



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 23 November, 2021

1. The House met at 11.34 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 18 November, 2021.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Deputy Speaker recognised the presence of Staff and Students of *Prime Scholars' School*, Karu, Abuja.

5. **Petition**
A petition from Clarion Shipping West Africa Limited, against the Deputy Comptroller-General of Customs (T & T) on alleged shutting down of their four shipping terminals, was presented and laid by Hon. Haruna Dederi Isa (*Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
Prevalent and Persistent Kidnapping and Security Challenges in Anambra State and Other Parts of the South Eastern Zone:
Hon. Chris Azubogu (*Nnewi North/ 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.

Prevalent and Persistent Kidnapping and Security Challenges in Anambra State and Other Parts of the South Eastern Zone:

The House:

Notes the persistent and prevalent cases of missing persons in Anambra State and South Eastern Zone in general;

Recalls the recent kidnapping of one Mr Obiora Agbasimalo, the gubernatorial candidate of Zenith Labour Party in the Anambra Governorship election, on 18 September, 2021 in Anambra State;

Also notes another recent kidnapping of 5 Engineers working with Melan Consultants in Effium, Ebonyi State since 3 November, 2021 without any trace, despite frantic efforts by all and sundry, amongst others, thereby creating high level of insecurity in the South-Eastern area;

Concerned that till date, many weeks after, nothing has been heard of these cases mentioned above;

Cognizant that the families of the victims have already broken down and are living in perpetual agony;

Worried that if nothing tangible is done to provide hope for those families, their agonies will linger and the victims stand the risk of being killed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Department of State Services, the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps as well as other security agencies to urgently investigate the incidences with a view to getting to the root of these unresolved cases;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Police Affairs, and Interior to work with the Security Agencies and report in six (6) weeks (*Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu - Nnewi North/South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (i), immediately after the words "unresolved cases", *insert* the words "across the country" (*Hon. Dachung Bagos Musa — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the persistent and prevalent cases of missing persons in Anambra State and South Eastern Zone in general;

Recalled the recent kidnapping of one Mr Obiora Agbasimalo, the gubernatorial candidate of Zenith Labour Party in the Anambra Governorship election, on 18 September, 2021 in Anambra State;

Also noted another recent kidnapping of 5 Engineers working with Melan Consultants in Effium, Ebonyi State since 3 November, 2021 without any trace, despite frantic efforts by all and sundry, amongst others, thereby creating high level of insecurity in the South Eastern area;

Concerned that till date, many weeks after, nothing has been heard of these cases mentioned above;

Cognizant that the families of the victims have already broken down and are living in perpetual agony;

Worried that if nothing tangible is done to provide hope for those families, their agonies will linger and the victims stand the risk of being killed;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Department of State Services, the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps as well as other security agencies to urgently investigate the incidences with a view to getting to the root of these unresolved cases across the country;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Police Affairs, and Interior to work with the Security Agencies and report in six (6) weeks (HR. 132/11/2021).

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1712).
- (2) Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1713).
- (3) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1714).
- (4) Price Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1715).
- (5) Federal University, Gusau (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1717).
- (6) Federal University, Wukari (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1719).
- (7) National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1720).
- (8) Federal Medical Centre, Surulere II, Lagos (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1721).
- (9) Nigerian Correctional Service Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1722).
- (10) Federal College of Agriculture, Tureta, Sokoto (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1723).

8. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Committee on Health Institutions:*

Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board act, Cap. O10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Establishment of Orthopaedic Hospital, Azare, Borno State, and for Related Matters. (HB. 1322).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Navy Captain Obi Felix O. (Rtd):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Navy Captain Obi Felix O. (Rtd) against the Nigeria Police Force on the Threat to Life, Armed Robbery, Kidnapping, Hostage Taking and Obtaining Ransom against Inspector Onyechere, Silver Ubah and Two others of the Nigeria Police Mobile Force of Delta State Command" (Hon. Haruna Dederi Isa — Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Andy Egbe and 8 others:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Andy Egbe and 8 Others against the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital (UCTH), Calabar, Cross River State on the Unlawful Suspension from Duty" (Hon. Haruna Dederi Isa — Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Andul Legal Consultants:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Andul Legal Consultants against SARS in Anambra State on the Sudden Disappearance of her Husband (Mr Emmanuel Ogbogu) in Awkuzu SARS" (Hon. Haruna Dederi Isa — Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Olubamiji Adeosun & Co. (Legal Practitioners)

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olubamiji Adeosun & Co. (Legal Practitioners) against the Federal Ministry of Power for Installation/Erection of High-Tension Power line on the Oyero Family Land Situated at Obada-Oko/Isewo Village Road Obada-Oko Via Abeokuta Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State" (Hon. Haruna Dederi Isa — Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Abolish and Prohibit Dichotomy and Discrimination between First Degree and Higher National Diploma (HND) in the same Profession/Field for the Purpose of Employment; and for Related Matters (HB. 1466 and HB. 579) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Abolish and Prohibit Dichotomy and Discrimination between First Degree and Higher National Diploma (HND) in the same Profession/Field for the Purpose of Employment; and for Related Matters (HB. 1466 and HB. 579) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Directors in Nigeria to Provide Professional training to Directors and to Promote Effective Governance, Public Accountability, Professional Efficiency; and for Related Matters (HB. 1571) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of School of Mines and Geological Studies, Akoko-Edo, Edo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 441) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act for Certain Rights and Privileges for Older Persons, to Provide Health, Economic Reliefs and to Protect their Social and Civil Rights; and for Related Matters (HB. 1263) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act for Certain Rights and Privileges for Older Persons, to Provide Health, Economic Reliefs and to Protect their Social and Civil Rights; and for Related Matters (HB. 1263) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Conduct of the Practice of Broadcasting Profession in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1150) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Business and Technical Examinations Board Act, Cap. N12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Improve the Scope of the Board, to Undertake Contemporary Business and Technical Examinations in Line with the National Policy on Education, Provide the General Purpose of the Results, Certificates and Awards Issued by the Board; and for Related Matters (HB.1492) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Business and Technical Examinations Board Act, Cap. N12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Improve the Scope of the Board, to Undertake Contemporary Business and Technical Examinations in Line with the National Policy on Education, Provide the General Purpose of the Results, Certificates and Awards Issued by the Board; and for Related Matters (HB.1492) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — Owan East/Owan West 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Assembly Hospital, Abuja to take over the Functions of the National Assembly Clinic and Provide Full Scale Hospital Services to the National Assembly Community and Render Emergency Healthcare to Neighbouring Populations; and for Related Matters (HB.1350) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Assembly Hospital, Abuja to take over the Functions of the National Assembly Clinic and Provide Full Scale Hospital Services to the National Assembly Community and Render Emergency Healthcare to Neighbouring Populations; and for Related Matters (HB.1350) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Robert Aondona Tyough — Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

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.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Provide Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ila Orangun; and for Related Matters (HB. 1080) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Provide Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ila Orangun; and for Related Matters (HB. 1080) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila 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.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agriculture, Oku Iboku, Itu; and for Related Matters (HB. 485) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agriculture, Oku Iboku, Itu; and for Related Matters (HB. 485) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Henry Okon Archibong — Itu/Ibiono Ibom 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.

17. **Need to Reconstruct the Dilapidated Kishi- Kaiama Road in Kwara State**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Kaiama Local Government Area of Kwara State is a strategic Local Government which connects northern parts of Nigeria to Niger, Oyo, Osun, Ogun and Lagos States;

Also notes that the importance of Kishi-Kaiama Road connecting major agricultural and socio-economic activities within the area, its neighbouring states and the nation at large cannot be overemphasised;

Aware that the road is now completely divided into two, hence preventing free movement of people and transporting goods and services from Kwara to other States like Oyo, Osun, Ogun and Lagos;

Worried that despite repeated requests to construct the road and the provision of 105 Million naira in the 2021 Appropriation Act under ERGP12154549, page 841, volume two to construct the road, virtually nothing has been done thus leaving people to suffer and live as internally displaced persons;

Concerned that the dilapidated state of the 65 kilometers road will continue to pose threat and danger to the lives of commuters and hamper agricultural and economic activities in the area and the nation at large;

Worried that if nothing is done to urgently reconstruct the road, it will continue to ostracize people in that area and allow them to live with its attendant negative effect on agricultural and economic activities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to make provision for construction of Kishi-Kaiama road in the 2022 budget estimates and ensure implementation of budgetary provisions for the construction of the road in the 2021 Appropriation Act to alleviate the suffering of the people and ensure free flow of agricultural and economic activities;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 133/11/2021).

Motion referred to the Committee on Works, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

18. Need to Address the Incidence of Kidnappings and Other Security Challenges Around the Waterways of Yakurr Local Government Area of Cross River State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the increased criminal activities by syndicates who specialize in kidnapping and other forms of militancy around the waterways in Yakurr Local Government Area of Cross River State;

Also notes that those criminals have forced law-abiding residents of those coastal and riverine communities to flee their homes for fear of being abducted or killed;

Informed that Hon. Ubi Itam Ettah, a former Chairman of Yakurr Local Government Area, was kidnapped in Ugep on 9 August 2021, where the adductors escaped with him through the Ediba waterway-which runs from Cameroon through Etung - Ikom- Obubra - Yakurr - Abi - Biase - Akamkpa and Odukpani waterways to the Atlantic Ocean;

Worried that the incessant abductions and other forms of criminality typify the height of insecurity that has forced prominent indigenes to seek refuge in neighbouring states of Abia, Benue, Ebonyi and Enugu;

Alarmed that the rate of crime in the area have assumed a disturbing dimension with the wanton raid on business outfits and cold-blooded murder of prominent industrialists and economic actors as well as Policemen and other Security Operatives;

Observe that the activities of the criminals have brought untold hardship to the people of the affected communities in Cross River State especially in Abi/Yakurr Federal Constituency;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to deploy personnel and beef up security to put an end to criminal activities in Abi and Yakurr Local Government Areas in order to forestall further loss of lives and properties;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to ensure compliance (*Hon. Alex Egbona — Abi/Yakurr Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the increased criminal activities by syndicates who specialize in kidnapping and other forms of militancy around the waterways in Yakurr Local Government Area of Cross River State;

Also noted that those criminals have forced law-abiding residents of those coastal and riverine communities to flee their homes for fear of being abducted or killed;

Informed that Hon. Ubi Itam Eitah, a former Chairman of Yakurr Local Government Area, was kidnapped in Ugep on 9 August 2021, where the adductors escaped with him through the Ediba waterway-which runs from Cameroon through Etung - Ikom- Obubra - Yakurr - Abi - Biase - Akamkpa and Odukpani waterways to the Atlantic Ocean;

Worried that the incessant abductions and other forms of criminality typify the height of insecurity that has forced prominent indigenes to seek refuge in neighbouring states of Abia, Benue, Ebonyi and Enugu;

Alarmed that the rate of crime in the area have assumed a disturbing dimension with the wanton raid on business outfits and cold-blooded murder of prominent industrialists and economic actors as well as Policemen and other Security Operatives;

Observed that the activities of the criminals have brought untold hardship to the people of the affected communities in Cross River State especially in Abi/Yakurr Federal Constituency;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to deploy personnel and beef up security to put an end to criminal activities in Abi and Yakurr Local Government Areas in order to forestall further loss of lives and properties;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to ensure compliance (**HR. 134/11/2021**).

19. **Need to Honour Frontline Health Workers in the Treatment of COVID-19 Patients**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

20. **Need to Construct Ibadan - Iwaraja-Ilesha - Ile Ife Federal Highway**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, 25 September, 2019 the Federal Executive Council (FEC) approved the sum of ₦109.4 billion for the construction of Ibadan-Ilesha-Ife and Kano-Katsina (Phase two) dual carriageways;

Also notes that out of the total amount approved, the sum of N79.8 billion which covers a distance of 112 kilometres was approved for the Ibadan-Ilesha-Ife dual carriageway;

Aware that the Minister of Works and Housing affirmed that the Ibadan-Ilesha-Ife highway is one of the busiest roads in the country in terms of traffic volume;

Worried that 13 months after the FEC approval, no visible construction has been carried out on the 112-kilometre Ibadan-Ilesha-Ife road which was awarded to Kopek Construction Company with a three-year completion period;

Also aware that the high rate of road accidents on the said road is a result of its dilapidated state, particularly at the Iwaraja junction axis and the criminal along the Ibadan road, especially at Iwaraja junction have taken advantage of the deplorable state of the road to carry out their criminal activities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to, as a matter of urgency, commence rehabilitation of Ibadan-Ife-Ilesha road to Iwaraja junction;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, Finance and Works to include the reconstruction of Iloko- Ijesha to Ibadan-Ife-Ilesha highway in the 2022 budget estimates;
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Police Affairs and Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to liaise with relevant security and regulatory agencies to ensure the safety of commuters on the Ibadan-Ife-Ilesha federal highway and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Lawrence Babatunde Ayeni — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa East/Ilesa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 135/11/2021).

Motion referred to the Committees on Appropriations, Finance and Works, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

21. **Consideration of Reports**

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria Act, Cap. 112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 180) (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 Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria Act, Cap. 112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 180)" (*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 INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED CHEMISTS OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP. 112, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ROLE OF CHEMISTS, THE REGULATION OF PRACTISING FEES BY MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 180)

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 4.

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 4 (1)-(4), new provisions as follows:

"4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, persons admitted to the Institute shall:

(a) be registered as Chemists in the category of:

(i) Fellows,

(ii) Members,

(iii) Corporate Members,

(iv) Honorary Fellows;

(b) be registered as Chemists or such other classification of Chemists as the Institute may, from time to time, determine.

(2) A person accorded status as a Chemist by the Council established by this Bill shall be entitled to the use of that name and be registered as:

(a) a Member if:

(i) he holds a certificate of the examination conducted by the Institute or has any other qualification approved by the council;

(ii) he satisfies the provisions of section 8 of this Bill; and

(iii) he is otherwise considered by the Council to be a fit person to be registered.

(b) a Fellow if:

(i) he has been registered as a Member of the Institute;

(ii) he has satisfied the conditions stipulated by the Council for the award of fellowship; and

- (iii) he is otherwise considered by the Council to be a fit person to be registered;
- (c) a Corporate member — a corporate body shall be a corporate member if in the opinion of the Council, the corporate body has interests in chemistry and chemical technology among other criteria.
- (3) An honorary fellow of the Institute shall be a person admitted as such by a resolution of the Council.
- (4) Where a person is enrolled or registered by the Institute, he shall be entitled to the use of such letters after his name as may be authorized by the Council according to whether he is a Fellow, Member, Corporate Member and Honorary Member and when so enrolled or registered, he shall receive a certificate in such form as the Council may, from time to time, approve" (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Amendment of Section 6.

- (1) Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 6 (1), new provisions as follows:

"6. (1) It shall be the duty of the Council to appoint:

- (a) a fit and proper person who shall be a member of the Institute to be the Registrar; and Chief Executive Officer for the purposes of this Bill; and
- (b) such other persons as the Institute may, from time to time, think it necessary.

- (2) Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 6 (2), new provisions as follows:

"6. (2) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain, in accordance with rules made by the Council:

- (a) a register of names, addresses and approved qualifications and of such other particulars, as may be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Bill to be registered as members of the profession in the category of Fellows, Members, Corporate Members, and Honorary Fellows, who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be so registered;
- (b) a register of the Premises where members of the profession engage in their professional practices including the handling, analysis, sale, formulation, manufacturing, distribution, mixing, and storage of chemicals and chemical products."

- (3) Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 6 (3), new provisions as follows:
- "6. (3) The register shall consist of five parts of which the first part shall be in respect of members, the second part shall be in respect of fellows, the third shall be in respect of corporate members, the fourth shall be in respect of honorary fellows, and the fifth part in respect of premises."
- (4) By substituting the words "annual subscriptions" in Section 6 (6) paragraph (c), the words "practicing fees"
- (5) Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by substituting section 6 (7) paragraph (a), new provisions as follows:
- "6. (7) If the Registrar:
- (a) sends by posts to any registered person a registered letter or electronic transmission addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within six months from the date of posting; and" (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Amendment of Section 9.

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 9 (1)-(4), new provisions as follows:

- "9. (1) The Council may accredit any institution for that purpose of this Bill, and may for that purpose approve:
- (a) any course of training in chemistry at an accredited institution which is intended for persons who are seeking to become or are already chemists and which the Council considers is designed to confer on persons undergoing it sufficient knowledge and skill as a chemist;
- (b) any qualification which, as result of examination taken in conjunction with a course of training in chemistry approved by the Council under this section, is granted to candidates attaining a standard at the examination indicating in the opinion of the Council that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill for practice as a chemist;
- (c) any institution in Nigeria which the Council considers properly organized and equipped for conducting the whole or any part of a course of training approved by the Council under this section.

- (2) The Council may, if it thinks fit, withdraw any approval or accreditation given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution but before withdrawing such approval or accreditation, the Council shall:
- (a) give notice that it proposes to do so to all parties to be affected by the action;
 - (b) afford the parties an opportunity of making representations to the Council with regard to the proposal; and
 - (c) take into consideration any representations made in respect of the proposal pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- (3) In respect any period during which the approval or accreditation of the Council under this section, for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section; but the withdrawal of such an approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the approval or accreditation, was registered or eligible for registration immediately the approval or accreditation was withdrawn.
- (4) The giving or withdrawal of an approval or accreditation under this section shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval or accreditation, as the Council may specify in the instrument and the Council shall:
- (a) as soon as may be, publish a copy of every such instrument in the Gazette; and
 - (b) not later than seven days before its publication, send a copy of the instrument to the Minister of Health" (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Amendment of Section 11.

Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing Section 11 (2), new provision as follows:

- "11. (2) The Tribunal shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and six other members of the Councils appointed by the Council" (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Amendment of Section 13.

Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing "13 (1) and (2), new provisions as follows:

- "13. (1) No person shall practice as a chemist in any year unless he has paid to the Institute in respect of that year, the appropriate practicing fee which shall be determined by the Council and the appropriate practicing fee shall be due every January of each year.
- (2) A registered chemist who has paid his practicing fee as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section shall be entitled to an annual practicing license authorizing him subject to any regulations in force to perform any of the acts listed in Section 14 subsection (1) of this Bill.
- (3) Any Chemist who in respect of any year without paying the practicing fee practices as such is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction:
- (a) in the case of a first offence to a fine or twice the prescribed practicing fee; and
 - (b) in the case of second or subsequent offence to a fine of not less than ten times the prescribed practicing fee and if the chemist, is in the employment of any person; the employer is also guilty of an offence punishable in like manner as the chemist, if it is proved that the failure to pay the practicing fee was with his knowledge, consent and connivance" (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Amendment of Section 14.

Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 14 (1) (a) - (c), (2), new provisions as well as introduce new subsections (3) - (5) as follows:

- "14. (1) A person or corporate body shall be deemed to practice as a chemist if, in consideration of remuneration to be received, and whether by himself or in partnership with any person or corporate body, he:
- (i) engages in chemical processes capable of affecting the environment and consumers' health;
 - (ii) engages in the physico-chemical analysis of water, food, drugs, chemicals, cosmetics, medical devices and related products;
 - (iii) engages in chemical data analysis;
 - (iv) engages in the analysis, formulation and synthesis of any form of chemical and chemical products in all its ramifications;
 - (v) engages in the audit of chemicals;
 - (vi) engages in the classification of chemicals and their uses;

- (vii) engages in the certification of imported and exported chemicals;
 - (viii) engages in the application for chemical import permit;
 - (ix) engages in the invention, research, marketing, stocking, distribution, exportation, importation, sale, advertising, management, disposal or handling in any manner, any form of chemical and chemical products other than drugs in all its aspects and ramifications;
 - (x) engages in the training or teaching in or about matters relating to chemistry in institutions of higher learning;
 - (xi) owns and operates chemical laboratory for commercial purposes;
 - (xii) renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principles or detail relating to Chemists as contained in this section; and
 - (xiii) renders any other service which may by regulations made by the Council, with the approval of the Minister, be designated as service constituting practice as a Chemist.
- (2) Subject to the provision of this Bill, no person not being a fully registered chemist under this Bill shall be entitled to hold any appointment in the Public Service of the Federation or state or any public or private establishment, body or institution, if the holding of such appointment involves the performance by him in Nigeria, any of the acts listed in subsection (1) of this section or any act pertaining to the chemistry profession for gain or remuneration.
- (3) If any person who is not a member of the Institute practices as a chemist or engages in any of the acts listed in Section 14 (1) or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is in practice as a chemist, guilty of an offence.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (3) of section 14 is liable:
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦150,000; or
 - (b) on conviction or indictment, to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (5) Where an offence under this section has been committed by a body corporate and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he,

as well as the body corporate, shall be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Amendment of Section 15.

Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 15 (2) (a) and (c), new provisions:

- (a) for the words annual subscription, the words "practicing fee";
- (c) for the words annual subscription, the word "practicing fee" (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Amendment of Section 19.

Section 19 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the phrase "if, on or after the relevant date" in subsection (2), and substitute for the existing section 19 (3), new provisions as follows:

"A member shall not hold himself out as a Fellow or use any name, title, addition, or description implying that he is a Fellow unless he is entitled to do so."

- (i) by substituting in paragraphs (a)-(b) of section 19 the following subsection 5:
 - (a) the amount ₦1,000 with the amount ₦150,000;
 - (b) the amount ₦5,000 with the amount ₦500,000 (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Amendment of Section 20.

Section 20 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (i) by substituting the interpretation of the word "member" in 4 with the following:

"member" means a Fellow, Member, Corporate Member or Honorary Fellow of the Institute" (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

- (ii) by adding a new interpretation of the word "Chemist" as follows:

"Chemist" means a person or corporate body duly registered under the provisions of this Bill to perform any of the acts listed in Section 14 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 14: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria Act, Cap. I12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the role of the chemist, to regulate the practicing fees of duly registered members of the Institute in Nigeria (Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria Act, Cap. I12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practising Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 180) (Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega 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 resumed consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria Act, Cap. I12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practising Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 180) and approved Clauses 5 - 14, 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 Health Institutions:

Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ogoja, Cross River State; and for Related Matters (HB. 276)

Order deferred by leave of the House.

22. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 24 November, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.11 p.m.

Ahmed Idris
Deputy Speaker

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