



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 22 February, 2022

1. The House met at 11:36 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 17 February, 2022.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
 - (i) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:
 - (a) Staff and Students of *Grace Bridge Secondary School*, Dutse, Abuja;
 - (b) Staff and Students of *AT-VIC International Academy*, Abuja.
 - (ii) **Amendment to the Constitution Review:**
Mr Speaker informed Hon. Members that the House has scheduled to commence voting on amendment to the Constitution on Wednesday, 2 and Thursday, 3 March, 2022, as a result, there will be no Committee meetings and oversight activities. He urged all Members to be present to cast their votes.
5. **Petition**
Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Haruna Isa Dederi (*Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) H. N. Olise & Associates (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of the family of Late Chief Congress Ukposi of Etenam, Ndokwa West Local Government Area, Delta State, on the refusal of Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) to implement the Memorandum of Understanding reached between the family and the company;

- (b) U. C. Oparaugo & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Sam Okoye, on the abduction of his son and 1 other by Staff of Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State;
- (c) Kings Partners (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Gberigbe/Igbokuta communities, Ikorodu Local Government Area, Lagos State on alleged threat to life, murder, and invasion of their communities by Kamorudeen Lamina and 18 others;
- (d) Elijah Adeogun on alleged threat to his life and family by Chief Owwoeye and 4 others.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Call on the Executive Arm to Address Incessant Armed Banditry Attacks in Yauri, Shanga and Ngaski Local Government Areas, Kebbi State:***

Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu (*Ngaski/Yauri/Shanga 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.

Call on the Executive Arm to Address Incessant Armed Banditry Attacks in Yauri, Shanga and Ngaski Local Government Areas, Kebbi State:

The House:

Notes that security of lives and property; and welfare of every citizen are not only among the cardinal principles of good governance but constitute fundamental human rights issues;

Also notes that peaceful coexistence has direct relationships with provisioning and utilizations of the dividends of democracy;

Further notes that insecurity has brought untold hardship, loss of precious human lives and property in all parts of the country and constitutes a major threat against the corporate existence of our nation;

Aware that armed attacks by bandits have become incessant in Kebbi South Senatorial District comprising 7 Local Government Areas that constitute Yauri and Zuru Emirates in a State hitherto known for peace and security;

Also aware that the route followed by bandits to and fro their operations is not only known to the local people in the two Emirates and security personnel but is also predictable. However, in spite of this information, the bandits still reach their targets and unleash untold terror with minimal resistance;

rather aware that the bandits recently declared terrorists come in their hundreds riding motorcycles, each carrying two to three well-armed of their men; this sheer number and nature of sophisticated weapons they brandish, overwhelm local vigilante and the few ill-equipped security personnel on ground. In addition, poor emergency response preparedness, non-availability of immediate reinforcement and absence of immediate response with air support operations, the terrorists enjoy a field free day killing, maiming and abducting people and destroying their property;

Recalls that in one attack about eight (8) months ago, nearly 100 students of Federal Government College, Birnin Yauri were kidnapped and some of the abductees are yet to regain their freedom;

Worried that on Saturday, 19 February, 2022, there was an attack which was well communicated through local intelligence to the security agencies, the bandits freely operated for 2 consecutive days unhindered. They blocked the major highway passing through Koko and Yauri for hours leaving commuters in disarray and killed 3 motorists. At the same time, another batch attacked Bakin Turu town, rustled their cows, burgled shops and kidnapped many people including two brides. Same day they proceeded and killed 2 more people and razed down Tungan Zarumai village. The following day, they proceeded and unleashed terror in Kambuwa district of Ngaski LGA with three persons killed, several people kidnapped, cows rustled before visiting other nearby villages with their reign of terror;

Also worried that the bandits have no base in Kebbi State, it is unimaginable that they travelled in their hundreds on top of motorcycles for hundreds of kilometres, hit their targets with blood flowing in their trail and returned to their base with little or no resistance or response from any Quarters;

Further worried that that the current attack has created humanitarian crisis with many Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Bakin Turu, Tungan Zarumai, Kambuwa, Kimo and many surrounding villages. It also has the capacity of truncating the efforts of the federal government as it concerns food security as Kebbi South occupies a significant position in the food production belt of Nigeria. It has also started affecting economic activities of the area leading to increasing poverty and also instilled fears among students resulting in increasing the statistics of out of school children in the area. The situation also brought about continuous fear and uncertainty among the people of Ngaski, Shanga and Yauri LGAs;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately provide relief materials;
- (ii) call on the Executive Arm of Government to establish a Military base at Birnin Yauri to checkmate incessant banditry attacks;
- (iii) also urge the Security Agencies to improve on utilization of local intelligence to fast track the tracking of movement of bandits;
- (iv) further urge the Security Agencies to fast track the release of kidnapped victims and remaining students of Federal Government College, Birnin Yauri; and
- (v) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Air Force, and Police Affairs to ensure compliance (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (vi) as follows:

"observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased" (Hon. Isiaka Ayoknle Ibrahim -- Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that security of lives and property; and welfare of every citizen are not only among the cardinal principles of good governance but constitute fundamental human rights issues;

Also noted that peaceful coexistence has direct relationships with provisioning and utilizations of the dividends of democracy;

Further noted that insecurity has brought untold hardship, loss of precious human lives and property in all parts of the country and constitutes a major threat against the corporate existence of our nation;

Aware that armed attacks by bandits have become incessant in Kebbi South Senatorial District comprising 7 Local Government Areas that constitute Yauri and Zuru Emirates in a State hitherto known for peace and security;

Also aware that the route followed by bandits to and fro their operations is not only known to the local people in the two Emirates and security personnel but is also predictable. However, in spite of this information, the bandits still reach their targets and unleash untold terror with minimal resistance;

Further aware that the bandits recently declared terrorists come in their hundreds riding motorcycles, each carrying two to three well-armed of their men; this sheer number and nature of sophisticated weapons they brandish, overwhelm local vigilante and the few ill-equipped security personnel on ground. In addition, poor emergency response preparedness, non-availability of immediate reinforcement and absence of immediate response with air support operations, the terrorists enjoy a field free day killing, maiming and abducting people and destroying their property;

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- (iv) further urge the Security Agencies to fast track the release of kidnapped victims and remaining students of Federal Government College, Birnin Yauri;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Air Force, and Police Affairs to ensure compliance; and
- (vi) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased (HR. 68/02/2022).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(ii) ***Need to Restore Security in Anambra State and Arrest the Killings of Innocent Citizens by Criminals and Non State Actors:***

Hon. Azubogu Chris Ifeanyi Emeka (Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo 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 Restore Security in Anambra State and Arrest the Killings of Innocent Citizens by Criminals and Non State Actors:

The House:

Notes that the primary responsibility of government is to protect lives and properties hence the call to restore full security in Anambra State especially Anambra South Senatorial Zone bordering Imo State;

Observes that non state actors mostly criminals have taken over part of Anambra State and have been killing innocent citizens and creating fear that well meaning citizens including Traditional Rulers and responsible citizens have deserted their home towns. Some prominent

traditional rulers in Anambra State have deserted their Kingdoms and resorted to residing in the State capital (Awka) or Abuja;

Worried that about a week ago gunmen operated in Aguata LGA of Anambra State killing at least four persons one of their victims being an official of the Anambra State Traffic Management Agency (ASTMA) directing traffic at the ever-busy Ekwulobia roundabout. They were also said to have killed two other persons at Oko, Igboikwu and yet another person close to Ekwulobia Girls Secondary School. Also they have been operating within Nnewi, Ihiala, Nnobi, Ukpok axis;

Also worried about the most recent killing of Chief Gab Ofoma a Senior Estate Surveyor and Valuer, a foremost Industrialist and the Chairman/CEO Ofoma Associates Ltd on Sunday, 20 February, 2022, by these criminals along Mbosi-Ihiala-Iseke road and the killing of Mr Sule Matthew a First Class graduate of Bayero University, Kano and other occupants of the vehicle conveying them to Anambra State for his National Youth Service;

Cognizant that a lot of our security men including the Police, Army etc have lost their lives to these criminal elements over time giving rise to the need for a more decisive action on the part of our security forces. Recently, Chief Fabian Nworah of EFAB Properties was nearly killed by these blood thirsty criminals when he visited Anambra State and many others, too numerous to mention;

Also cognizant that these have negatively affected both economic and social lives, increased hardship on the citizens and heightened fear that has caused too many problems in the society;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Security Adviser (NSA), the Inspector-General of Police, the Director-General, Department of State Services, the Chief of Army Staff, the Chief of Naval Staff and other security agencies to form a joint taskforce to restore security in Anambra State especially Anambra South bordering Imo State;
- (ii) commend the security agencies for all their efforts in curbing these incessant killings;
- (iii) observe a minute silence in honour of Chief Gab Ofoma, Mr Sule Matthew, security personnel and other innocent citizens that have been brutally murdered through the senseless killings (*Hon. Chris Emeka Ifeanyi Azubogu — Nnewi North/South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (i), immediately after the words "restore security", *leave out* the words "Anambra State" and *insert* the words "South East States and bordering States" (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umenneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the primary responsibility of government is to protect lives and properties hence the call to restore full security in Anambra State especially Anambra South Senatorial Zone bordering Imo State;

Observed that non state actors mostly criminals have taken over part of Anambra State and have been killing innocent citizens and creating fear that well meaning citizens including Traditional Rulers and responsible citizens have deserted their home towns. Some prominent traditional rulers in Anambra State have deserted their Kingdoms and resorted to residing in the State capital (Awka) or Abuja;

Worried that about a week ago gunmen operated in Aguata LGA of Anambra State killing at least four persons one of their victims being an official of the Anambra State Traffic Management Agency (ASTMA) directing traffic at the ever-busy Ekwulobia roundabout. They were also said to have killed two other persons at Oko, Igboukwu and yet another person close to Ekwulobia Girls Secondary School. Also they have been operating within Nnewi, Ihiala, Nnobi, Ukpokwu axis;

Also worried about the most recent killing of Chief Gab Ofoma a Senior Estate Surveyor and Valuer, a foremost Industrialist and the Chairman/CEO Ofoma Associates Ltd on Sunday, 20 February, 2022, by these criminals along Mbosi-Ihiala-Iseke road and the killing of Mr Sule Matthew a First Class graduate of Bayero University, Kano and other occupants of the vehicle conveying them to Anambra State for his National Youth Service;

Cognizant that a lot of our security men including the Police, Army etc have lost their lives to these criminal elements over time giving rise to the need for a more decisive action on the part of our security forces. Recently, Chief Fabian Nworah of EFAB Properties was nearly killed by these blood thirsty criminals when he visited Anambra State and many others, too numerous to mention;

Also cognizant that these have negatively affected both economic and social lives, increased hardship on the citizens and heightened fear that has caused too many problems in the society;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the National Security Adviser (NSA), the Inspector-General of Police, the Director General, Department of State Services, the Chief of Army Staff, the Chief of Naval Staff and other security agencies to form a joint taskforce to restore security in South East States and bordering States;
- (ii) commend the security agencies for all their efforts in curbing these incessant killings;
- (iii) observe a minute silence in honour of Chief Gab Ofoma, Mr Sule Matthew, security personnel and other innocent citizens that have been brutally murdered through the senseless killings (HR. 69/02/2022).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

7. Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)

Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi (*Kanke/Pankshin/Kanam Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to the statement made by Hon. Obidigwe Chinedu Benjamin, in his contribution to the motion moved by Hon. Chris Azubogu, who stated that the Governor of Anambra State had informed him that the House of Representatives ordered the dismantling of all check points across the nation. Hon. Gagdi noted that the assertion by the Governor was not the Resolution of the House, recalling that the House in its Resolution of Wednesday, 1 December, 2021 (HR.156/12/2021) '*urged the Inspector-General of Police to remove and disband illegal check points in the country*'. He therefore emphasized the need to set the records right to avoid misrepresenting the parliament.

Mr Speaker noted the explanation.

8. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal University of Technology, Offa, Kwara State, Bill, 2022 (HB. 1848).
- (2) Federal College of Mines and Geological Studies, Guyuk, Adamawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1849).
- (3) Federal Colleges of Education Bill, 2022 (HB.1850).
- (4) Federal Medical Centre, Bali (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1851).
- (5) Federal University of Science and Technology, Remo, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1852).
- (6) National Cotton Production and Research Institute, Zamfara (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1853).
- (7) National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Kebbi (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1854).
- (8) Administration of Jury Trials Criminal Justice Bill, 2022 (HB. 1855).
- (9) Nigerian Loan Regulatory Commission Bill, 2022 (HB. 1856).
- (10) Nigeria Stadiums Maintenance Authority Bill, 2022 (HB. 1857).
- (11) Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments in Nigeria (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1858).
- (12) Federal College of Education, Dengi –Kanam (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1871).

9. Presentation of Reports**(i) Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Orerokpe, Delta State and for Related Matters (HB. 663)" (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap, F8. Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Federal College of Education Bill and for Related Matters (HB. 1455)" (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Tombia for the Training of Graduands in Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics; and for Related Matters (HB. 1333)" (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Islamic Finance Professionals to Regulate the Activities of Members of the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 457)" (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Elebele, Ogbia, Bayelsa State to provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and Provide for Appointment of the Provost and Other Officers of the College to carry out Administration and Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1507)" (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Rigasa, Kaduna State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1726) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Rigasa, Kaduna State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1726) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Act, Cap. N69, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Bill to Provide for Definition and Component of Primary Healthcare in Nigeria, and for Related Matters (HB.39) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Act, Cap. N69, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Bill to Provide for Definition and Component of Primary Healthcare in Nigeria, and for Related Matters (HB.39) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Shendam, Plateau State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 395) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Shendam, Plateau State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 395) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Regulation of Ecological Funds, to Address Nigeria's Ecological Challenges particularly Erosion, Landslide, Desertification, Floods, Oil Spillage, Draught, etc.; and for Related Matters (HB. 739) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Regulation of Ecological Funds, to Address Nigeria's Ecological Challenges particularly Erosion, Landslide, Desertification, Floods, Oil Spillage, Draught, etc.; and for Related Matters (HB. 739) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Technical), Umunneochi, Abia State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 724) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Technical), Umunneochi, Abia State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 724) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Owutu Edda; and for Related Matters (HB. 1647) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Owutu Edda; and for Related Matters (HB. 1647) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Agency for the Production, Management and Control of Sugarcane, Makarfi, Kaduna State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1385) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Agency for the Production, Management and Control of Sugarcane, Makarfi, Kaduna State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1385) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mukhtar Shehu Ladan — Makarfi/Kudan 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 Agricultural Production and Services.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Health Technology, Ningi, Bauchi State to ensure Access to Education in Health Technology, to provide Full-Time Courses of Teaching, Instruction, and Training in Health Technology; and for Related Matters (HB.1497) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Health Technology, Ningi, Bauchi State to ensure Access to Education in Health Technology, to provide Full-Time Courses of Teaching, Instruction, and Training in Health Technology; and for Related Matters (HB.1497) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abdulkadir Sa'ad Abdullahi — Ningi/Warji 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 Health Institutions.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Vom to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.185) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Vom to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.185) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos — Jos South/Jos East 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

19. **Need to Address the Frequent Strike Actions by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU)**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware of meetings by the relevant bodies which led to the call-off of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) strike action which lasted for 9 months (March 2020 to December 2020);

Also aware of the individual and corporate pains the strike action inflicted on Nigerian students, parents and the education sector to the extent that it disrupted the academic calendar and impacted

negatively on the teaching staff, their families and the depreciating standards of Nigeria's Public Universities;

Conscious of the benefits and advantages of the demands of ASUU on the overall interests of Nigeria's public institutions and the well-being of the personnel which includes funding for the revitalization of public universities and signing and implementation of the renegotiated 2009 FGN-ASUU Agreement, amongst others;

Disturbed that shortly after the last horrendous experience by Nigerians, a one-month warning strike action by members of ASUU has commenced with effect from February 14, 2022, despite all previous efforts to resolve the contending issues, such efforts include that of the Speaker, House of Representatives and other stakeholders which included members of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC);

Further disturbed that the consequences of the strike action are embarrassingly becoming too frequent and with consequences too damning to the education sector as one-month strike action is a too much disruption to an academic calendar and too much time for an "idle man" to cause havoc, especially in the present university environment which is infested with cult activities and other social vices;

Concerned that in the present circumstances, claims and counterclaims by both ASUU members and Government representatives are not helping the situation because the picture created is not clear and both Nigerians and foreigners are left to interpret it differently, regrettably tilting towards perceived/or deliberate intention to frustrate the genuine spirit of reconciliation and tertiary education in Nigeria widely seen as education for the ordinary Nigerian;

Worried that major parts of the grounds of dispute border on issues like the injection of revitalization funds, payment of earned academic allowance and the likes that are obtainable in other African countries like Ghana and South Africa;

Also worried that Nigeria is losing revenue through Nigerian students who school abroad whereas Nigerian Universities can be raised to the standards of the best Universities in Africa and other parts of the world;

Cognizant that all hands must be on deck to avert the strike action and to allow Public Universities to continue with their programmes undisrupted and to resolves such issues dispassionately;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Labour and Employment and ASUU to adhere to the Clauses and provisions of the previous Memorandum of Understanding and the Memorandum of Action in the interest of Nigerian students and education sector in Nigeria and call off the warning strike;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Labour, Employment and Productivity, and Tertiary Education and Services to interface with the Ministries of Labour and Employment and, Education, Civil Society Organizations, Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) and ASUU to address the outstanding issues that are precipitating the current warning strike by members of ASUU;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Dozie Ferdinand Nwankwo — Njokoka/Dumukofia/Anaocha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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Further disturbed that the consequences of the strike action are embarrassingly becoming too frequent and with consequences too damning to the education sector as one-month strike action is a too much disruption to an academic calendar and too much time for an "idle man" to cause havoc, especially in the present university environment which is infested with cult activities and other social vices;

Concerned that in the present circumstances, claims and counterclaims by both ASUU members and Government representatives are not helping the situation because the picture created is not clear and both Nigerians and foreigners are left to interpret it differently, regrettably tilting towards perceived/or deliberate intention to frustrate the genuine spirit of reconciliation and tertiary education in Nigeria widely seen as education for the ordinary Nigerian;

Worried that major parts of the grounds of dispute border on issues like the injection of revitalization funds, payment of earned academic allowance and the likes that are obtainable in other African countries like Ghana and South Africa;

Also worried that Nigeria is losing revenue through Nigerian students who school abroad whereas Nigerian Universities can be raised to the standards of the best Universities in Africa and other parts of the world;

Cognizant that all hands must be on deck to avert the strike action and to allow Public Universities to continue with their programmes undisrupted and to resolves such issues dispassionately;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Labour and Employment and ASUU to adhere to the Clauses and provisions of the previous -Memorandum of Understanding and the Memorandum of Action in the interest of Nigerian students and education sector in Nigeria and call off the warning strike;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Labour, Employment and Productivity, and Tertiary Education and Services to interface with the Ministries of Labour and Employment and, Education, Civil Society Organizations, Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) and ASUU to address the outstanding issues that are precipitating the current warning strike by members of ASUU;

(iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (HR. 70/02/2022).

20. **Need to Investigate the Non-refund of Contributions to Beneficiaries by the National Housing Fund (NHF)**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Housing Fund (NHF) was established to mobilize funds to facilitate the provision of affordable housing for employed Nigerians;

Also notes that every Nigerian earning ₦3,000 or more per annum is required to contribute 2.5 percent of his or her monthly salary to the NHF;

Further notes that the core mandate of the (NHF) is to facilitate the mobilization of funds for the provision of Houses for Nigerians at affordable prices, ensure easy access to loan facilities to Nigerians for building, purchasing or improvement of residential Houses, provide incentives for capital markets to invest in property development and provide long-term loans to Mortgage Institutions for lending to contributors to the fund;

Aware that the National Housing Fund (NHF) Act provides that refund shall be made to contributors who did not obtain a housing loan while in service and should be processed and paid within three (3) months of receipt of the application for a refund;

Concerned that some Ministries, Departments and Agencies do not remit deductions from contributors' salaries to Managers of the fund as stipulated by the Act, hence contributors who are mostly civil servants, are often oblivious of remittances made on their behalf while in service until the time of their retirement;

Worried that retirees who applied to the Federal Mortgage Bank and the National Housing Fund to be refunded have not been attended to in the last three years, resulting in endless delays of refund and non-payment of their refund;

Further aware that retirees who have invested productive years in the course of their service to the nation deserved a rewarding treatment in getting their contribution to the fund during active years in service as the country does not provide social security welfare for retirees;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Housing and Habitat to investigate:

- (i) the unnecessary delays and non-refund of retirees contributions to the National Housing Fund by both the Federal Mortgage Bank and the National Housing Fund;
- (ii) the activities of the Federal Mortgage Bank and the National Housing Fund with respect to contributions, remittances from Ministries, Departments and Agencies, and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Edim Eta Mbora — Calabar Municipal/Odukpani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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Also noted that every Nigerian earning ₦3,000 or more per annum is required to contribute 2.5 percent of his or her monthly salary to the NHF;

Further noted that the core mandate of the (NHF) is to facilitate the mobilization of funds for the provision of Houses for Nigerians at affordable prices; ensure easy access to loan facilities to Nigerians for building, purchasing of improvement of residential Houses, provide incentives for capital markets to invest in property development and provide long-term loans to Mortgage Institutions for lending to contributors to the fund;

Aware that the National Housing Fund (NHF) Act provides that refund shall be made to contributors who did not obtain a housing loan while in service and should be processed and paid within three (3) months of receipt of the application for a refund;

Concerned that some Ministries, Departments and Agencies do not remit deductions from contributors' salaries to Managers of the fund as stipulated by the Act, hence contributors who are mostly civil servants, are often oblivious of remittances made on their behalf while in service until the time of their retirement;

Worried that retirees who applied to the Federal Mortgage Bank and the National Housing Fund to be refunded have not been attended to in the last three years, resulting in endless delays of refund and non-payment of their refund;

Further aware that retirees who have invested productive years in the course of their service to the nation deserved a rewarding treatment in getting their contribution to the fund during active years in service as the country does not provide social security welfare for retirees;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Housing and Habitat to investigate:

- (i) the unnecessary delays and non-refund of retirees contributions to the National Housing Fund by both the Federal Mortgage Bank and the National Housing Fund;
- (ii) the activities of the Federal Mortgage Bank and the National Housing Fund with respect to contributions, remittances from Ministries, Departments and Agencies, and report within four (4) weeks (HR. 71/02/2022).

21. Need to Revisit the Dredging of the Escravos Bar, Warri, Koko and Sapele Ports

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the Report that the Nigerian Ports Authority dredged the Escravos channel in Delta State in 2018;

Also notes that the Escravos bar was reportedly not dredged beyond a depth of 7.5 meters due to the presence of oil pipelines belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC);

Concerned that due to the high rate of siltation, the depth of the Escravos bar has drastically reduced to approximately 3.9 meters;

Also concerned that the Warri, Koko, and Sapele Ports have still not recorded improved traffic from high-tonnage vessels carrying petrol and other commodities, and as such, vessels need to wait for high tides or risk running aground;

Worried that in a bid to avoid paying demurrage, most petrol-carrying vessels which ventured into the Escravos bar in recent times have suffered damages;

Also worried that most maritime businesses have either crumbled or been relocated to the already crowded and overstretched Lagos Ports, which has had negative impacts on the economy of Delta State and Nigeria;

Cognizant of the capacity of the Warri, Koko and Sapele ports to create employment opportunities and curb youth restiveness and other social vices within Delta State, the Niger Delta Region and Nigeria when functioning at full capacity;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to dredge the Escravos bar beyond 7.5 meters depth to improve the traffic of high tonnage vessels;
- (ii) urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to relocate the oil pipelines along the Warri bar;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Ports and Harbour to ensure compliance (*Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi — Warri South/Warri West/Warri North Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “Escravos bar”, insert the words “Apapa Ports, Warri, Koko and Sapele” (*Hon. Ganiyu Johnson — Ishodi Isolo II Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (i) as amended, immediately after the word “Sapele”, insert the words “Burutu Seaport” (*Hon. Julius G. Pondi — Burutu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the Report that the Nigerian Ports Authority dredged the Escravos channel in Delta State in 2018;

Also noted that the Escravos bar was reportedly not dredged beyond a depth of 7.5 meters due to the presence of oil pipelines belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC);

Concerned that due to the high rate of siltation, the depth of the Escravos bar has drastically reduced to approximately 3.9 meters;

Also concerned that the Warri, Koko, and Sapele Ports have still not recorded improved traffic from high-tonnage vessels carrying petrol and other commodities, and as such, vessels need to wait for high tides or risk running aground;

Worried in a bid to avoid paying demurrage, most petrol-carrying vessels which ventured into the Escravos bar in recent times have suffered damages;

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Cognizant of the capacity of the Warri, Koko and Sapele ports to create employment opportunities and curb youth restiveness and other social vices within Delta State, the Niger Delta Region and Nigeria when functioning at full capacity;

Resolved to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to dredge the Escravos bar, Apapa Ports, Warri, Koko Sapele, and Burutu Seaport beyond 7.5 meters depth to improve the traffic of high tonnage vessels;
- (ii) urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to relocate the oil pipelines along the Warri bar;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Ports and Harbour to ensure compliance (HR. 72/02/2022).

22. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Health Insurance Authority Bill, 2021; and for Related Matters; and for Related Matters (HB. 1117) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resume consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Health Insurance Authority Bill, 2021; and for Related Matters; and for Related Matters (HB. 1117)" (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy 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 REPEAL THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME ACT, CAP. N42, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, AND TO ENACT THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE AUTHORITY BILL, 2021 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROMOTION, REGULATION AND INTEGRATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEMES IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1117)

Clause 20: Third Party Administrator.

- (1) Third Party Administrator shall:

- (a) be registered by the Authority to perform such functions as are specified under this Bill; and

- (b) comply with all requirements for Third Party Administrators under the regulations to be made by the Minister.
- (2) A Health Maintenance Organisation may act as a Third Party Administrator if it:
 - (a) meets the requirements for doing so under this Bill; and
 - (b) is contracted to do so.
- (3) A Third Party Administrator established under this Bill shall:
 - (a) manage providers including continuous quality assurance;
 - (b) ensure patient satisfaction through relevant mechanisms, including the operation of call centres; and
 - (c) any other administrative function which they are required to perform to facilitate implementation of a State health scheme or functions as required by the Authority (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 24: Implementation of the Basic Health Care Fund.

- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), the Authority shall implement the Basic Health Care Fund as set out in the National Health Act 2014 and any guidelines developed in that regard (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 25: Establishment and sources of Vulnerable Group Fund.

- (1) There is established the Vulnerable Group Fund.
- (2) The sources for the Vulnerable Group Fund includes:
 - (a) Basic Health Care Provision Fund to the Authority;
 - (b) health insurance levy;
 - (c) Special Intervention Fund allocated by the Government and Appropriated to the Vulnerable Group Fund;
 - (d) money that accrues to the Vulnerable Group Fund from investments made by the Council; and
 - (e) grants, donations, gifts and any other voluntary contributions made to the Vulnerable Group Fund (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole resumed consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Health Insurance Authority Bill, 2021; and for Related Matters; and for Related Matters (HB. 1117) and approved Clauses 20, 24 and 25 of the Bill.

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

- (ii) *A Bill for an Act to Amend the Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. P34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Psychiatric Hospital, Budo-Egba, Kwara State, Provide Legal Framework for Establishment of Psychiatric Hospital to facilitate the Training of Specialist Personnel at all levels; and for Related Matters (HB. 1593) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. P34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Psychiatric Hospital, Budo-Egba, Kwara State, Provide Legal Framework for Establishment of Psychiatric Hospital to facilitate the Training of Specialist Personnel at all levels; and for Related Matters (HB. 1593)" (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy 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 AMEND THE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS
MANAGEMENT BOARD ACT, CAP. P34, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION
OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL,
BUDO-EGBA, KWARA STATE, PROVIDE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL TO FACILITATE
THE TRAINING OF SPECIALIST PERSONNEL AT ALL
LEVELS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1593)**

Consideration deferred.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. P 34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Psychiatric Hospital, Budo-Egba, Kwara State, Provide Legal Framework for Establishment of Psychiatric Hospital to facilitate the Training of Specialist Personnel at all levels; and for Related Matters (HB. 1593).

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

- (iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Education; and for Related Matters (HB.305) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Education; and for Related Matters (HB.305)" (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy 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 ESTABLISH CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF
ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION OF NIGERIA TO BE CHARGED WITH
THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE OF
ITS MEMBERS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 305)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE
OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION OF NIGERIA

Clause 1: Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Education of Nigeria.

There is hereby established a body to be known as Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Education (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") which:

- (a) shall be a body corporate with:
 - (i) perpetual succession,
 - (ii) a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council direct;
- (b) may sue and be used in its corporate name; and
- (c) may acquire, hold, and dispose of any property, moveable or immovable
(Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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

Clause 2: Functions of the Institute.

The functions of the Institute are to —

- (a) determine the standards of knowledge and skills attained by persons seeking to become members of the Institute and improve those standards from time to time;
- (b) secure a register of members of the Institute and establishment of the chartered Institute;
- (c) provision of opportunity for students to be active participants in wealth creation through school to work programmes.
- (d) provide consultancy services in appropriate cases:

- (e) carry-out such functions that are intended to facilitate the achievement of the objects contained in this Bill; and
- (f) empowerment and support on continuous basis to teachers and instructors of entrepreneurship education in both senior secondary and tertiary institutions via specially packaged trainings, meetings, exhibitions, industrial exposures and other platforms (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Clause 2 (c), *leave out* the words "Provision of" and *insert* the word "create" (*Hon. Muriana Saubana Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Clause 2 (f), *leave out* the word "Empowerment", and *insert* the word "Empower" (*Hon. Muriana Saubana Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 3: Powers of the Institute.

The Institute has power to do all things necessary and convenient to be done in connection with the performance of its functions and in particular, may —

- (a) enter into contracts;
- (b) charge fees for its services;
- (c) make regulations for the conferment of charter;
- (d) make penal regulations; and
- (e) the Institute shall have the power to award professional honorary membership of the Institute to persons it deems worthy of such honour on terms and conditions prescribed by the council and approved by the Institute in a general meeting (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Establishment and composition of the governing council of the Institute.

- (1) There is established for the Institute, a governing council (in this Bill referred to as the "the Council") which shall be charged with the responsibility for the administration and general management of the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consists of the following members, who are fellows and Chartered members of the Institute:
 - (a) Chairman of the Governing council of the Institute;
 - (b) a President of the Institute;
 - (c) the two Vice-President of the Institute;
 - (d) a representative each of the Federal Ministry of —

- (i) Education,
- (ii) Trade, Industry and Investment;
- (e) a representative each of:
 - (i) Nigerian Universities Commission,
 - (ii) Nigerian Board for Technical Education.
- (3) The provisions set out in the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and other matters therein mentioned (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 5: Appointment of the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Institute.
There shall be for the Institute, a Chairman of the Governing Council who shall be the pioneer President of the institute to be appointed on that sole basis and shall hold office for an unlimited period except otherwise resigned, dead, or permanently incapacitated (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 6: Election of President and Vice-Presidents of the Institute.
There shall be for the Institute a president, and two Vice Presidents, who shall be Chartered Members or Fellows of the Institute, to be elected by the Chartered Members at an annual general meeting and hold office each for a term of two years from the date of election and shall not be eligible for re-election after two terms of two years each (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART II — APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR,
AND PREPARATION OF REGISTER, ETC.

- Clause 7: Appointment of registrar, and preparation of register.**
- (1) The council shall appoint the Registrar who shall be the Chief executive Officer of the Institute.
 - (2) A person appointed as the Registrar shall have served the Institute for a period not less than (2) two years preceding the date of his appointment.
 - (3) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the Council, a register of —
 - (a) names;
 - (b) addresses;
 - (c) approved qualifications; and
 - (d) other particulars,

of all persons who are entitled to be enrolled as fellows, Honorary Fellow, Chartered members, Associates Member or Corporate member, registered students and who, in the manner prescribed by such rules apply to be so registered (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 8: Functions of the Registrar.

- (1) The Registrar shall be the secretary to the Council and shall keep minutes of proceedings at all meetings of the Council.
- (2) The Registrar shall —
 - (a) in accordance with the directions of the Council, correct any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the opinion of the Council and entry which was incorrectly made;
 - (b) from time to time, make any necessary alterations to the particulars of registered members;
 - (c) record the names of the registered members who are in default for more than six months in the payment of annual subscriptions; and
 - (d) remove the names of defaulters from the registers as the Council may direct or require (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: Other staff.

- (1) The Council may, on the recommendation of the Registrar appointment such other staff as it may consider necessary to assist the Registrar in the discharge of his duties.
- (2) The employment of the Registrar and other staff shall be pensionable, in accordance with the terms and conditions of service in the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 10: Content of the Register.

The Register shall be in six parts namely —

- (a) Fellows;
- (b) Honorary fellows;
- (c) Chartered Members;
- (d) Associates members;
- (e) Corporate members;
- (f) Registered Students (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 11: Regulation.

The Council may by regulations provide for the —

- (a) manner of making entries in the Register;
- (b) manner of application for enrolment or registration in the Register
- (c) fees, including annual subscriptions payable to the Institute (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: Publication of the Register and list of correction, etc.

The Registrar shall —

- (a) cause the register to be printed and published not later than two years from the coming into force of this Bill;
- (b) thereafter in each year after the register is first published under paragraph;
- (c) cause to be printed, published and put on sale a corrected edition of the register;
- (d) cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute; and
- (e) make the register and lists so deposited available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the public (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART III - REGISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP**Clause 13: Admission to the Institute and classes of members.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, a person or body admitted to the Institute shall possess adequate knowledge of Entrepreneurship Education and be registered as a member of the Institute in the category of —
 - (a) Fellow;
 - (b) Honorary fellow;
 - (c) Chartered member;
 - (d) Associate member;
 - (e) Graduate member;
 - (f) Corporate Member; and
 - (g) Student member.
- (2) A person or body accorded by the Council the status of a member shall be enrolled as —

- (a) a fellow, if he is a member of high professional or administrative standing who. —
- (i) has served the Institute and had not less than Seven (7) years' experience in Entrepreneurship education post in a private or public organization at the time of this application or enrolment, or
 - (ii) is not currently engaged in entrepreneurship education but has been employed in senior management position in private or public organizations for not less than seven (7) years;
- (b) Chartered Member if —
- (i) he has passed all the examinations prescribed by the Council, and has a minimum of three years continuous working experience in entrepreneurship Education in any private or public organization, or
 - (ii) he is a chartered member of a foreign Entrepreneurship education professional body recognized by the Council and his class of the membership is, in the opinion of the Council equivalent to that of membership of the Institute and he has a minimum of one year working experience in any private or public organization in Nigeria, and shall have passed a stipulated examination before enrolment,
 - (iii) he has updated his professional knowledge at least once in a year through the Institute's mandatory proficiency programme, or
 - (iv) he is eligible for election into any position in the Institute and has paid his fees for four consecutive years immediately preceding the year of election;
- (c) Graduate Member, if he is in possession of requisite academic qualification and has passed all the examinations prescribed by the Council;
- (d) Associate Member if he is in possession of requisite qualifications from other fields of study as may be determined from time to time by the Council and he shall not be eligible to vote or be voted for at elections of the Institute;
- (e) Honorary Fellow if he is a person of distinction in the field of Entrepreneurship Education, law, accounting, policies, economy, management, engineering or any similar discipline, but he shall not be eligible to vote or be voted for at any election of the institute;
- (f) Corporate Member if it is an employer of labour and meets the criteria set by the Council for registration in that category; and
- (g) Student Member if he is pursuing a course in Entrepreneurship education in any institution approved by the Council but —

- (i) he shall not be eligible to vote or be voted for at elections of the Institute, and
 - (ii) his name shall not appear in the membership register.
- (3) A person who desires to be admitted into the Institute shall make a formal application to the Registrar of the Institute on the appropriate form as shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Council and shall state under what class or membership he seeks admission.
- (4) A person applying for membership shall, in addition to evidence of qualification satisfy the council that —
 - (a) he is of good character and
 - (b) he has not been convicted by any court of tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty, or such other offences as, in the opinion of the council, would render the applicant unfit to be a member of the Institute.
- (5) The Registrar shall place before the Council all applications for admission stating in each case whether the applicant is qualified for registration in the class under which he seeks admissions and if not so qualified, whether he qualifies for admission under other class.
- (6) Where the council is satisfied that the person is qualified for admission —
 - (i) under the class for which he applied, the Registrar shall, upon payment of the prescribed fees by the applicant, enroll the person in that class, and issue him a certificate of membership appropriate for that class; and
 - (ii) into another class other than for which he applied, the Registrar shall, upon the person's application, amend his application to state the class under which he is qualified and the Registrar shall, after the amendment and upon payment of the prescribed fees by the applicant, register him and issue a certificate of membership appropriate for that class.
- (7) Fellows and chartered member of the Institute shall be entitled to use after their names the word "Fellow (or Honorary Fellow) of the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship education of Nigeria" respectively or the initial "FCIEE" and HFCIEE.
- (8) The categories of professional membership of the institute shall include the following and such members are entitled to use after their names the accompanied words as follows: Chartered Member (MCIEE), Associate Member (ACIEE), student member (GCIEE) (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Clause 13 (2) (f), *leave out* the words "if it" (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibial/Kaitai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iv) In Clause 13 (2) (g), *leave out* the words "if it" (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaitai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

PART IV — FUND FOR THE INSTITUTE

Clause 14: Fund of the Institute.

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund, to be applied towards functions of the Institute.
- (2) The Institute shall not later than 1st August in each financial year or soon thereafter submit to the Council for approval, its estimate of revenue and expenditure in respect of the following year.
- (3) The Council may invest moneys in the fund in any security created or issued on or behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or in any other securities in Nigeria approved by the Council —
 - (a) the council may from time to time, reasonably borrow money for purposes of the Institute;
 - (b) all fees, and other monies payable to the Institute;
 - (c) all grants aids and solicited funds received for the Institute;
 - (d) proceeds from programme and activities (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Amendment Proposed:

In Clause 14 Part IV, *leave out* the word "for" and *insert* the word "of" (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaitai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 15: Expenditure.

There shall be defrayed from the fund the following:

- (a) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and, other employees of the Institute;
- (b) such reasonable travelling allowances (as determined by the Council and its Committees) incurred in the business or official functions of the Institute;
- (c) any expense incurred by the Council in the discharge of its duties (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 16: Auditing of Accounts.

- (1) The Council shall keep proper records of the annual accounts of the Institute in each financial year.

- (2) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited within six months after the end of each financial year by auditors appointed by the Council. The fees of the auditors and the expenses of audit shall be paid from the fund of the Institute.
- (3) The audited annual accounts and report shall be submitted by the Council to the Members of the Institute at the AGM (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 17: Regulations.

Any regulations made under this Bill shall be published in the gazette as soon as they are made and the Minister shall lay a copy of any such regulation before the National Assembly for consideration into law (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART V— PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Clause 18: Investigating Panel.

There shall be an Investigating panel, consisting of three members and two non-members of the Council all to be appointed by the Council charged with duty of —

- (a) conducting preliminary investigation into allegations that a registered member has misconducted himself in his capacity as a registered member; and
- (b) deciding whether the allegations should be referred to the disciplinary committee or not (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 19: Disciplinary Committee.

There shall be a Disciplinary Committee consisting of six (6) members one of whom shall be the Chairman appointed by the Council, charged with the duty of investigating and determine any case referred to it by the Investigating Panel (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 20: Penalties for Unprofessional conduct.

- (1) Where —
 - (a) a registered person is, adjudged by the disciplinary Committee to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or
 - (b) a registered person is convicted, in Nigeria or elsewhere by any court of competent jurisdiction; or
 - (c) the Disciplinary Committee determines that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered.

- (2) The Disciplinary Committee may give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike the person's name out of the relevant Part of the Register.
- (3) Disciplinary Committee may, defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection two (2) until a subsequent meeting of the Disciplinary Committee.
- (4) The Disciplinary Committee may not defer its decision under subsection (3) for periods exceeding one year.
- (5) When the Disciplinary Committee gives a direction under subsection (2) the Disciplinary Committee shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.
- (6) The person to whom a direction under subsection (2) relates may, at any time within twenty-five days from the date of service on him, appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court.
- (7) A person whose name is removed from the registrar pursuant to a direction of the Disciplinary Committee, may not be registered again except pursuant to a direction in that respect given by the Disciplinary committee on the application of that person.
- (8) A direction for the removal of a person's name from the register, may prohibit an application under subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

PART VI — OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Clause 21: Offences and Penalties.

- (1) A person commits an offence who —
 - (a) holds himself out as a chartered Entrepreneurship Educator;
 - (b) willfully makes falsification in any matter relating to the register.
- (2) A person who is found guilty of an offence under this section is liable on —
 - (a) summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 22: Limitation of suits against the Council and its staff.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other enactment, no suit against the Institute, a member or any employee of the Institute for any act done in pursuance or execution of any enactment or law, or of any public duty or authority, or in respect of an alleged negligence or default in the execution of such enactment or law, duty or authority, shall lie or be instituted in any court unless it is commenced within 12 months next after the

act or neglect complained of or in the case of a continuing damage or injury, within 12 months next after the ceasing thereof.

- (2) No suit shall be commenced against the Institute before the expiration of a period of one month notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending plaintiff or his authorized agent and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state:
- (a) the cause of action;
 - (b) the particulars of the claim;
 - (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
 - (d) the relief which he claims.
- (3) The notice referred to in subsections (1) and (2) of this section and any summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served upon the Institute under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering the same to the president, chairman, Governing Council or the Registrar of the Institute and by sending it by registered post to the principal office of the Institute (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 23: Interpretations.

In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires:

“Registered” means enrolled (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

“Incorporated Institute” means the institute of chartered Entrepreneurship Education Incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2004 (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility of matters relating to 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.

“Entrepreneurship” means someone organizing a business venture and bearing the risk for it (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

“Education” means the activities of educating or instructing activities that impact knowledge or skill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

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

Clause 24: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Education Bill, 2022 (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

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

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL PROCEEDING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the interpretation Act (which provides for decision of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of its members, and for the President to have a second or casting votes) the council may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the council and any Committee thereof.
2. If at any time, the office of the President is vacant or the President is in the opinion of the council permanently or temporarily unable to perform the function of his office, the Council may approve one of its Members to perform such functions and reference in the schedule to the President shall be construed accordingly.
3. Every meeting of the Council shall be presided over by the President and if he is unable to attend a particular meeting the Vice- President shall preside and in the event where both the President and Vice President are absent, the Member present at the meeting shall elect one of their Members to preside at the meeting.
4. The Quorum at a meeting of the council shall consist of the President/or in the appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting and five other members.
5. Where upon any special occasion, the Council desire to obtain the advice of any person may co-opt that person to be member for as many meetings as may be necessary, and that person while so-co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member, except that he shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

Committee

6. (1) Subject to its standing orders, the Council may appoint such number of standing or *Ad-hoc* Committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Council is concerned.
- (2) Every Committee appointed under the provision of subparagraph of this paragraph, shall be presided over by a member of the council and shall be made up of a number of persons, not necessarily members of the council as the council may determine in each case.
7. The decision of the Committee shall have no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

8. The fixing of the seal to the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the president and Registrar of the Institute.
9. Any contract or instrument, which if made by a person not a body corporate, would not be required to be made under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute by the Registrar or by any other person generally or specifically authorized by the council to act for that purpose.
10. Any document purporting to be a contract, instrument or other document signed or sealed on behalf of the Institute shall be received in evidence and, unless the contract is proved, be presumed, without further proof to have been so signed or sealed.
11. (1) The validity of any proceedings of Council or a Committee thereof, shall or be adversely affected.
 (2) By any vacancy in the membership of the Council; or
 (3) By any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or Committee; or
 (4) By reason that a person not entitled to do so, took part in the proceedings.
12. Any member of the Council or a Committee thereof, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or Committee shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council or Committee and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Note:

This Bill seeks to establish Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Education of Nigeria to be charged with the responsibility for registration and discipline of its members and for other related matters (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Education of Nigeria to be Charged with the Responsibility for Registration and Discipline of its Members; and for Related Matters (HB. 305) (*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 Establish Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Education; and for Related Matters (HB.305) and approved Clause 1, approved Clause 2 as amended, approved Clauses 3 - 12, approved Clauses 13 and 14 as amended, approved Clauses 15 - 24, 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.

23. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 23 February, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.10 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker

