the Council.
- (5) Particulars of the business to be transacted shall be circulated to members with the notice of the meeting at least 2 weeks before the date of the meeting.
- (6) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any expert on a particular matter concerning the College, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council thinks fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council, and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (7) Every question put before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
- (8) Two-thirds of members of Council shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Council.
- (9) The Chairman shall, at any meeting of the Council, have a vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, may exercise a casting vote.
- (10) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may in the name of the College make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the College or of the Council, and in the exercise of its powers under this Bill, may set out committees in the general interest of the College, and make standing orders therefor.
- (11) Standing orders shall provide for decisions taken to be unanimous and accordingly the chairman shall not have a second or casting vote.
- (12) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the committee is to report back to the Council on any matter not within its competence under this Bill to decide.

Committees of the Council

2. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Council such functions as the Council may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council.
- (3) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, the Council shall appoint the following committees —
 - (a) Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall consist of the Rector as Chairman, two members of the Academic Board who are not members of Council and two other members of the Council as members;
 - (b) Junior Staff Appointments and Promotion Committee which shall consist of a Deputy Rector as Chairman, two members of the Academic Board who are not members of the Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee and two other members appointed by the Rector;
 - (c) the Committee on Students' Affairs which shall consist of the following members —
 - (i) a Deputy Rector, appointed by the Rector, as Chairman,

- (ii) one external member of the Council,
 - (iii) Dean of Students Affairs,
 - (iv) two members of the Academic Board who are not members of the Senior or Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee, not below the rank of Senior Lecturer, and
 - (v) four representatives of the Students Union of the College;
- (d) the Finance and General Purpose Committee ; and
- (e) the Academic Development Committee.
- (4) The Committee on Students Affairs shall be charged with the duty of considering any
- (a) matter which relates to the welfare of students;
 - (b) other matter referred to it by either the Council or Management of the College; and
 - (c) matter which the Students wish to refer to the Council, which shall be referred to the Management in the first instance and which the Management may have referred to the Committee on students Affairs.
- (5) Any matter which the students wish to refer to the Council shall be referred to the Committee on Students' Affairs in the first instance.
- (6) The decision of a Committee of the Council shall have no effect unless it is confirmed by the Council.
- (7)
- (a) There shall be a Management Committee consisting of all the Principal Officers of the College, Deans and Directors in the College.
 - (b) The Rector shall be the Chairman of the Management Committee.
 - (c) The Management Committee shall meet at least once in a month to discuss and take decisions on matters of general interest to the College.
- (8)
- (a) There shall be a School Board for each School in the College consisting of all the academic staff in that school.
 - (b) The school Board shall deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the School or any matter assigned to it by the Council, the Rector or the Academic Board.
 - (c) The Dean shall be the Chairman of the School Board.
 - (d) The Dean shall be elected from among the Academic staff, not below the rank of Chief instructor/ Lecturer in that school, for a term of two years and may be elected for another one term of two years.
- (9)
- (a) There shall be a Departmental Board for each Department in the College consisting of all the academic staff in that Department.

- (b) The Departmental Board shall deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the Department.
 - (c) The Head of Department shall be the chairman of the Departmental Board.
 - (d) The Head of Department shall be elected from among the Academic staff not below the rank of Principal Instructor/Lecturer in that Department for a term, of two years and may be elected for another one term of two years.
- (10)
 - (a) Where there is no qualified candidate for the position of Dean or Head of Department, the Rector shall appoint an acting Dean, not below the rank of Principal Instructor/Lecturer or an Acting Head of Department not below the rank of Senior Instructor/Lecturer, for a term of one year in the first instance and renewable only once.
 - (b) Where there is still no qualified person, another person shall be appointed to act on the same terms specified above.
- (11) Nothing in this Bill shall prevent the Management Committee and Boards from making supplementary rules to guide their proceedings provided such rules are consistent with the provisions of this Bill.
- (12)
 - (a) There shall be for the College, a Congregation consisting both Academic and Senior Non-Teaching Staff, who hold at least a first degree or equivalent
 - (b) The Rector shall be the Chairman of the Congregation.
 - (c) The Congregation shall meet at least once in a year to conduct its business as prescribed in this Bill and to receive report from the Rector on the state of Affairs of the College.
- (13)
 - (a) There shall be for the College a Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee which shall consist of —
 - (i) an external member of Council as Chairman;
 - (ii) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Instructor/Lecturer;
 - (iii) two members of the Congregation who are not academic staff not below a rank equivalent to Assistant Chief Instructor/Lecturer; and
 - (iv) one member of the Council external to the College.
 - (b) The Committee members Shall serve for two years and be eligible for reappointment for another two years only.
- (14) There shall be established for the College a Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee consisting of —
 - (i) a Deputy Rector as Chairman;
 - (ii) two Academic staff appointed by the Rector who are not members of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee;

- (iii) two non-teaching staff appointed by the Rector equivalent in rank to a Senior Instructor/Lecturer; and
- (iv) two members of Council external to the College not being members of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee.

Conflict of Interest

3. (1) 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.

Miscellaneous

4. (1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman of the Council or of the Rector where authorised by the Council 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 College by any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Council.
- (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of the Council shall not be affected by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or of a person to serve on the Committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
- (5) A person shall not by reason only of his membership of the Council be treated as holding an office of emolument under the Government.
- (6) The common seal of the Council shall not be used or affixed to any document except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes of such meeting (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

(This Memorandum does not form part of the Act but it is intended to explain its purport)

This Bill seeks to repeal the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act, Cap. N96, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to re-enact the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology Act to provide for the establishment of the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, charged with the general duty of providing civil aviation courses, standard or special, designed for use in flight training or in airport operation and management as may from time to time be prescribed for approved persons (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act, Cap. N96, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Re-enact the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act; Provide for its Organisation, Control and Operations; and for Related Matters (HB. 31 and HB. 463) (Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West 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 Aviation on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act, Cap. N96, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Bill to Provide for its Organisation, Council and Operations; and for Related Matters (HB. 463) and approved Clauses 1 - 48, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

19. Adjournment of First Sitting

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 2.00 p.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.45 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker

