



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 8th February, 2022

1. The Senate met at 10:57 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 2nd February, 2022.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) **Conference Committee:**

The President of the Senate named the following Senators as Conferees on Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST) Bill, 2022:

(i)	Senator Robert Ajayi Borroffice	-	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Oluremi Shade Tinubu	-	Member
(iii)	Senator Bello Mandiya	-	Member
(iv)	Senator Akon Eyakenyi	-	Member
(v)	Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah	-	Member
(vi)	Senator Istifanus D. Gyang	-	Member
(vii)	Senator Abba P. Moro	-	Member

(b) **Appointment of Deputy Minority Leader:**

The President of the Senate read a letter from the National Chairman of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Senator Iyorchia Ayu as follows:



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Office of the National Chairman

7th February, 2022

The Senate President
National Assembly Complex
Three Arms Zone, Abuja.

Your Excellency,

NOMINATION OF SEN. SHUAIBU ISA LAU (TARABA-NORTH)
AS DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Following the recent defection of our Senate Deputy Minority Leader, Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha, to the ruling APC, the PDP Senate Caucus has nominated as his replacement, Sen. Shuaibu Isa Lau. Sen. Lau is from Taraba State, the North-East geo-political zone of the country, where the position has been zoned.

The PDP Senate Caucus has duly informed the National Headquarters of the party, in view of which we so communicate to you.

We believe Sen. Lau will be an asset to the Leadership of the Senate.

Thank you and do accept the assurances of our highest regards.

(Signed)

Dr. Iyorchia Ayu
National Chairman.

(c) Invitation:

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Obinna J. Ogba — (Ebonyi Central) as follows:



Sen. Obinna Joseph Ogba FICA

CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPORTS & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

MEMBER SENATE COMMITTEE ON: Sports & Youth Dev., Agriculture & Rural Dev., Education (Basic & Sec), Federal Character, Communications, Petroleum Upstream, Local & Foreign Debt, Police Affairs, Science & Tech., FERMA, Local Contents, Defence.

1st February, 2022

*His Excellency,
DIST. SENATOR AHMAD IBRAHIM LAWAN,
President of the Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja. —*

INVITATION TO A CHURCH DEDICATION, THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

I most humbly wish to notify and invite you, Your Excellency and my Distinguished colleagues to a Church Dedication, Thanksgiving Service and my 35 Years Wedding Anniversary.

Your Excellency, the event is scheduled to hold as follows:

Date - **Saturday 12th March, 2022**
Venue - **All Saints Catholic Church, Amanvu, Nkalagu, Ebonyi State.**
Time - **10.am prompt.**

Your Excellency, it will be a great honour and rear privilege to host you and my Distinguished colleagues once more in my country home.

As always, please accept the assurances of my esteemed regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

SENATOR OBINNA OGBA

Chairman, Senate Committee on Youths & Sports

(d) **Wedding Anniversary:**

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Philip A. Tanimu — (FCT) as follows:



Office of the Senate Minority Whip
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

25TH YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please pray and celebrate with me as I mark my 25th year wedding anniversary today.

It is with a great pleasure that I invite you my dearest colleagues to my residence to join me in thanksgiving and celebration as I give glory to God Almighty for the journey so far.

Date: 8th February, 2022

Time: 3pm

Venue: No 112 Ebitu Ukiwe Street, Jabi, Abuja.

While looking forward to your esteemed presence at this milestone event of my family, please accept the assurances of my high esteem and best regards.

(Signed)

Sen. Philip Tanimu Aduda MFR

Senate Minority Whip

FCT Senate

4. Petitions:

Rising on Order 40, Senator Patrick A. Akinyelure (*Ondo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to five (5) petitions received from the Office of the President of the Senate as follows:

- (i) Engr. E. O. Ikediwa on behalf of Emaco Works and Power Ltd. against the Vice Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria over an alleged gross injustice;
- (ii) Comrade Ebidouwai Miyonpirigha and three others on behalf of Egbema Youth Progressive Foundation against the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC) over alleged unresolved MOU issues as they relate to OMLUO in Ijaw territories;
- (iii) Chief Wagibowei N. Dowel and seven others on behalf of Ohoniweitoru community against Conoil over an alleged gas/oil pollution occasioned by exploration activities in Fish Town Community, Akassa Kingdom, Brass LGA, Bayelsa State;
- (iv) Armond Longinus and Kyrian Chima against Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) over an alleged nomination of Hon. Chidebere Kyrian for appointment as member representing Ohaji/Egbema LGA, Imo State on the board of NDDC; and
- (v) Samuel Toru Ibiama and three others on behalf of Bonny Kingdom Environment Activities Group against NLNG over an alleged non implementation of an integral waste management scope for the Bonny and Finima Communities.

He urged the Senate to look into the matters.

Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Order 40(3)] to report within four (4) weeks.

5. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Order 42, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (Taraba South) drew the attention of the Senate to his decision to decamp to the All Progressives Party (APC) from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). He explained that he had experienced deliberate exclusion, in the party and was disturbed over the fractionalization of the party. He stated that his decision to join the APC was borne out of the visible infrastructure development by the party in Taraba South Senatorial District which led to his constituents to urge him to join the APC.

A new seat was accordingly allocated to Senator Emmanuel Bwacha among the APC Senators.

6. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) National Biotechnology Development Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 163) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Nigerian Centre for Disease Control and Prevention Act, 2018 (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 906) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Internal Affairs Services Board (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 909) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal Polytechnic Orozo (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 911) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Council for Certification of Professional Counselors in Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 914) — *Read the First Time.*

7. Executive Communication:

Confirmation of the Appointment of Mrs. Emily Chidinma Osuji as Executive Director of the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the appointment of Mrs. Emily Chidinma Osuji as Executive Director of the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions to report within two (2) weeks.

8. Executive Communication:

Confirmation of Appointment of Executive Directors of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of appointment of the following persons as Executive Directors of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority:

No.	Name	Position
1.	Francis Alabo Ogaree	Executive Director, Hydrocarbon Processing Plants, Installations and Transportation Infrastructure
2.	Dr. Mustapha Lamorde	Executive Director, Health, Safety, Environment and Community
3.	Mansur Kuliya	Executive Director, Midstream and Downstream Gas Infrastructure Fund

4. Bashir Sadiq Executive Director, Corporate Services and Administration

5. Dr. Zainab Gobir Executive Director, Economic Regulations and Strategic Planning;

(Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector to report within two (2) weeks.

9. **Motion:**

Re-Committal of the Federal Polytechnic Orogun, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion made: That the Senate *recalls* that the Federal Polytechnic Orogun, Delta State (Establishment) Bill was passed by the National Assembly;

observes that some fundamental issues which require fresh legislative action by both Chambers of the National Assembly emerged to correct the observed errors in the Bill;

considering that Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation has since approved the establishment of the Federal Polytechnic Orogun, Delta State, and the institution is in the process of commencing academic activities; and

relying on order 1(b) and order 52(6) of Senate Standing Order, 2022 as amended.

The Senate accordingly resolves to:

Rescind its decision on the Bill as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage (Senate Leader).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do rescind its decision on the Bill as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do rescind its decision on the Bill as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage (S/Res/067/03/22).

Motion made: Pursuant to Resolution No. (S/Res/067/03/22) that the Senate do resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC OROGUN, DELTA STATE TO PROVIDE FULL AND PART-TIME COURSES OF INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN DIFFERENT FIELDS OF STUDY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2022

Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal Polytechnic, Orogun, Delta State.

- (1) There is established the Federal Polytechnic Orogun, Delta State (in this Bill referred to as "the Polytechnic") which shall have such powers and perform such functions conferred on it by this Bill.

- (2) The Polytechnic —
 - (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) may acquire and dispose of interests in movable and immovable property.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Functions of the Polytechnic.

- (1) The Polytechnic shall —
 - (a) provide full-time and part-time courses of instruction and training to produce middle and high level manpower in —
 - i. technology, applied science, commerce and management, and
 - ii. such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria in the areas of industrial and agricultural production, distribution and for research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may determine;
 - (b) arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relative to the fields of learning specified under subsection (1) (a); and
 - (c) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the polytechnic.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall preclude the government of a State or any of its agencies from setting up a polytechnic similar to the Polytechnic established under this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Establishment and composition of the Council

- (1) There is established for the Polytechnic a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").
- (2) The Council shall consist of —
 - (a) a chairman;
 - (b) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representatives of the whole Federation, at least one of whom shall be a woman;
 - (c) one person to represent the alumni association of the Polytechnic;

- (d) a representative of the community where the Polytechnic is situated;
 - (e) the Rector;
 - (f) the Deputy Rectors;
 - (g) one person representing the Federal Ministry of Education;
 - (h) two persons, not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, elected by the Academic Board from among its members; and
 - (i) three persons, not below the rank of a Senior Lecturer or its equivalent, elected by the Congregation from among its members in which one shall be a non-teaching staff.
- (3) The Chairman and members of the Council, other than ex-officio members, shall be —
- (a) appointed by the President; and
 - (b) be persons of proven integrity, knowledgeable and acquainted with the workings and traditions of the technical and vocational education.
- (4) Any member of the Council, other than an ex-officio member —
- (a) shall hold office for three years at the first instance; and
 - (b) may be eligible for re-appointment for another three years and no more;
- (5) The governing structure of the Polytechnic shall consist of —
- (a) Governing Council;
 - (b) Academic Board;
 - (c) Management Committee;
 - (d) School Board; and
 - (e) Departmental Board.
- (6) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill, shall apply, in relation to the Council, the governing structure and other matters specified in the Schedule.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Visitation

- (1) The President shall be the Visitor to the Polytechnic. -
- (2) The Visitor shall, at least once in every five years, conduct a visitation of the Polytechnic or appoint a Visitation Panel, consisting of at least five experts, to conduct the visitation for —

- (a) the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the Polytechnic; and
- (b) such other purpose or in respect of other affairs of the Polytechnic as the Visitor may deem fit.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Registrar of the Polytechnic

- (1) There shall be a Registrar for the Polytechnic who shall:
 - (a) be responsible to the Rector for the administration of the Polytechnic; and
 - (b) discharge such other duties as the Council or the Rector may require him to do.
- (2) The Registrar shall —
 - (a) be the Secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and any committee of the Council; and
 - (b) attend all the meetings of those bodies unless excused for good reason by the Chairman of the Council.
- (3) In the absence of the Registrar, the Chairman of the Council may, after consultation with the Rector, appoint a suitable person to act as Secretary at any particular meeting of the Council.
- (4) The Secretary to the Council or a person appointed to act under subsection (3), shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum unless he is so entitled as a member of the Council.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6: Tenure of office of the Registrar

The Registrar shall hold office —

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

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7: General functions of the Council

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council —
 - (a) shall be the governing body of the Polytechnic;
 - (b) shall have powers and control over the general management of the affairs of the Polytechnic, and in particular, the property and finances of the Polytechnic; and
 - (c) may do anything which, in its opinion, is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of the activities of the Polytechnic and promote its best interests.
- (2) The Council may acquire and hold such movable or immovable property as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill, and for the same purpose may sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise alienate or dispose of any
- (3) property so acquired. The Council may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill,
- (4) The Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character relating to particular matters, but not to any individual person or case, with regard to the performance by the Council of its functions and the Council shall comply with the directions.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 8: Rector

- (1) There is for the Polytechnic a Rector (in this Bill referred to as "the Rector") who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Rector, the Council shall —
 - (a) advertise the vacancy, not later than six months to the expiration of the term of the sitting Rector in at least two national newspapers in Nigeria, specifying the —
 - (i) qualifications of the persons who may apply for the post, which shall be a Chief Lecturer in the Polytechnic sector with at least five years of experience on that position among other criteria, and
 - (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter, draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;
 - (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of —
 - (i) a member of the Council, not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman,

- (ii) two members of the Academic Board, not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, and
 - (iii) two members of the academic staff not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, to be elected from among its members.
- (3) (1) A Joint Council, Academic Board and Congregation Selection Board consisting of —
- a. the Chairman of the Council;
 - b. two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board;
 - c. two members of the Academic Board, not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search Team, elected among its members; and
 - d. two members of the Congregation, not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search Team, elected among its members, shall consider the candidates on the short list drawn up under subsection.
- (2) through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend, in order of performance ranking, through the Council, to the President three candidates for his consideration.
- (3) The President shall appoint, as Rector, one of the candidates recommended to him under subsection (3).
- (4) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Rector is the Chief Executive of the Polytechnic and is charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the administration of the Polytechnic.
- (5) The Rector shall hold office —
- (a) for a single term of five years beginning with the effective date of his appointment; and
 - (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (6) The Rector shall —
- (a) have power to exercise general authority over staff;
 - (b) be responsible for discipline in the Polytechnic; and
 - (c) have his remuneration determined by the National Salaries and Wages Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 9: Deputy Rectors.

- (1) There shall be for the Polytechnic such number of Deputy Rectors as the Council may deem necessary for the proper administration of the Polytechnic.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Rector, the Rector shall forward to the Academic Board a list of two candidates for each post of Deputy Rector that is vacant.
- (3) The Academic Board shall elect for each vacant post, one candidate from each list forwarded to it under subsection (2) and forward the name to the Council for confirmation.
- (4) Where the Academic Board rejects the two candidates forwarded to it by the Rector under subsection (2), the Rector shall submit another list.
- (5) Where the Council rejects the name sent to it under subsection (3), the Academic Board shall send the name of the other candidate on the list forwarded to it by the Rector under subsection (2).
- (6) The Deputy Rectors shall —
 - (a) assist the Rector in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) act in the place of the Rector when the post of Rector is vacant or if the Rector is for any reason absent or unable to perform his functions as Rector; and
 - (c) perform such other functions as the Rector or the Council may assign to them.
- (7) The Deputy Rectors shall hold office —
 - (a) for a single term of four years beginning from the effective date of their appointment; and
 - (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letter of appointment.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 9 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10: Other principal officers of the Polytechnic

- (1) There shall be for the Polytechnic the following other principal officers in addition to the Deputy Rectors —
 - (a) the Registrar,
 - (b) the Bursar, and
 - (c) the Librarian, who shall all be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 12 of this Bill.

- (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Polytechnic and is responsible to the Rector for the administration and control of the financial affairs of the Polytechnic
- (3) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the administration of the Polytechnic library and co-ordination of the library services in the teaching units of the Polytechnic.
- (4) The Bursar or Librarian shall hold office —
 - (a) for a single term of five years beginning from the effective date of his appointment;
 - (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (c) who has held office for five years or less on the commencement of this Bill shall be deemed to have been serving his final term of office

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 11: Resignation of appointment of principal officers

A principal officer may resign his appointment —

- (a) in the case of the Rector, by notice to the Visitor; and
- (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 12: Selection Board for other principal officers

- (1) There is for the Polytechnic, a Selection Board which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council; the Rector;
 - (b) four members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board;
 - (c) two members of the Academic Board, not being members of Council and not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, elected from among its members; and
 - (d) three members of the Congregation, not below the rank of a Principal Lecturer or its equivalent, elected from among its members in which one shall be a non-teaching staff.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board shall be as the Council may determine.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 13: Other employees of the Polytechnic

- (1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the Polytechnic, as the Council may determine, to assist the Rector and principal officers of the Polytechnic in the performance of their functions under this Bill.
- (2) The power to appoint all other employees of the Polytechnic shall be exercised —
 - (a) in the case of senior employees, by the Council, on the recommendation of the Appointment and Promotions Committee set up under the provisions of paragraph 3 (2) of the Schedule to this Bill;
 - (b) in the case of junior employees, by the Rector, on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Appointment and Promotions Committee constituted under paragraph 3 (b) of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 13 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 14: Application of the Pension Reform Act

- (1) The Federal Civil Service Commission may, by order, published in the Federal Government Gazette, declare the office of the Rector or any other person employed by the Council to be a pensionable office for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act.
- (2) Nothing in the provision of subsection (1) shall prevent the appointment of any person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in that office.
- (3) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the Public Service after serving for 35 years or having attained the age of 60 years in service, shall not apply to the staff of the Polytechnic.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Pension Reform Act, the compulsory retirement age of staff of Polytechnic shall be 65 years.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 14 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 15: Establishment of the Academic Board.

- (1) There is established for the Polytechnic a Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Academic Board") which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Rector of the Polytechnic, as Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Rector(s) of the Polytechnic;
 - (c) all heads of academic departments and units;
 - (d) the Polytechnic Librarian;
 - (e) not more than two members of the academic staff, who are not members of the Academic Board and not below the rank of a Senior Lecturer, elected from among its members and such members shall serve for a non-renewable term of three years;
 - (f) all Deans and academic Directors; and
 - (g) all Chief Lecturers.
- (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for —
 - (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the Polytechnic, including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates and diplomas, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;
 - (b) making periodic reports to the Council on such academic matters as the Academic Board may deem fit or as the Council may direct; and
 - (c) the performance of any other function which the Council may delegate to it.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 15 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 16: Removal of members of the Council or the Rector from Office.

- (1) Where it appears to the Council that a member of the Council, other than an ex-officio member or the Rector, should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation through the Minister to the President for approval, and if approved by the President, the Minister shall declare the office of such member or Rector vacant.
- (2) The Minister may recommend the removal of any member of the Council or Rector to the President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the public or Polytechnic that such a person continues as a member of the Council.
- (3) In case of vacancy in the office of the Rector, the Council shall appoint an acting Rector who shall be in office for not more than six months.

- (4) There shall be no sole administrator in the Polytechnic.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 16 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 17: Removal and discipline of academic, administrative and technical staff.

- (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons to believe that a person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or technical staff of the Polytechnic, other than the Rector, should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall —
 - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity to make representations in person on the matter to the Council; and
 - (c) if the person or any three members of the Council so request within a period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements for —
 - (i) a joint committee of the Council and the Academic Board to investigate the matter where it relates to an academic staff and to report on it to the Council,
 - (ii) a committee of the Council to investigate the matter where it relates to any other member of staff of the Polytechnic and to report on it to the Council, and
 - (iii) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear before and be heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Council may remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
- (2) The Rector may, in a case of misconduct by a member of staff which, in the opinion of the Rector, is prejudicial to the interest of the Polytechnic, suspend such member, and the suspension shall immediately be reported to the Council.
- (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from office or his appointment may be terminated by the Council, and for the purpose of this subsection, "good cause" means —
 - (a) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the performance of the functions of his office;
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;

- (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to perform the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
- (4) Any person suspended under subsection (2) or (3) shall be placed on half pay and the Council shall, before the expiration of the period of three months after the date of the suspension, consider the case against that person and come to a decision whether to —
- (a) continue such person's suspension and, if so, on what terms including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him;
 - (b) reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;
 - (c) terminate the appointment of the person in question, in which case such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) take such lesser disciplinary action against the person, including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld, as the Council may determine.
- (5) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from such decision, come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning that person.
- (6) It is the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed under subsection (1) to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Council from making such regulations for the discipline of other categories of staff and employees of the Polytechnic as it may deem fit.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 17 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 17 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 18: Discipline of students

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Rector that any student of the Polytechnic has been guilty of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or regulations made under this Bill, direct that —

- (a) the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Polytechnic or make use of the facilities of the Polytechnic, as the Rector may specify;
 - (b) the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be specified;
 - (c) the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) the student be expelled from the Polytechnic.
- (2) Where there is temporarily no Rector or where the Rector refuses to apply any disciplinary measure, the Council, either directly or through some other staff, may apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (1) to any student of the Polytechnic who is guilty of misconduct.
- (3) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) in respect of any student, the student may, within 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal against the direction to the Council, and where the appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council may deem fit.
- (4) Where an appeal from a direction is brought under subsection (3) it does not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending. The Rector may delegate his power under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Polytechnic as he may nominate.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Polytechnic otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (6) A direction under subsection (1) (a) may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b).
- (7) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council is final.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 18 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 18 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 19: Discipline of junior staff.

- (1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Rector may suspend the staff for not more than three months and shall immediately direct the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee to —
- (a) consider the case; and

- (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Rector.
- (2) In all cases under this section, the staff shall be informed of the charge against him and shall be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself
- (3) The Rector may, after considering the recommendation made under subsection (1) (b), dismiss, terminate, retire or down-grade the staff concerned.
- (4) A junior staff who is aggrieved by the Rector's decision under subsection (3) may, within 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Council to consider his case, and the Council's decision on the matter is final.
- (5) In any case of gross misconduct on the part of a junior staff, the Rector shall immediately suspend him and thereafter refer the matter to the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee to be dealt with according to the provisions of this section.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 19 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 19 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 20: Accounts, records and audit.

- (1) The Council shall keep proper accounts and records in relation thereto and shall cause to be prepared, not later than the 1st day of October in each financial year, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the ensuing financial year and when prepared, the estimate shall be submitted to the National Board for Technical Education for approval.
- (2) At the end of each financial year but not later than the 30 day of June, the Council shall cause to be prepared a statement of its income and expenditure during the previous financial year.
- (3) The statement of accounts referred to in subsection (2) shall, when certified by the Rector, be audited by a firm of auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation and shall be published in the annual report of the Polytechnic.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 20 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 20 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 21: Funds of the Council

- (1) There is established for the Polytechnic a Fund (in this Bill referred to as ("the Fund"))
- (2) The Fund shall consist of —
- (a) fees charged by, and payable to, the Council in respect of students;

- (b) any other amount due to, or recoverable by the Council;
- (c) revenue accruing to the Council from the Federal Government by way of subvention, grant-in-aid, endowment or otherwise; and
- (d) donations and legacies accruing to the Council from any source for the special purpose of the Council.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 21 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 21 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 22: Donations for particular purposes.

- (1) Donations of money to be applied to any particular purpose shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account approved by the Council and may be expended in fulfillment of such purpose.
- (2) The Council is not obliged to accept a donation for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attached to the donation.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 22 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 22 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 23: Payment into bank

All sums of money received on account of the Council shall be paid into such bank(s) for the credit of the Council as may be approved by the Council.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 23 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 23 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 24: Annual report.

The Council shall, on or before the 31st day of December in each year, prepare and submit to the President, through the Minister, a report of its activities during the preceding financial year and shall include in the report the audited accounts of the Polytechnic in respect of that financial year and the auditor's comments on the account.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 24 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 24 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 25: Power to make bye-laws.

- (1) The Council may make bye-laws relating to any matter within its competence under this Bill other than matters for which a provision is to be made by standing orders under paragraph 7 of the Schedule to this Bill.

- (2) The bye-laws shall be in writing and shall come into effect when sealed with the seal of the Council unless some other date for their commencement is prescribed.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (2) makes it obligatory for the Council to publish any of the bye-laws in the Federal Government Gazette but the Council shall bring the bye laws to the notice of all those affected by it.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 25 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 25 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 26: Exclusion of discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.

- (1) A person shall not be required to satisfy requirements as to race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth, family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition to:
 - (a) becoming or continuing to be a student at the Polytechnic;
 - (b) hold any certificate of the Polytechnic;
 - (c) hold any appointment or employment at the Polytechnic; or
 - (d) be a member of a body established under this Bill.
- (2) A person shall not be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the Polytechnic by reference to any of the matters under subsection (1).
- (3) The provisions of this section shall not be construed as preventing the Polytechnic from imposing any disability or restriction on any person where the person wilfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to discharge any duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances relating to it, which in the opinion of the Polytechnic, is reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 26 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 26 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 27: Quorum and procedure of bodies established under this Act.

Subject to paragraph 6 (2) of the Schedule to this Bill and any standing order or bye law made under this Bill, the quorum and procedure of anybody of persons established by this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 27 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 27 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 28: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Academic Board" means the Academic Board established under section 15 of this Bill;

"Appointments and Promotions Committee" means a body by that name established under paragraph 3 (2) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill; "polytechnic" means the Polytechnic established under section 1 (1) of this Bill; established under paragraph 3 (2) (b) of the Schedule to this Bill;

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to technical education;

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and

"Registrar" means the Registrar of the Polytechnic appointed under section 10 (1) (a) of this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 28 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 28 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 29: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Polytechnic Orogun, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2022.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 29 be retained (*Senate Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 29 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE

Sections 3 (6), 13 (2) (a) and (b), 25 (1) and 27

**SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE STRUCTURE
AND PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL**

Terms of office of members

1. (1) A member of the Council, other than an ex-officio member, shall hold office for three years beginning with the date on which he is appointed and may be eligible for re-appointment for another three years and no more.
- (2) Members of the Council holding office as specified in paragraph 1(1) of this Schedule, shall be paid remuneration or allowances in accordance with rates specified from time to time by the National Council of Ministers.
- (3) A member of the Council holding office as specified in paragraph 1(1) of this Schedule, may, by notice in writing to the Minister, resign his office.

Vacancy in membership of the Council

2. (1) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, that vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor, and the successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.

- (2) The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any member or that a person not entitled to do so took part in its proceedings.

Committees

3. (1) The Council may set up one or more committees to which it may delegate any of its functions.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subparagraph (1), the Council shall set up the following committees —
- (a) the Appointments and Promotions Committees which shall —
 - (i) consist of the Rector as the chairman and four other members who shall be appointed by the Council, and
 - (ii) be charged with the responsibility for making recommendations to the Council on the appointment and promotion of the academic and senior non-teaching staff of the Polytechnic and have a quorum of three members,
 - (b) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall consist of a Deputy Rector as Chairman and four other members to be appointed by the Rector and shall have the powers set out in section 13 (2) (b) and section 19 of this Bill;
 - (c) the Committee on Students' Affairs which shall consist of —
 - (i) a Deputy Rector as Chairman,
 - (ii) one member of the Council,
 - (iii) Dean of Students Affairs,
 - (iv) two members of the academic staff
 - (v) two representatives of the Students Union of the Polytechnic.
- (3) The Committee on Students Affairs shall be charged with the duty of —
- (a) considering any matter which relates to the welfare of students;
 - (b) any other matter referred to it by either the Council or management of the polytechnic; and
 - (c) any matter which the students wish to refer to the Council shall be referred to the management in the first instance which may in turn refer the matter to the Committee on Students' Affairs.
- (4) No decision of a committee of the Council shall have effect unless it is confirmed by the Council.

Proceedings of the Council

4. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business once in a quarter except for emergency.
- (2) The Chairman of the Council may, at any time, and shall, at the request in writing of at least five members of the Council, summon a meeting of the Council.

- (3) Particulars of the business to be transacted shall be circulated to members with the notice of the meeting, at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

Co-opted member

5. Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, it may co-opt such person as a member for a meeting, whether or not expressly convened for the purpose of considering the particular matter, but no co-opted member is entitled to vote or be counted towards quorum.

Voting

6. (1) Every question put before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
- (2) Two-thirds of members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Council.
- (3) The Chairman shall, at any meeting of the Council, have a vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, may exercise a casting vote.

Standing Orders

7. Subject to paragraph 6, the Council may make standing orders with respect to the —
- (a) holding of meetings,
- (b) nature of notices to be given,
- (c) proceedings at the meeting,
- (d) keeping of minutes of such proceedings; and
- (e) custody and production for inspection of such minutes.

Member to act as Chairman

8. If the Chairman of the Council is absent from a meeting of the Council, the members present shall elect one of them to act as chairman for the purposes of the meeting.

Miscellaneous**Composition and Functions of Management Committee, School and Departmental Boards**

9. (1) There shall be a Management Committee consisting of all the principal officers of the Polytechnic, all Deans and Directors in the Polytechnic.
- (2) The Rector shall be the Chairman of the Management Committee,
- (3) The Management Committee shall meet at least once in a month to discuss and take decisions on matters of general interest to the Polytechnic.
- (4) There shall be a School Board for each School in the Polytechnic made up of all the academic staff in that School.
- (5) The School Board shall deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the School or any matter assigned to it by the Council, the Rector or the Academic Board.
- (6) The Dean shall be —
- (a) the Chairman of the School Board, and

- (b) elected from among the academic staff not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer in that School for a term of three years and not immediately renewable.
- (7) There shall be a Departmental Board for each Department in the Polytechnic consisting of all the academic staff in that Department,
- (8) The Departmental Board shall deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the Department.
- (9) The Head of Department shall be —
 - (a) the Chairman of the Departmental Board, and
 - (b) elected from among the academic staff, not below the rank of a Senior Lecturer in that Department for a term of three years and not immediately renewable.
- (10) Where there is no qualified candidate for the position of Dean or Head of Department, the Rector shall appoint an Acting Dean, not below the rank of a Senior Lecturer or Acting Head of Department not below the rank of Lecturer I, for a period of one year in the first instance and renewable once and no more.
- (11) Nothing in this Bill prevents the Management Committee and Boards from making supplementary rules to guide their proceedings provided such rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Bill.

Establishment of the Congregation

- 10. (1) There shall be for the Polytechnic, a Congregation consisting of both academic and senior non-teaching staff, who hold at least a first degree or its equivalent.
- (2) The Rector shall be the Chairman of the Congregation.
- (3) The Congregation shall meet at least once in a year.

Contract or instrument not under seal

- 11. Any contract or instrument, which if entered into by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be entered into or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specifically authorised by it for that purpose.

Common seal of the Council

- 12. (1) The common seal of the Council shall not be used or affixed to any document except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes of such meeting.
- (2) The affixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman of the Council and some other members authorised generally or specifically by the Council to act for that purpose.
- (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and is, unless the contrary is proved, deemed to be so executed.

Disclosure by Council member

13. 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 a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement.

Question that the provision in this Schedule Stand part of this bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report on A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic Orogun, Delta State to Provide Full and Part-Time Courses of Instruction and Training in Different Fields of Study; and for Related Matters, 2022 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 29 — As Recommended

Schedule — As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

10. Federal Medical Centre Obukpa Nsukka, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB.599):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to provide the Legal Framework to establish the Federal Medical Centre Obukpa, Nsukka Enugu State and for Related Matters, 2022 be read the Second Time (*Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi — Enugu North*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Health (Secondary and Tertiary) to report within four (4) weeks.

11. Firearms Act No. 32 1959 Cap F28 LFN 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2022 (SB.889):

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Firearms Act No. 32 1959 Cap F28 LFN 2004 and to Establish a comprehensive system of Firearms control and to provide for matters Connected Therewith, 2022 be read the Second Time (*Senator Mohammed S. Musa — Niger East*).

Debate

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to report within four (4) weeks.

12. **Immigration Act 2015 (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 694):**

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Immigration Act 2015, to make provisions for the mode of appointment of the Comptroller-General of Immigration and for other related matters 2022 be read the Second Time (*Senator George T. Sekibo — Rivers East*).

Debate

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Interior to report within four (4) weeks.

13. **Joint Committee on Establishment & Public Service Matters; Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs:**

Report on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Professor Ayo O. Omotayo Ph.D as Director General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Establishment & Public Service Matters and Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the confirmation of the nomination of Professor Ayo O. Omotayo Ph.D for appointment as Director General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, Jos - Plateau State (*Senator Danjuma T. La'ah — Kaduna South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Motion: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ESTABLISHMENT & PUBLIC SERVICE MATTERS AND FEDERAL CHARACTER AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS ON THE CONFIRMATION OF THE NOMINATION OF PROFESSOR AYO O. OMOTAYO PH.D FOR APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POLICY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES (NIPSS), KURU, JOS - PLATEAU STATE.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Professor Ayo O. Omotayo Ph.D

— Agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Establishment & Public Service Matters and Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the confirmation of the nomination of Professor Ayo O. Omotayo Ph.D for appointment as Director General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, Jos - Plateau State and approved the nomination.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nomination:

Question:

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Professor Ayo O. Omotayo Ph.D for Appointment as Director General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, Jos - Plateau State?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Professor Ayo O. Omotayo Ph.D for Appointment as Director General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, Jos - Plateau State accordingly confirmed.

14. Committee on Aviation:

Report on the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 197):

Consideration of the Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters:

Report on the Legal Education (Consolidation) Act Cap L10 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (SB.820):

Motion made: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Legal Education (Consolidation) Act Cap L10 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (*Senator Micheal O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

— (SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE) —

CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND LEGAL MATTERS ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEGAL EDUCATION (CONSOLIDATION, ETC.) ACT BY ESTABLISHING THE CAMPUSES FOR THE NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2022.

Clause 1: Amendment of the Principal Act.

The Legal Education (consolidation Etc.) Act (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Michael O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 1 of the Principal Act.

2. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by inserting new subsections (3) and (4) as follows:

"(3) There shall be established, a minimum of 2 Campuses in each of the six (6) Geo-political zones, as specified in the Schedule to this Bill.

(4) Subject to the provision of subsection (3) of this section, creation of additional Campuses of the Nigerian Law School shall be approved by the National Assembly through legislation whenever the need arises."

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Michael O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Legal Education (Consolidation Etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Michael O. Bamidele — Ekiti Central*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE**Section 1 (3)****Campuses of the Nigerian Law School and their locations**

1. North-Central
 - a. Bwari Law School Campus, Abuja
 - b. Kabba Law School Campus, Kogi State

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) Leave out "a. Bwari Law School Campus, Abuja" under North-Central and insert it as "1. FCT

Bwari Law School Campus, Abuja"

- (ii) Insert "b. Jos Law School Campus, Plateau State" under North Central and renumber accordingly (*Senator Yahaya I. Oloriegbe — Kwara Central*).

Question that the amendments be made, put and agreed to.

2. North-East
 - a. Yola Law School Campus, Adamawa State
 - b. Maiduguri Law School Campus, Borno State
3. North-West
 - a. Kano Law School Campus, Kano State
 - b. Arugungun Law School Campus, Kebbi State

4. South-East
 - a. Enugu Law School Campus, Enugu State
 - b. Okija Law School Campus, Anambra State
5. South-South
 - a. Yenegoa Law School Campus, Bayelsa State
 - b. Port-Harcourt Law School Campus, Rivers State
 - c. Orogun Law School Campus, Delta State
6. South-West
 - a. Lagos Law School Campus, Lagos State
 - b. Ilawe Law School Campus, Ekiti State

Question that the provision in this Schedule as amended do Stand part of the bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the Legal Education (Consolidation) Act Cap L10 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1- 3	—	As Recommended
Schedule	—	As Amended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

16. Joint Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA); Downstream Petroleum Sector; and National Planning:

Non-Remittance of the 5% user charge pump price of petrol and international vehicles transit charges accruing to Federal Roads Maintenance Agency:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA); Downstream Petroleum Sector; and National Planning on the Motion on Non-Remittance of the 5% user charge pump price of petrol and international vehicles transit charges accruing to Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (*Senator Gershom H. Bassey — Cross River South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do defer further Consideration of the Report to enable the Joint Committee headed by the Leader of the Senate invite all the stakeholders to investigate further for more clarifications on the 5% user charge pump price of petrol and international vehicles transit charges collections and remittances to FERMA — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do defer further Consideration of the Report to enable the Joint Committee headed by the Leader of the Senate invite all the stakeholders to investigate further for more clarifications on the 5% user charge pump price of petrol and international vehicles transit charges collections and remittances to FERMA (S/Res/068/03/22).

17. **National Centre for Ear, Nose and Throat Disease (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 13) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **Animal Disease Control Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 423) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. **Federal University of Agriculture Dadin Kowa, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 652) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. **Harmonized Retirement Age for Teachers in Nigeria Bill, 2022 (HB. 1381) — Concurrence:**

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 9th February, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:00 p.m.

Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, Ph.D, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.