



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 22 November, 2022

1. The House met at 11.33 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 *Votes and Proceedings* of Monday, 14 November, 2022.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Messages**
Mr Deputy Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

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**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

18th October, 2022

Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabamila,

TRANSMISSION OF THE MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022 AND THE EXTRADITION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022 FOR CONSIDERATION

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Pursuant to Section 58 (2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I forward herewith, the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matter (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and the Extradition (Amendment) Bill, 2022 for the kind consideration of the House of Representatives.

During the recent Mutual Evaluation by the Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GABA), deficiencies in Nigeria's Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism regime (AML/CFT) were observed. Following the evaluation, the Ministry of Justice and other relevant stakeholders reviewed our existing Extradition Act, 2004 and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matter Act, 2018 and found it was not in conformity with Criterion 39 of the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF) Recommendations.

Unless these deficiencies are addressed promptly by the National Assembly, in order to bring our legal regime in conformity with Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations, Nigeria will face the risk of a negative public statement blacklisting the country by FATF, and this will lead to some negative consequences to our rapidly growing economy.

In light of the above, the Federal Ministry of Justice reviewed the above acts and has now drafted the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matter (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and the Extradition (Amendment) Bill, 2022 to conform with the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF) Recommendations.

While hoping that the House in the usual expeditious manner will consider this submission for passage into law, please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

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**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

16th November, 2022

Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabiamila,

CONCURRENCE OF THE NATIONAL PARK (DECLARATION) ORDER 2022

Pursuant to Section 18 of the National Park Service Act, I forward, herewith, the National Park (Declaration) Order 2022 for the kind concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The National Park (Declaration) Order 2022 seeks to establish ten (10) new National Parks. Please find attached the National Park (Declaration) Order.

While I hope that the request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the House, Please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

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PRESIDENT, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

17th November, 2022

Rt Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabiamila,

TRANSMISSION OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2022 TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to Section 58 (2) of 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I forward herewith, the National Library (Establishment) Bill, 2022, for the kind consideration of the House of Representatives.

The National Library (Establishment) Bill, 2022, aims to establish and maintain the National Library of Nigeria, strengthen its statutory functions.

While I hope that the request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the House, Please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

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**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

17th November, 2022

Rt Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, CFR
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabiamila,

**TRANSMISSION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL INVESTMENT
PROGRAMME ESTABLISHMENT BILL FOR CONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to Section 58 (2) of 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I forward herewith, the National Social Investment Programme (Establishment) Bill for the kind consideration of the House of Representatives.

The National Social Investment Programme (Establishment) Bill; seeks to provide a legal and institutional framework for the establishment of National Social Investment Programme for the assistance and empowerment of the poor and vulnerable in Nigeria.

While I hope that the request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the House, Please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

**5. Announcement
Bereavement:**

Mr Deputy Speaker read a communication from Hon. Ahmed Madaki Gololo (Ganiawa Federal Constituency), announcing the demise of Hajia Hajara Abdulkadir Sarki the mother of Hon. Umar Abdulkadir Sarki (Katagum Federal Constituency), on Sunday 20 November, 2022.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Petitions

(i) Petitions from the following were presented and laid by Hon. Mukhtar Ahmed (Kaduna South Federal Constituency):

(a) Prince Ebi Omodede and 2 Others, on alleged extortion, oppression and marginalization by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company;

(b) C. J. Okereke & Partners (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Gloria Ernest Samuel, on alleged breach of contractual obligations by the Ethiopian Airline;

- (c) Mashe & Co, (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Aliyu Sanusi Umar, on his trial in Suit No: CMC/WMK/62/2022 by the Attorney-General, Sokoto State;
- (d) Salihu Dahiru, on unauthorized withdrawal of the sum of Six Hundred and Forty Six Thousand Naira (N646,000:00) only from her account by the United Bank of Africa;
- (e) Nigeria Association of Auctioneers, on the non-compliance with the provisions of Public Procurement Act by the Comptroller-General of Customs;
- (f) Fesari Consult (Chattered Forensic Accountants), on behalf of Brenda Samuel Briggs, on alleged uncredited Point of Sale (PoS) transactions by Access Bank Plc;
- (g) Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum, on the alleged unsatisfactory appointment of Marine Mutual Services Limited as an agent of crude oil monitoring at the off shore terminals by the Nigerian Ports Authority;
- (h) Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum, on the award of contract to African Circle Pollution Management Limited by the Nigerian Ports Authority;
- (ii) A petition from Macaulay I. Obia, on the non-payment of his entitlements by the former Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), was presented and laid by Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta (*Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Innovative Legal Services (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Julius Fifen Eseoghene Joy and 33 Others, on the termination of their appointments by the Federal Civil Service Commission and Head of Civil Service of the Federation, was presented and laid by Hon. Igbakpa Ben Rollands (*Ethiopia East/Ethiopia West Federal Constituency*);

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

7. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Nigerian Council for Management Development Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2095).
- (2) Public Procurement Practitioners' Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2096).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2097).
- (4) Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2098).
- (5) Federal Institute for Diving Technology, Anaku, Ayamelum, Anambra State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2099).
- (6) Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Osun State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2101).
- (7) Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2102).
- (8) Federal Medical Centre, Ilutitun (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2103).
- (9) National Postgraduate College of Pharmacy (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2104).
- (10) Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2022 (HB. 2015).

- (11) Federal College of Education Jengre, Plateau State (Establishment) Bill, 2022(HB. 2016).
- (12) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2022(H. 2017).
- (13) Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 2018).

8. Presentation of Reports

(i) **Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Issuance of a Promissory Note to Yobe, Kebbi and Taraba State Governments for Road Projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government" (*Hon. Ahmed Safana Dayyabu — Batsari/Safana/Damusa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act, 2007 and Enact the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Bill to Provide for Establishment of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency for the Promotion of Maritime Safety and Security, Protection of the Marine Environment, Ship Registration and Commercial Shipping, Maritime Labour; and for Related Matters (HB. 1476)" (*Hon. Manu Soro Mansur — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act, No. 5, 2003 to Restrict the Use of Foreign Vessels in Domestic, Coastal and Inland Commercial Activities, to Promote the Development of Indigenous Tonnage and Establish a Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund; and for Related Matters (HB. 778)" (*Hon. Manu Soro Mansur — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the report of the Committee on Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Merchant Shipping Act, 2007 and to Enact the Merchant Shipping Act and for Related Matters (HB. 1602)" (*Hon. Manu Soro Mansur — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) **Committee on Women Affairs and Social Development:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Women Affairs and Social Development on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Centre for Women Development Act, Cap. N15, Laws of the Federation, 2004 to Enhance the Functions of the Centre and Rename the Centre after Maryam Babangida, and for Related Matters (HB. 1147)" (*Hon. Ogunlola Omowunmi Olubunmi — Ijero/Ekiti West/Efon Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) ***Committee on Reformatory Institutions:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Reformatory Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Correctional Service Trust Fund; and for Related Matters (HB. 1722)" (*Hon. Edwin Anayo — Ezza-North/Ishielu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vii) ***Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations:***

Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 51st Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region Conference, held in Abuja from 8-13 November, 2021.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(viii) ***Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations:***

Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 80th Executive Committee Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region, held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 12-18 July, 2021

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ix) ***Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations:***

Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 82nd Executive Committee Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region, held at the Labadi Beach Hotel, Accra, Ghana from 3-10 March, 2022.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(x) ***Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations:***

Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 52nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region Conference, held in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 1-9 June, 2022.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(xi) ***Committees Diaspora, Banking and Currency, and National Planning and Economic Development:***

Report of the Committees Diaspora, Banking and Currency, and National Planning and Economic Development on the Need to Ascertain Nigerians in Diaspora Remittances and its Impact on the Nation's Economy (HR. 221/11/2019).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(xii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the petition by the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria on behalf of LCPL Isah Ya'u (05NA/56/703):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria on behalf of LCPL Isah Ya'u (05NA/56/703) against the Nigeria Army on alleged wrongful dismissal from Service" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xiii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the petition by Hauwa Umar Abore:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Hauwa Umar Abore against the Hon. Minister, Federal Capital Territory Administration for his inability to resolve the case of double allocation of Land with Plot No. 1062 Dape (C04), File No. BO. 1174" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xiv) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the petition by Mr Bulus Sule:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Bulus Sule against the Governing Council of the Nigeria Agricultural Seed Council over illegal appointment and re-appointment of Dr Olusegun Ojo and unlawful dismissal from service from the National Agricultural Seed Council" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xv) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the petition by Chris Okpala & Co. on behalf of Mr Matthew Ezeanyagu and Miss Oluebube:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Chris Okpala & Co. on behalf of Mr. Matthew Ezeanyagu and Miss Oluebube against Premium Pensions Limited over the non-payment of the death and Pension benefits of Mrs Stella Alochukwu Ezeanyagu" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xvi) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the petition by Inspector John Ighodalo (rtd):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Inspector John Ighodalo (rtd) against the Nigeria Police Force over unpaid salaries, pension benefits and gratuity after retirement from the service" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed.

Report laid.

(xvii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the petition by H. N. Olise & Associates:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by H. N. Olise & Associates against Nigeria Agip Oil Company Limited over non-compliance with the terms of settlement contained in the Court Order of the High Court of Asaba, Delta State in suit No. FHC/ASB/CS/46/2010" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Youth Service Corps Trust Fund (NYSCTF) for the purpose of providing a Sustainable Source of Funds for the National Youth Service Corps, Skill Acquisition, Training and Empowerment of Corps Members, Training and Retraining of the Personnel of the National Youth Service Corps, Development of Camps and NYSC Formations and Facilities therein; and for Related Matters (HB. 1795) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Youth Service Corps Trust Fund (NYSCTF) for the purpose of providing a Sustainable Source of Funds for the National Youth Service Corps, Skill Acquisition, Training and Empowerment of Corps Members, Training and Retraining of the Personnel of the National Youth Service Corps, Development of Camps and NYSC Formations and Facilities therein; and for Related Matters (HB. 1795) 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 Prohibit Late Payment, Non-payment and Underpayment of Workers' Wages, Pension and other Emolument in Nigeria and Prescribe Penalties for Violations; and for Related Matters (HB.07) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Prohibit Late Payment, Non-payment and Underpayment of Workers' Wages, Pension and other Emolument in Nigeria and Prescribe Penalties for Violations; and for Related Matters (HB.07) 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 to Provide for Establishment of School of Mines and Geological Studies, Akoko-Edo, Local Government Area of Edo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 441) — 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, Local Government Area of 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.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Defence Research and Development Bureau to conduct and**

coordinate robust research and development in the Armed Forces of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1176) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Defence Research and Development Bureau to conduct and coordinate robust research and development in the Armed Forces of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1176) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State; and for Related Matters (HB.1987) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State; and for Related Matters (HB.1987) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada Dankadai, Kano State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1092) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada Dankadai, Kano State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1092) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

15. A Bill for an Act to Establish Bureau of Defence Logistics Charged with Responsibility of Providing Logistics, Acquisition and Technical Support for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Similar Military Formations; and for Related Matters (HB 2089) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Bureau of Defence Logistics Charged with Responsibility of Providing Logistics, Acquisition and Technical Support for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Similar Military Formations; and for Related Matters (HB 2089) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi — Gummi/Bukkuyum 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 Defence.

16. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Okitipupa, Ondo State, to Provide Full-time Courses and Training on Technology, Applied Sciences, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB 1892) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Okitipupa, Ondo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses and Training on Technology, Applied Sciences, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB 1892) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Gboluga Dele Ikengboju — Okitipupa/Irele Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ikirun, Osun State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1515) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Ultra-Modern Museum of National Unity, Abuja; and for Related Matters (HB. 2011) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. **Re-Committal of Bills**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Assembly Library Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2020 was passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the Directorate of Legal Services for further legislative action;

Also notes that Federal College of Education (Technical), Keana, Nasarawa State was passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the President for assent, but was not assented to with some observations;

Aware that some observations were raised by the Directorate of Legal Services, National Assembly and the Presidency on the Bills respectively, which require further legislative actions by the House of Representatives;

Appreciates the need to recommit the Bills for reconsideration in order to address the observations raised;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision on the Bills as passed and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

20. **Need to Resolve the Lingering Issue of Power Outage in Lere Federal Constituency of Kaduna State**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on 12 October, 2021, a motion on the urgent need to address the lingering issue of power failure in Lere Federal Constituency of Kaduna State was resolved to include the design, supply, and construction of a 130km length, 132kv transmission line with a 2 x 60 MVA substation in Lere Local Government in the 2022 Budget estimate;

Also notes that since 2021 till date the area has been experiencing total blackout thus, having a negative impact on the socio-economic activities of Lere Federal Constituency;

Concerned that the status quo remains and is neither captured in the 2023 budget estimate;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Power, and Appropriations to capture in the 2023 budget the construction of 132/33KVA Substation in Lere Local Government Area;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ahmed Munir — Lere Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 83/11/2022).

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

21. Need to Reconstruct the Collapsed Bridge in New Ndebiji and Calabar-Ekang Cameroon Highway, Cross River State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the bridge at New Ndebiji along the Calabar-Ekang-Cameroon Highway in Akamkpa Local Government Area of Cross River State had collapsed on August 28, 2022 resulting in a fatal accident and destruction of goods worth millions of Naira;

Aware of the strong and undeniable nexus between road infrastructure and national and internal communication, integration and development;

Also aware that the bridge at New Ndebiji is one of the 20 bridges and culverts on the Calabar-Ekang-Cameroon Highway constructed by Costain Construction Engineering Company in 1956 and has outlived its lifespan and that is the third in the series of collapsed bridges on the Calabar-Ekang Road;

Worried that the Calabar-Ekang Road construction had enjoyed budgetary allocation for years without implementation and was re-awarded to Setraco Construction Company by President Buhari Administration and the company moved to site in mid-2021 but abandoned the project around March, 2022 after working on less than 3 kilometers of the road;

Disturbed that the collapsed bridge at New Ndebiji has cut off neighbouring communities in Akamkpa Local Government Area and equally cut off Nigeria from Cameroon via the Calabar-Ekang Road, with grim implications for commercial activities and livelihoods on both sides and grave security implications;

Cognizant of the need to reconstruct the collapsed bridge at New Ndebiji to forestall further loss of lives and destruction of properties to enable integration and resumption of commercial activities to eliminate the security threats the incidence has caused;

Revolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to reconstruct the collapsed bridge;

- (ii) ate the Committee on Works to investigate the circumstances surrounding the abandonment of the construction of the Calabar-Ekang Road by Setraco Construction Company and report within two (2) weeks;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Works to monitor the execution of the award for the full Re-construction of the Calabar-Ekang-Cameroon Highway (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo Effiong — Akamkpa/Diase Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word “within”, *leave out* the word “two” and figure “2” and *insert* the word “four” and figure “4” (*Hon. Ganiyu Johnson — Oshodi Isolo II Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the bridge at New Ndebiji along the Calabar-Ekang-Cameroon Highway in Akamkpa Local Government Area of Cross River State had collapsed on August 28, 2022 resulting in a fatal accident and destruction of goods worth millions of Naira;

Aware of the strong and undeniable nexus between road infrastructure and national and internal communication, integration and development;

Also aware that the bridge at New Ndebiji is one of the 20 bridges and culverts on the Calabar-Ekang-Cameroon Highway constructed by Costain Construction Engineering Company in 1956 and has outlived its lifespan and that is the third in the series of collapsed bridges on the Calabar-Ekang Road;

Worried that the Calabar-Ekang Road construction had enjoyed budgetary allocation for years without implementation and was re-awarded to Setraco Construction Company by President Buhari Administration and the company moved to site in mid-2021 but abandoned the project around March, 2022 after working on less than 3 kilometers of the road;

Disturbed that the collapsed bridge at New Ndebiji has cut off neighbouring communities in Akamkpa Local Government Area and equally cut off Nigeria from Cameroon via the Calabar-Ekang Road, with grim implications for commercial activities and livelihoods on both sides and grave security implications;

Cognizant of the need to reconstruct the collapsed bridge at New Ndebiji to forestall further loss of lives and destruction of properties to enable integration and resumption of commercial activities to eliminate the security threats the incidence has caused;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to reconstruct the collapsed bridge;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to:
- (a) investigate the circumstances surrounding the abandonment of the construction of the Calabar-Ekang Road by Setraco Construction Company and report within four (4) weeks;

- (b) monitor the execution of the award for the full Re-construction of the Calabar-Ekang-Cameroon Highway (HR. 84/11/2022).

22. **Need to Investigate the Flagrant Violation of Consumer Rights by Airline Operators in Nigeria**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Act was established to promote and protect the interest of consumers over all products and services among others;

Also notes that Nigerians and other consumers have the right to be protected by the Consumer Protection Department under the Directorate of Air Transport of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) launched on March 2001, to ensure that aviation customers get the best services in the transportation;

Aware that the department was established to serve as the eye of the industry responsible for informing, educating and protecting consumers and ensuring the provision of quality services in the Aviation sector;

Also aware of the challenges confronting the aviation sector despite interventions in reviewing airfare charges being tolerated by both consumers and government to cushion the effects yet, the airfare charges and travel disruption have continued to increase daily;

Further aware that airlines Authority have a duty to provide Airline Customer assistance and services to ensure that air passengers get a conducive environment, promote and protect consumer interest and healthy competition among airline service providers, the authority also has unreserved duty of care to Nigerians and other customers the responsibility to penalize and restrict any service provider who violates established protocols;

Worried that the continuous complaints and outcry by Nigerians and other air passengers have become alarming with the consistent violation of passenger rights to service delivery by airline service providers.

Concerned that the inconsistency of air travel schedules due to sudden delay, cancellations and other airlift service provision, consumers are shortchanged in their businesses, health conditions and social and economic ventures without due compensation.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Human Rights to investigate the violation of the rights of Nigerians and other passengers to quality air travel services in Nigeria (Hon. Karu Simon Elisha — Kaltungo/Shongo Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Agreed to.

(HR. 85/11/2022).

23. **Consideration of Reports**

(i) **Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Issuance of a Promissory Note to Yobe, Kebbi and Taraba State Governments for Road Projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Ahmed Safana Dayyabu — Batsari/Safana/Damusa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Seven, Rule 2 (2), to enable the Deputy Speaker preside in the Committee of Supply” (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

Approve the issuance of a Promissory Note to settle outstanding claims and liabilities of the three (3) State Governments in the sum of Twenty-Seven Billion, Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Three Hundred and Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Four Naira, Five Kobo only (₦27,842,304,344.05) as approved by the Federal Executive Council for each State as follows:

(i)	Yobe State	—	₦18,663,943,119.39
(ii)	Kebbi State	—	₦6,707,835,495.12
(iii)	Taraba State	—	₦2,470,525,729.54
	Grand Total	—	₦27,842,304,344.05 <i>(Hon. Ahmed Safana Dayyabu — Batsari/Safana/Damusa Federal Constituency).</i>

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Issuance of a Promissory Note to Yobe, Kebbi and Taraba State Governments for Road Projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

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

- (ii) *A Bill for an Act to Establish National Assembly Library Trust Fund for the Purpose of Research, Provision of Library Equipment and Related Facilities, Enhance the Research of Legislators and Staff of the National Assembly; and for Related Matters (HB.987) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Assembly Library Trust Fund for the Purpose of Research, Provision of Library Equipment and Related Facilities, Enhance the Research of Legislators and Staff of the National Assembly; and for Related Matters (HB. 987)” (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY TRUST FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCH, PROVISION OF LIBRARY EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED FACILITIES IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE RESEARCH OF LEGISLATORS AND STAFF OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 987)

Clause 1: Objectives

The objective of this Bill is to provide a legal framework for the management and control of the special intervention fund established under section 3 of this Bill for research and retraining of legislators and staff of the National Assembly and for the provision of state of the art library, that is well stocked with relevant resources, fully functioning equipment and other related facilities for the enhancement of the research skills of the legislators and staff of the National Assembly in the handling of the process of law making and the functions of the National Assembly Library (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Establishment of the National Assembly Trust Fund.

- (1) There is established the National Assembly Library Trust Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Trust Fund").
- (2) The Trust Fund —
 - (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Sources of the Revenue of the Trust Fund.

- (1) The revenue of the Trust Fund shall consist of —
 - (a) any take-off grant and special intervention fund as may be provided by the Federal Government;
 - (b) such money as may be appropriated to meet the objective of this Bill by the National Assembly in the budget;
 - (c) aids, grants and assistance from international bilateral and multilateral agencies, non-governmental organisations and the private sector;
 - (d) grants, donations, endowments, bequests and gifts, whether of money, information, resources, land or any other property from any source;

- (e) money derived from investment made by the Trust Fund.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1) (d) and (e) the Trust Fund shall not accept any aid, grant, donation or gift where the terms and conditions attached to the aid, grant, donation or gift are inconsistent with the objective of the Trust Fund and the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Purposes of the Trust Fund.

The Trust Fund shall be utilised —

- (a) for procurement of library equipment for the purposes of training and re-training needs of the legislators and staff of the National Assembly;
- (b) for the enhancement of the research skills of the legislators and staff of the National Assembly, for improved proficiency in law making;
- (c) for the overall improvement, performance and efficiency in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the National Assembly Library;
- (d) to finance the procurement of information resources (print and electronic books, periodicals, pamphlets, newspapers, maps, musical scores, films and recordings), instructional materials, training equipment and all forms of infrastructure, including buildings for use of National Assembly Library; and
- (e) to supplement all budgetary appropriation with projects as regards to the library and not limited to the construction of the library complex (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Functions of the Trust Fund

(1) The Trust Fund shall —

- (a) receive all money accruing to it under this Bill;
- (b) utilise all money accruing to the Trust Fund under this Bill to meet the stated objective of this Bill; and
- (c) carry out such other activities considered necessary for the attainment of the objective of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Establishment of the Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

- (1) There is established the National Assembly Library Trust Fund Board of Trustees (in this Bill referred to as "the Board of Trustees").
- (2) The Board of Trustees shall consist of —
 - (a) the President of the Senate;
 - (b) the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (c) past President of the Senate provided that he was not removed from office;
 - (d) past Speaker of the House of Representatives provided that he was not removed from office;
 - (e) the Chairman of the Committee in each House charged with the responsibility of overseeing the National Assembly Library;
 - (f) the Deputy Chairman of the Committee in each House charged with the responsibility of overseeing the National Assembly Library provided that he was not removed from office;
 - (g) the past Chairman of the Committee in each House charged with the responsibility of overseeing the National Assembly Library;
 - (h) the Clerk to the National Assembly or his representative not below the rank of a Secretary or its equivalent;
 - (i) a representative each of —
 - (i) International Development Partners;
 - (ii) National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies;
 - (iii) the Organised Private Sector;
 - (j) a representative of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN);
 - (k) a person appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (l) a person appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (m) the Executive Secretary, appointed by the Board to serve as the Secretary.
- (3) The position of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be rotated between the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House

every two (2) years commencing from the date of inauguration of the Board.

- (4) A member of the Board of Trustees other an *ex-officio* member:
- (a) shall be appointed by the joint body of presiding officers;
 - (b) shall hold office for four years in the first instance; and
 - (c) may be reappointed for another four years and no more (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Cessation of office.

- (1) A member of the Board of Trustees ceases to hold office if he —
- (a) becomes of unsound mind;
 - (b) becomes bankrupt or makes compromises with his creditors;
 - (c) is convicted of a felony or any offence; or?
 - (d) is guilty of corrupt practices or misconduct in relation to his duties.
- (2) A member of the Board of Trustees may be removed from office by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives if they are satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Trust Fund or public that the member should continue in that office.
- (3) A member of the Board of Trustees, other than *ex-officio* members, may resign his appointment by a notice in writing addressed to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board of Trustees, it 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 —
- (a) represent the same interest; and
 - (b) be appointed by the Joint body of Presiding Officers.
- (5) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the meetings and proceedings of the Board of Trustees and other related matters (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Functions of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for —

- (a) setting out the policies and programmes for the research training and re-training of legislators and staff of the National Assembly;
- (b) approving the disbursement of money from the Trust Fund to finance projects or activities of the National Assembly Library;
- (c) scrutinising and approving projects which qualify for financing under the Bill;
- (d) exercising control over the management of the Trust Fund with a view to ensuring accountability and proper utilisation of money in the Trust Fund for the purposes set out in this Bill;
- (e) carrying out such other activities as are considered necessary for the attainment of the objective of this Bill;
- (f) updating the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Committee in each House charged with the responsibility of overseeing the National Assembly Library, on its activities and progress through annual and audited reports;
- (g) reviewing progress and suggesting improvement within the provisions of this Bill;
- (h) making and issuing guidelines, to all legislators and staff of the National Assembly on disbursement from the Trust Fund on the use of money received from the Trust Fund; and
- (i) generally regulating the administration, application and disbursement of money from the Trust Fund under this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Powers of the Board of Trustees.

- (1) The Board of Trustees has powers to —
 - (a) award contracts of any kind or description for any amount, whether in local or foreign currency in conformity with the due process requirements as provided under any law, rule, guideline or regulation; and
 - (b) invest money accruing to the Trust Fund and approve the utilisation of the returns on investment in the same way as money accruing to the Trust Fund.
- (2) In the discharge of its duty under this Bill, the Board of Trustees shall —

- (a) through the National Assembly Directorate of Library and Research, identify the funding needs of the National Assembly Library for the enhancement of the performance of the legislature;
- (b) enter into contractual arrangements for the purpose of executing approved projects on behalf of the Trust Fund;
- (c) oversee the implementation of projects of the National Assembly Library financed through money accruing to the Trust Fund;
- (d) enter into public-private partnership and private finance initiative arrangements and agreements necessary for the National Assembly Library projects execution;
- (e) be entitled to one vote each on the Board of Trustees and simple majority of all Board of Trustees members shall be necessary for a decision; and
- (f) in case of equality of votes, the Chairman or any other member performing the functions of the Chairman shall have a second or deciding vote (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Removal from office of a member.

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7 and 8 of this Bill, the President of the Senate in consultation with the Speaker, House of Representatives may remove a member from the Board of Trustees if any circumstance which borders on corruption and other activities that negates the interest and security of the nation would require the removal of the member from the Board of Trustees (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Establishment of National Assembly Library Trust Fund project implementation committee.

- (1) For the purpose of implementing any project approved by the Board of Trustees under this Bill, there is established the National Assembly Library Trust Fund Project Implementation Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the Implementation Committee").
- (2) The Implementation Committee shall consist of —
 - (a) the Speaker, House of Representatives as Chairman;
 - (b) Chairman of the Committee in each House charged with the responsibility of overseeing National Assembly Library; and
 - (c) such other members, not exceeding four in number with

proven integrity, appointed by the Board of Trustees.

- (3) The Implementation Committee is responsible to the Board of Trustees in the execution of the duties and responsibilities assigned to it by the Board of Trustees (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Appointment of the Executive Secretary and other staff of the Trust Fund.

- (1) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the Secretary for the Trust Fund who shall be referred to as the Executive Secretary.
- (2) The Executive Secretary shall —
- (a) be a person of unquestionable character and integrity; and
- (b) have qualifications and experience as are appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of that office under this Bill; and
- (3) The Executive Secretary shall hold office —
- (a) for a single term of five years which shall not exceed one year of the subsequent Assembly in which he was appointed; and
- (b) on such other terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

In Subclause (1), line 2, immediately after the word "Fund", insert the words "subject to the approval of members of the Board" (*Hon. Jaha Ahmadu Usman — Damboa/Gwoza/Chibok Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Clause 13: Functions of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary —

- (a) is to be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Trust Fund;
- (b) is to be responsible for the administration of the Trust Fund;
- (c) is to be the Secretary to the Board of Trustees;
- (d) shall keep proper records of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees;
- (e) shall work closely with the Implementation Committee in discharging such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to him by the

- Board of Trustees;
- (f) is in charge of the general direction and control of all other employees of the Trust Fund;
 - (g) discharge such other duties as may be directed by the Board of Trustees; and
 - (h) shall produce and implement the strategic plan as approved by the board (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Removal of the Executive Secretary.

- (1) The Executive Secretary may be removed from office by a resolution of the National Assembly where any circumstances arise which in the opinion of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives makes the Executive Secretary no longer capable of discharging the duties and responsibilities of his office.
- (2) A person appointed as the Executive Secretary to replace the former Executive Secretary shall serve the unexpired term of his predecessor in office or the remainder of the term of the Trust Fund, whichever is shorter (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Staff of the Board of Trustees.

- (1) The Board of Trustees shall with the approval of the National Assembly Service Commission, appoint such other staff as it may deem necessary to assist the Executive Secretary to perform his functions under this Bill.
- (2) The terms and conditions of services (including terms and conditions as to the remuneration, payment of allowances and other benefits) of the staff of the Trust Fund shall be in accordance with the general condition of service obtainable in the National Assembly Service.
- (3) The Board of Trustees shall with the approval of the National Assembly Service Commission, appoint, either on transfer or secondment from the Public Service of the Federation or a State, such number of staff required for the effective discharge of the duties of the Trust Fund under this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Pension and gratuity.

Service under the Trust Fund shall be pensionable service under the Pension Reform Act provided that nothing in this section shall exclude the Trust Fund from employing staff on non-pensionable terms and conditions (*Hon. Abubakar*

Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

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

Clause 17: Fund of the Trust Fund.

- (1) There is established a general fund for the Trust Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Fund") for the administration of the Trust Fund.
- (2) The Fund shall consist of —
 - (a) annual budgetary allocation appropriated by the National Assembly for the management of the Trust Fund;
 - (b) take-off grants and such other money as may be made available to the Trust Fund to meet the cost of administration of the National Assembly Library; and
 - (c) all other money which may be made available for the running of the Trust Fund (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Assembly Library Trust Fund for the Purpose of Research, Provision of Library Equipment and Related Facilities; Enhance the Research of Legislators and Staff of the National Assembly; and for Related Matters (HB.987) and approved Clauses 1 - 11, approved Clause 12 as amended, approved Clauses 13 - 17, and deferred further consideration of the Bill.

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

- (iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun-Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB.649) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun-Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB.649)" (Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, OTUN - EKITI, EKITI STATE;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.649)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE, OTUN - EKITI

Clause 1: Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Otun - Ekiti.

- (1) There is hereby established Federal College of Agriculture, Otun - Ekiti, Ekiti State in this Bill (referred to as the "College") which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are conferred on it by this Bill.
- (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Governing Council of the College.

- (1) There is hereby established for the College a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall be responsible for the consideration and approval of —
 - (a) the plan of activities of the College;
 - (b) the programme of studies, courses, and research to be undertaken by the College;
 - (c) the annual budget estimates of the College; and
 - (d) the investment plans of the College.
- (2) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Council as specified therein (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Membership of the Council of the College.

The Council shall consist of a Chairman and the following other members, to be appointed by the President —

- (a) the person responsible for Agriculture;
- (b) a representative of a University who in the case of a degree awarding College, shall come from the University to which the College is affiliated for the purpose of moderation;
- (c) a representative of the alumni association of the College;
- (d) three persons appointed on individual merit on a nationwide basis who should have wide experience of service in the public or private sector;
- (e) two representatives of the Academic Board of the College;
- (f) one representative of the National Board for Technical Education and

- (g) the Rector of the College (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Tenure of office of members of the Council.

- (1) A member of the Council (other than an *ex-officio* member) shall hold office for a term of three years and be eligible for reappointment for a further period of three years.
- (2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Bill shall become vacant if —
- (a) the member resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the Minister; or
- (b) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Functions of the College.

The functions of the College shall be —

- (a) to provide full-time courses in Agricultural Science and Technology —
- (i) in General Agriculture, Crop Science, Fisheries, Mechanization, Home Economics and Management;
- (ii) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria;
- (iii) research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine;
- (b) to conduct courses in agriculture for qualified agriculture Extension Officers;
- (c) to arrange conferences, seminars and workshops in relevant fields of learning; and
- (d) to perform such other functions as in file opinion of the Council may promote the objectives of the College (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Powers of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall have powers to —
- (a) hold examination and grant diploma, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study

- approved and accredited by the National Board for Technical Education;
- (b) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council may, with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;
 - (c) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and selling;
 - (d) make gifts for any charitable purpose;
 - (e) hold examinations in agriculture for qualified Agriculture Extension Officers;
 - (f) provide amenities for the welfare of the staff of the College;
 - (g) invest the surplus funds of the College in securities specified by law as may be approved by the Minister;
 - (h) borrow money in such manner and upon such security as the Minister may from time to time authorise;
 - (i) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the College;
 - (j) recruit staff of the right calibre and determine the career structure of such staff;
 - (k) establish and maintain such schools and other units within the College or extramural departments as the Council may, from time to time, decide;
 - (l) institute and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;
 - (m) mount exhibitions and displays designed to foster an appreciation of trends in and the scope and requirements of agricultural science and technology;
 - (n) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the College may require;
 - (o) create lectureships and other academic posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;
 - (p) encourage and make provision for research in the college and;
 - (q) do such things incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Visitation.

- (1) The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be the Visitor of the College.
- (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every five years, conduct a visitation of the College or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation —
 - (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the College; or
 - (b) for such other purpose the Visitor may deem fit (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: The Academic Board and its functions.

- (1) There shall be established for the College a Board to be known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following Members —
 - (a) the Rector of the College who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Rector, Deans of Schools, Professors/Readers/Chief-Lecturers and the Registrar who shall be the Secretary;
 - (c) the College Librarian; and
 - (d) not more than two members of the academic staff other than heads of departments to be elected by the Congregation.
- (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for —
 - (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;
 - (b) making periodic reports on such academic matters to the Council as the Council may from time to time direct;
 - (c) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Power of Minister to give directions to the Council.

Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: The Rector of the College.

- (1) There shall be a Rector of the College (in this Bill referred to as "the Rector") who shall be appointed by the President, in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) Where a vacancy exists in the post of Rector, the Council shall —
 - (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying —
 - (i) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post;
 - (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 Chief Lecturer,
 - (iii) two members of the academic community of the College not below the rank of Chief Lecturer to be selected by the Council, to identify and draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever.
- (3) A joint selection Board of Council and Academic Board consisting of —
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board, one of whom shall be the member appointed by the President;
 - (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search team shall consider the candidates and persons on the short lists drawn up under subsection (2) of this section through the examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend through the Council to the Minister three candidates for his consideration.
- (4) The President shall if satisfied appoint as Rector one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Rector shall be the chief executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day to day management operations of the College.

- (6) The Rector —
- (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be reappointed for one further period of four years and no more (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Deputy Rector.

- (1) There shall be for the College a Deputy Rector.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Rector from among the Chief Lecturers in the College in one of the following ways, that is —
 - (a) from a list of three candidates in order of preference, submitted by the Rector; or
 - (b) on the recommendation of a selection Board constituted under this section for that purpose; or
 - (c) on the nomination of the Rector.
- (3) The selection Board referred to in subsection (2) of this section shall —
 - (a) consist of —
 - (i) the Chairman of the Council,
 - (ii) the Rector,
 - (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board, one of whom shall be the member appointed by the President,
 - (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and
 - (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the recommendation required under that subsection.
- (4) The Deputy Rector shall —
 - (a) be in charge of academic activities and assist the Rector in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) act in the place of Rector when the post of Rector is vacant or if for any reason the Rector is unable to perform his functions as Rector; and

- (c) perform such other functions as the Rector or the Council may assign to him.
- (5) The Deputy Rector —
- (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no more (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: The Registrar and other Staff of the College.

- (1) The Council of the College shall appoint a Registrar to the College (hereinafter referred to as "the Registrar") who shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council and subject thereof as the Rector may from time to time direct.
- (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to other duties conferred on him by or under this Bill, be the secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his absence, the Council or any such committee may appoint some other person to act as secretary, and he shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum.
- (3) A Registrar —
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be reappointed for one further period of five years and no more.
- (4) Where on the commencement of this section a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this section has held office —
 - (a) for five years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;
 - (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;
 - (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Other Principal Officers of the College.

- (1) There shall be for the College the following principal officers in addition to the Registrar, that is —
 - (a) the Bursar; and
 - (b) the College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 10 of this Bill.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the College and be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the College.
- (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the administration of the College Library and the coordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the College.
- (4) A Bursar or Librarian —
 - (a) shall each hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be reappointed for one further period of five years and no more.
- (5) Where on the commencement of this section a Bursar or Librarian has held office —
 - (a) for five years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;
 - (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;
 - (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve in that capacity for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: 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 (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Other Employees of the College.

- (1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Rector and the Principal Officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this Bill.
- (2) 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 (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Selection Board for other Principal Officers.

- (1) There shall be for the college, a selection Board which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) the Rector;
 - (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board; and
 - (d) two members of the Academic Board.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Pensions.

- (1) It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004 and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall in respect of their service in the College be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, so however that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.
- (2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (other than the power to make regulations) shall be exercisable by the College and not by any other person or authority (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**Clause 18: Establishment of Fund of the College.**

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under subsection (1) of this section —
 - (a) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the President.
 - (b) all moneys raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts, grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition; and
 - (c) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.
- (3) The Council shall submit to the President not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Power to accept Gifts.

The Council may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions if any, as may be specified by the person making the gift (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Accounts and Audit.

The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Annual Reports.

The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the President a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditors report on the accounts (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Offices and Premises.

- (1) For the purposes of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may —
 - (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and
 - (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

- (2) The Council may with the approval of the President sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its function (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Zaria/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Discipline of Students.

- (1) The Council may make rules providing for the Rector to conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances.
- (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this section.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, where it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the College has been guilty of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made thereunder direct —
- (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of such facilities of the College, as he may specify; or
- (b) that the activities of the student shall during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
- (c) that the student may be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
- (d) that the student be expelled from the College.
- (4) Where there is temporarily no Rector or where the Rector refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (3) of this section to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.
- (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within twenty-one days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit.
- (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection (5) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (7) The Rector may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate.

- (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under subsection (3) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this section.
- (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be final unless reversed by the President on appeal by the student (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 24: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council; (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means the Federal College of Agriculture Otun - Ekiti established by section 1 of this Bill and "Colleges" shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the College established by section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"Congregation" means academic and non-academic staff of the college with first degree either B.A or B.Sc. (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"functions" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"member" means a member of the Council including the Chairman (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"Rector" means the Rector of the College appointed under section 9 of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"The person responsible for Agriculture" means the person appointed by the President to oversee the Agricultural sector in Nigeria (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "The person responsible for Agriculture" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

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

Clause 25: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Agriculture, Otun -Ekiti, Ekiti State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2022 (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

[Section 2 (2)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

Terms of Service

1. There may be paid to the members of the council or any committee, other than *ex-officio* members, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the President.
2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in section 3 (1) (d), it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and such successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.
3. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

Proceedings

4. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once every four months.

- (2) The Chairman may at any time at the request in writing of not less than 6 members, convene a meeting of the Council.
- (3) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall preside; but in his absence, members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.
- (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council.
- (5) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members of the Council at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the President.
- (6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.

Miscellaneous

5. (1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Rector and of some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.
- (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.
- (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Otun - Ekiti, Ekiti State as Institute to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of National Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas, etc. (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Otun - Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB.649) (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun-Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB.649) and approved Clauses 1 - 25, 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.

(iv) **Committee on Commerce:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Institute of Economists of Nigeria empowered with Responsibility to Determine and Regulate the Standards of Knowledge, Skills and Qualification of Persons seeking to become Professional Economists in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1148)" (Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTE OF ECONOMISTS OF NIGERIA EMPOWERED WITH RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE AND REGULATE THE STANDARDS OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND QUALIFICATION OF PERSONS SEEKING TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL ECONOMISTS IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1148)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE OF ECONOMISTS OF NIGERIA (CHARTERED)

Clause 1: **Establishment of the Institute of Economists of Nigeria (Chartered) (in this Bill referred to as the "Institute").**

- (1) There is established the Institute of Economists of Nigeria (Chartered) (in this Bill referred to as the "Institute").
- (2) The Institute shall —
 - (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal (to be kept in such custody as the Council may Direct);
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) may, subject to the Land Use Act, acquire, hold and dispose of any property; movable or immovable.
- (3) The Institute shall have the general duty of —

- (a) determining the skill and knowledge to be attained by any person seeking to become Professional Economists and raising those standards from time to time as determined by circumstances;
 - (b) securing in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of a Register of members of the "Institute" and publication from time to time of persons contained therein;
 - (c) organising and conducting professional examinations for intending Professional Economist Practitioners in Nigeria;
 - (d) maintaining and upholding the ethics of professional Economists practice from time to time;
 - (e) regulating professional Economist's practice in Nigeria;
 - (f) collaborating with other reputable examination bodies and or educational institutions;
 - (g) bringing together all Professional Economist Practitioners in Nigeria.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, members admitted into the "Institute" shall be enrolled in the following membership categories:
- (a) Fellow — FIEN;
 - (b) Executive — EIEN;
 - (c) Full — FUIEN;
 - (d) Associate — AIEN;
 - (e) Corporate — CIEN;
 - (f) Graduate — GIEN;
 - (g) Honorary Fellow Membership Award — HFIEN;
 - (h) Affiliate membership;
 - (i) Student.
- (5) A person accorded any of the above status by the Institute under this Bill, shall be entitled to the use of the appropriate designatory letters as approved by the Council from time to time.
- (6) Persons registered under this Bill shall be enrolled as a -
- (a) Fellow (FIEN) if:

- (i) is a founding member of the Institute with sound academic and relevant professional qualification and experiences;
 - (ii) is an Economist (academician or non-academician) whose advisory roles on economic matters had contributed tremendously to the Nation's economic growth and development;
 - (iii) they are individuals in relevant and related disciplines who have offered development services of special nature to the Nation or who have noticeably worked relentlessly and dynamically to enhance the professional image of the Institute directly or indirectly;
 - (iv) they are holders of the Full membership of the Institute with not less than ten (10) years practical experience.
- (b) Executive (EIEN) if:
- (i) it shall be special awards to top government functionaries and captains of industries; both nationally and internationally;
 - (ii) is an economics discipline graduate with a minimum of ten (10) years post qualification practical experiences in relevant fields;
 - (iii) is a Professor or doctorate degrees holder in economics and other economics-based disciplines;
 - (iv) is an officer on a Directorship level in the National Economic Commission, the Ministry of Finance and other Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government at both the States and Federal levels;
 - (v) is a holder of the Institute's Associate membership with at least four (4) years practical experience subsequent to his/her Associate membership enlistment.
- (c) FULL (FIEN) if:
- (i) is a graduate of Economics with minimum of ten (10) years post qualification practical experiences in relevant areas;
 - (ii) is a Professor or PhD holder in Economics and economics-based discipline;
 - (iii) is an officer on a Directorship level in the National Economic Commission and Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning;
 - (iv) is a holder of the Institute's Associate Membership with at least four (4) years Practical experience subsequent to his/her Associate Membership enlistment;

- (v) possesses other relevant qualifications acceptable and considered suitable and relevant by the Council.
- (d) Associate (AIEN) if:
is a candidate who after being exempted from some papers of the Institute's professional examination, have satisfactorily passed all required and or mandated examinations as approved by the Institute.
- (e) Corporate (CMIEN) if:
It is a corporate entity or institution in specialised relevant area which intend to be identified with the noble cause of the Institute with the sterling objective of creating a knowledge and ideas-oriented forum for the benefit of the Institute's members and employees of such institution.
- (f) Graduate Membership (GIEN) if:
 - (i) is a university graduate of economics or related disciplines;
 - (ii) is a holder of higher academic qualification (M.Sc., MBA, PhD) in other specialised fields but with bias in economic matters, such as members of other professional bodies such as ICAN, ANAN, ACPAN, CIBN, CIMA, ICCAN;
 - (iii) is an individual with cognate practical experience in economic matter or related discipline but whose education qualification is below a university degree but who may be considered solely at the discretion of the Council.
- (g) Honorary Fellow Membership Award (HFIEN) if:
 - (i) is an award to men and women who have distinguished themselves in services to the nation and to the growth and development of the Institute.
- (h) Affiliate Membership if:
 - (i) an institution or company interested in mutual beneficial cooperation/relationship with the Institute.
- (i) Student Membership, if:
 - (i) is anyone who possesses a West African School Certificate (WASC) with five credits including economics, mathematics and English language;
 - (ii) possesses the National Examination Council Certificate (NECO) as in Section 1 (6) (g) (i) above;
 - (iii) possesses the Ordinary Diploma of Nigeria or Overseas accredited Polytechnic in any field;
 - (iv) possesses the Higher National Diploma from an accredited Polytechnic as in Section 1 (6) (g) (iii) above;

- (v) possesses a first, second or third Degree of Nigeria or Overseas accredited university;
- (vi) possesses National Certificate of Education (NCE);
- (vii) possesses any other professional certificate or diploma recognised by the Council (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT,
1ST AND 2ND VICE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 2: Election/Appointment of the President, 1st and 2nd Vice President and the National Executive Council of the Institute.

- (1) There is hereby established the National Executive Council of the Institute which shall be composed of ten (10) elective and five (5) non-elective members to be headed by the President; who shall report directly to the Governing Board.
- (2) There shall be a National President of the Institute who shall be a Professional Economist Practitioner, a Fellow of the Institute and shall be up to date in his/her financial obligations to the Institute and shall be Chairman of the Council.
- (3) There shall be the First (1st) Vice President of the Institute who shall be a Professional Economist Practitioner, a Fellow of the Institute and shall be up to date in his/her financial obligations to the Institute and shall be a member of the Council.
- (4) There shall be a Second (2nd) Vice President of the Institute who shall be a Professional Economist Practitioner, a Fellow of the Institute and shall be up to date in his/her financial obligations to the Institute and shall be a member of the Council.
- (5) The President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
- (6) The other seven (7) ex-officio members shall be elected/appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
- (7) The five (5) non elective members shall be composed of the following:
 - (a) The immediate past President of the Institute;
 - (b) The Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Institute whose position shall not be less than a Director;
 - (c) One representative each from the following:
 - (i) The Federal Ministry of Education,

- (ii) The Federal Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning,
 - (iii) The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).
- (8) The President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President shall hold office for a term of one (1) year in the first instance from the date of election and may be eligible for re-election for another second and third terms and no more.
 - (9) The President shall be the Chairman of the National Executive Council and shall direct the meetings and affairs of the Council in consultation with other Council members and the Governing Board of the Institute.
 - (10) In the absence of the President, the 1st Vice President or the 2nd Vice President as the case may be, shall stand in for him to perform the functions of his office.
 - (11) In the case of death or permanent incapacitation of the President or any of the Vice presidents, the Governing Board shall decide a fit and proper person for replacement for the remainder of their term (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 3: Establishment of the Governing Board of the Institute.

- (1) There is hereby established the Governing Board of the Institute to be herein known and referred to as the "Board" —
 - (a) the Board shall be composed of eleven (11) members, out of which not less than three (3) and not more than five (5) shall be permanent members and founders of the Institute;
 - (b) the Board shall appoint the Chairman from amongst themselves whose tenure of office shall be two (2) years, renewable for another two (2) years term only;
 - (c) the tenure of office for non-permanent members of the Board shall be for a single term of two (2) years only;
 - (d) the Board shall have the power of general control, subject to the provisions of this Bill, over the Institute;
 - (e) the Board, may, at its discretion appoint as Patrons/Matrons to the Institute, men and women of integrity and clout in the society whose roles shall be advisory, conflict resolution and resource mobilisation for the Institute (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Establishment of the Board of Fellows and the Appointment of Patrons/Matrons.

- (1) There is hereby established a Board of Fellows for the Institute which shall consist of all Fellows of the Institute —
 - (a) the body of Fellows shall act as the "Parliament" of the Institute and also as an advisory body to the Council;
 - (b) the body of Fellows shall be the Organ to recommend to the Governing Board those to be conferred with the Fellowship of the Institute.
- (2) The body of Fellows shall recommend to the Governing Board, deserving members of the public who have distinguished themselves in the various calling to be appointment and inducted as Patrons or Matrons of the Institute —
 - (a) the functions of the body of Patrons and Matrons shall be advisory to the Board and Council of the Institute (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

**PART IV — APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTRAR
AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE**

Clause 5: Appointment and Duties of the Registrar, other Officers and the Preparation of the Register.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registrar for the purpose of this Bill, and such other persons as the "Institute" may, from time to time, deem necessary to appoint.
- (2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Council and the Chief Executive of the "Institute".
- (3) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rules made by the Council, a Register of the names, addresses, approved qualifications and other relevant particulars, as may be specified in the rules, of the persons who are entitled to be enrolled as Fellows, Executive, Full, Associates, Corporate, Graduate, Honorary Fellow Membership Award, Affiliate Membership and Students or registered as Professional Economist Practitioners who apply to be so registered in accordance with this Bill;
- (4) The Register shall consist of seven parts of which —
 - (a) the first part shall be in respect of Fellows;
 - (b) the second part shall be in respect of Executives;
 - (c) the third part shall be in respect of Full;
 - (d) the fourth part shall be in respect of Associates;
 - (e) the fifth part shall be in respect of Corporate;

- (f) the sixth part shall be in respect of Graduates;
 - (g) the sixth part shall be in respect of Honorary Fellow Membership Award;
 - (h) the sixth part shall be in respect of Fellow Membership Award; and
 - (i) the seventh part shall be in respect of Students.
- (5) Subject to the following provisions of this Section, the Council may make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the Register and the making of the entries therein, and in particular:
- (a) regulate the making of applications for enrolment, registration as the case may be, and providing for the particulars to be produced in support of applications;
 - (b) provide for notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom any registered particulars relate, of any change in those particulars;
 - (c) authorize an enrolled or registered person to have any qualification which is, in relation to the relevant division of the profession, either an approved qualification or any accepted qualification for the purposes of this Bill, registered in relation to his name in addition to or as he may elect in substitution for any other qualifications so registered;
 - (d) specify the fees, including any annual subscription to be paid to the "Institute" in respect of the entry of names on the Register;
 - (e) authorize the Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the Register until any fee specified for the entry has been fully paid; and
 - (f) specify anything failing to be specified under the foregoing provision of this Section.
- (6) Rules made for the purposes of paragraph (e) of subsection 5 shall not come into force until confirmed at a special meeting of the Council or at the next Annual General Meeting of the Institute, as the case may be.
- (7) The Registrar shall:
- (a) correct in accordance with the Council's directions, any entry in the Register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the Council's opinion an entry which was incorrectly made;
 - (b) make, from time to time, any necessary alteration in the particulars of the registered persons;
 - (c) record the names of members of the "Institute" who are in default for more than one year in the payment of the Annual Subscriptions and to take such action in relation thereto (including removal of the

names of such persons from the Register) as the Council under this Bill may direct or require;

- (8) If the Registrar —
- (a) sends by post to any registered person a registered letter addressed to that person at his address on the Register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within a period of three months from the date of posting or a period to be determined by Council having regards to the circumstances; and
 - (b) upon the expiration of the period sends in the like manner to the person in question a second similar letter and receives no reply to that letter within one month from the date of posting or a period to be determined by Council having regards to the circumstances.
- (9) The Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person from the Register and the Council may direct the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the Register any particulars removed there from under this subsection (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Publication of the Register and List of Evidential Value.

- (1) The Registrar shall —
- (a) cause the Register to be printed, published, and put on sale to members of the public not later than twelve months from the commencement of this Bill;
 - (b) in each year after that in which the Register is first published under paragraph (a) above, to cause to be printed, published and put on sale aforesaid, either a corrected edition of the Register or list of alterations made to the Register since it was last printed; and
 - (c) cause a print of each edition of the Register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the "Institute", and the Council shall keep the Register and lists so deposited and make same available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the Public.
- (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the Register published under this Section by authority of the Registrar or document purporting to be prints of an edition of the Register so published and of a list of corrections to the last edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the document, or the documents read together, as being registered, was so registered at the date or the edition or the last corrections, as the case may be and that any person not so specified was not so registered.
- (3) Where in accordance with subsection (2) of this Section a person is, in any proceeding, shown to have been, or not to have been registered at a

particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be, or not to be so registered (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Registration of Training and Development Practitioners.

- (1) (1) Subject to Section 1 (6) of this Bill and Rules made thereto, a person shall be entitled to be enrolled or registered as a member of the "Institute" if he:
 - (a) possesses the relevant qualifications as may be approved from time to time, by the Council and is successful in all the prescribed examination or;
 - (b) qualifies for enrolment as a member in any of the categories specified in this Bill.
 - (c) holds a qualification granted outside Nigeria for the time being accepted by the "Institute" and satisfy the Council that he has had sufficient practical experience as a Professional Economist Practitioner.
- (2) An applicant for registration shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that he:
 - (a) is of a good character and high integrity;
 - (b) has consistently been in Practice as a Professional Economist Practitioner for a minimum of 2 years; and
 - (c) has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or gross misconduct.
- (3) The Council may from time to time, publish particulars of qualifications criteria for the time being accepted by it for registration.
- (4) The Council may in its discretion reject a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this Section or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.
- (5) Any entry directed to be made in the Register under subsection (4) of this Section shall show that registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the consent of the Council in writing in that behalf.
- (6) A member who passed the Institute's Final Examination or has attained Associate Grade of the Institute shall with effect from the date of coming into force of the "Institute of Economists of Nigeria" Bill; and in line with his/her relevant special career path continue to progress to Grade Level 17 or 15 as may be applicable to him/her or peculiar by the circumstances of the existing Conditions of Service in the services of the Federal or State

Governments' MDAs as appropriate (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Approval of Qualification, etc.

- (1) The Council may approve any institution(s) for the purposes of this Bill and may for those purposes, approve:
 - (a) any course of training at an approved institution which is intended for persons who, are seeking to become or are already members of the "Institute" and which the Council considers is designed to confer on persons completing it, sufficient knowledge and skill for admission to the "Institute";
 - (b) any qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this Section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination; indicating, in the opinion of the Council that the candidate has sufficient knowledge and skill to practice as a Professional Economist Practitioner.
- (2) The Council may, if it deems it fit, withdraw any approval given under this Section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing such an approval, the Council shall:
 - (a) give notice that it proposes to withdraw such approval to each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be;
 - (b) afford such person an opportunity of making to the Council representations with regards to the proposal; and
 - (c) take into consideration any representation made as respect of the proposal pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section.
- (3) With regards to any period during which the approval 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 approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the approval, was registered or eligible for registration (either unconditionally or subject to his obtaining a certificate or experience) immediately before approval was withdrawn.
- (4) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this Section shall have effect from such date of the execution of the instrument and the Council shall:
 - (a) publish, as soon as possible, 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 Education (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Supervision, Instruction and Examination Leading to Approval.

- (1) The members of the Council shall keep themselves informed of the nature of:
- (a) the instruction given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training; and
 - (b) the examinations as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and for the purposes of performing that duty, the Council may appoint a Committee, either from among its own members or otherwise, to visit approved institutions or to attend such examinations.
- (2) The Committee appointed under subsection (1) of this Section shall report to the Council on;
- (a) the adequacy of the instruction given to persons attending approved courses of training at institutions visited by it;
 - (b) the adequacy of the examinations attended by it; and
 - (c) any matters relating to the institutions or examinations which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request it to report:
- Provided always that no member of the Committee shall interfere with the giving of any instruction or holding of any examination.
- (3) On receipt of a report made in pursuance of this Section, the Council may, if it deems fit, and shall, if so, required by the "Institute", send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examinations to which the report relates, requesting that person to make observations on the report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not less than one month from the date of the request (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Establishment of the INEN Professional School of Economics.

- (1) There is established an affiliate College of the Institute to be known as INEN Professional School of Economics.
- (2) The School is charged with responsibility of training students and members of the Institute and awarding qualifying certificates into the relevant membership categories of the Institute (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 11: Management of the Institute's Fund.

- (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a Fund, the management and control of which shall be in the hands of the Council and into which shall be paid:
 - (a) all monies received by the Council in pursuance of this Bill, including fees, levies, grants, investitures, donations and honorariums;
 - (b) such monies as may be provided by donors, benefactors or other external sources.
- (2) There shall be paid out of the Fund of the "Institute":
 - (a) all reasonable expenditures incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Bill; and
 - (b) the remuneration, allowances of the Registrar and other staffs of the "Institute".
- (3) The Council may invest its fund in any security such as treasury Bills, shares or any other security in Nigeria approved by it;
- (4) The Council may, from time to time, borrow money for the purposes of the "Institute" and any interest payable on such money/monies so borrowed shall be paid out of the Fund.
- (5) The Council shall keep proper accounts on behalf of the "Institute" in respect of each financial year, and shall cause the account to be audited by a qualified and /or licensed Auditor appointed by it.
- (6) The Auditor appointed for the purpose of this Section shall not be a member of the Council (*Hon. Oluḡfemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Clause 12: Establishment of the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Investigating Panel.

- (1) There shall be a body to be known as the "Institute of Economists of Nigeria" Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as the "Tribunal") charged with the responsibility of considering and determining all cases referred to it by the Investigating Panel established under subsection (3) of this Section.
- (2) The "Tribunal" shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and six other members of the "Institute" appointed by the Council.

- (3) There shall be a body, to be known as the Institute Investigating Panel (in this Bill referred to as the "Panel") charged with the duty of:
- (a) conducting preliminary investigation into any matter or complaint where it is alleged that a member has misbehaved or compromised the ethics of the profession in his capacity as a member of the "Institute";
 - (b) or should, for any reason, be the subject of proceedings before the "Tribunal"; and
 - (c) deciding whether the matter or complaint shall be referred to the "Tribunal".
- (4) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of two members of the Council and five duly registered members of the "Institute" who are not members of the Council.
- (5) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as applicable to the "Tribunal" and the Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies.
- (6) The Council may make rules not inconsistent with this Bill as to acts which constitute professional misconduct (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Penalties for Professional Misconduct.

- (1) Where —
- (a) a member is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or
 - (b) a member is convicted, by any Court of competent jurisdiction in Nigeria or elsewhere for an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a member of the "Institute" or;
 - (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered;
 - (d) the Tribunal may, if it deems fit, give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the Register;
- (2) The Tribunal may, if it deems fit, defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this Section until its subsequent meeting but:
- (a) a decision shall not be deferred under this subsection for periods exceeding two years in the aggregates; and

- (b) no person shall be a member of the "Tribunal" for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred, unless he was present as a member of the "Tribunal" when the decision was deferred.
- (3) For the purposes of Subsection (1) (b) of this Section, a person shall not be treated as convicted pending the final determination of an appeal if any against the conviction;
- (4) When the "Tribunal" gives a direction under subsection (1) of this Section, it shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person affected.
- (5) The person affected may, at any time within 90 days of service on him of notice of direction appeal to the "Tribunal" which may review its decision;
- (6) A person whose name is removed from the Register on the direction of the "Tribunal" under subsection (1) (c) of this Section shall not be entitled to be registered again, except in pursuance to a direction in that behalf given by the "Tribunal" on the application of that person to the Council; and, a direction under this Section for the removal of a person's name from the Register may prohibit an application under this Section by that person until the expiration of such period when the date of the direction (and where he has duly made such an application, on the date of his last application) as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 14: Application of Acts to Enrol.

- (1) The Council may make rules for;
- (a) the training of suitable persons as Professional Economist Practitioner;
 - (b) the supervision and regulation of the engagement, of such person; and
 - (c) the registration and licensing of persons to practice and/or be employed as Professional Economist Practitioner;
 - (d) fees to be paid by members of the "Institute"
 - (e) restrictions on the right to practice when all prescribed conditions have not been met.
- (2) The Council may also make rules prescribing the amount and due dates for payment of the Annual subscription and for such purposes, different amounts may be prescribed by the rules according to membership grades of Fellows, Executive, Full, Associates, Corporate, Graduates, Honorary Fellow Membership Award, Affiliate Membership and Students.

- (3) Rules when made shall, if the Chairman of the Council so directs, be published and circulated to members.
- (4) The Council shall be free to confer Honorary Membership or Merit Award of the "Institute" on persons or bodies considered worthy of such honour on terms and conditions prescribed by it (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Provision for Library

- (1) The "Institute" shall:
 - (a) provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications for the advancement of the knowledge in Professional Economist's training, office Information Technology and Management, and such other books and publications as it may deem necessary for the purpose; and
 - (b) encourage research into Professional Economist practice and allied matters to the extent that the Council may from time to time consider necessary (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

REGULATIONS, RULES AND OFFENCES

Clause 16: Regulations

- (1) Any regulation:
 - (a) made for the purposes of this Bill shall be published in the Gazette as soon as may be possible after it has been made;
- (2) Rules made for the purposes of this Bill shall be:
 - (a) subject to confirmation by the Council at any meeting of the "Institute" summoned for that purpose and;
 - (b) if annulled, shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment but;
 - (c) without prejudice to anything already done in pursuance of any such rule.

Rules and Offences.

- (3) Upon the Commencement of this Bill:
 - (a) any person who for the purpose of procuring his registration as a member of the "Institute" knowingly or recklessly makes any statement; tender any document which he knows or ought to reasonably know to be false commits an offence and shall not be eligible for registration and if registered shall be delisted;

- (b) any person who, not been a member of the "Institute" holds himself/herself out as a member and practices as a registered member of "Institute" in expectation of reward or financial consideration commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to punishment under the relevant laws of impersonation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- (c) any person, being a member who holds himself/herself out by taking any name, title, addition or description implying that he/she is a member of the "Institute", other than the grade upon which he/she is enrolled or registered under this Bill, commits an offence and shall be liable to face the tribunal who shall, upon conviction, impose the appropriate penalty thereof;
- (4) Any wilful falsification of entries in the Register of membership by the Registrar or any other person acting for or on behalf of the "Institute" constitute an offence and such offender shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine in the minimum of ₦50,000.00 and not exceeding ₦250,000.00 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or to both such fine and imprisonment;
- (5) Where the offences under subsections (1) (a), (b) and (c) of this Section is proved to have been committed by a body Corporate, and attributable to the connivance or neglect of the Officers of such body Corporate such as Directors, Managers, Secretary or other Officers purporting to act in such capacity, shall be deemed guilty of that offence and shall be proceeded against and punished accordingly (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Interpretation

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Professional Economist" means a person or Associate members of the Institute (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Governing Board of Trustees" means the Governing Board of Trustees established as the governing Body of the Institute under Section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Court" means any State High Court or Federal High Court (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Enrolled" in relation to a fellow; full membership; corporate membership or an Associate member, means registered in the part of register relating to a fellow, full membership, corporate membership, or Associate members as the case may be (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Fees" include annual subscription, development levy and membership fee (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means The Nigerian Institute of Economists established under Section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member" means a registered member of the Institute (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility of Ministries of Finance and Economic Planning, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and Ministry of Education (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Disciplinary Committee" means The Institute of Economist of Nigeria investigating panel established under Section 18 of this Bill (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" and Vice President means office holders under those names in the Institute (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Register" means the register maintained in pursuance of Section II of this Bill (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

"Full Member" means a member of the Institute between a fellow and Associate member (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 18: Citation

This Bill may be cited as the Institute of Economists of Nigeria Bill, 2022 (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Proceedings of Council

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may, in the name of the "Institute", make Standing Orders to regulate proceedings of the Council, and in the exercise of its powers under this Bill, may set up committees in the general interest of the "Institute" including making Standing Orders thereto.
- (2) Standing Orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members, and, in the event of equality of votes, the Chairman, shall have a second or casting vote.
- (3) Standing Orders made for a Committee shall provide that the Committee is to report back to the Council on any matter not within its competence to decide.
- (4) The quorum of the Council shall be twelve (12) and the quorum of a Committee of the Council shall be fixed by the Council.

Meetings

(a) of the "Institute"

2. (1) The Council shall convene the Annual General Meeting of the "Institute" on such day and month as it may determine. However, not more than thirteen months shall elapse between the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (2) A special meeting of the "Institute" may be convened by the Council at any time; if more than one hundred members require it by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar setting out the objects of the proposed meeting.
- (3) The Quorum of any meeting of the "Institute" shall be in the minimum of fifty (50) financial members.

(b) of the Council

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill; and any Standing Orders of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than seven (7) other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council within seven (7) days of the service of the notice.
- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the President or in his absence the 1st or 2nd Vice President as the case may be shall preside, but if both are absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of them to preside at that meeting.
- (3) Where the Council desires to obtain advice from any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt that person as a member for such period as the Council may deem fit but a person who is a member by virtue of this provision shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Chairman of the Council who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting.

Committee

4. (1) The Council may appoint one or more Committees to carry out on behalf of the "Institute" such functions as it may determine.
- (2) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.
- (3) A decision of a Committee is null and void if not confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

5. (1) The fixing of the seal of the "Institute" shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or another member of the Council authorized generally or specially to act for that purpose.
- (2) Any contract or instrument which, if by a person not being body corporate, would not be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the "Institute" or the Council as the case may require by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.
- (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the "Institute" shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (4) The validity of any proceeding of the "Institute" or the Council or of a Committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the "Institute" or the Council or a person serving on the Committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

- (5) Any member of the "Institute" or of the Council or any person holding office in a Committee of the Council who has a personal interest in any Contract, or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council on behalf of the "Institute", or on behalf of the Council, or a Committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Chairman of the Council, and shall not vote on any question relating to the said contract or arrangement.
- (6) A person shall not, by reason only of his membership of the "Institute", be required to disclose any interest relating solely to the audit of the account of the "Institute" (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE AND INVESTIGATING PANEL

The Tribunal

1. The quorum of the Tribunal shall be four of whom at least two shall be registered members.
2. (1) The Chief Justice of Nigeria shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Tribunal for the purposes of any proceedings and as to the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in the proceedings before the Tribunal.
- (2) The rules shall in particular provide:
 - (a) that notice of the proceedings shall be given, at such time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;
 - (b) for determining who, in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be a party to the proceedings;
 - (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he/she so requires, be entitled to be heard by the Tribunal;
 - (d) for enabling any party to the proceedings to be represented by a legal practitioner;
 - (e) subject to the provisions of this Bill, as to costs of the proceedings before the Tribunal;
 - (f) for requiring, in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Tribunal adjudges that the allegation had not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates; and
 - (g) for publishing in the Gazette of any direction of the Tribunal which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off from the Register.

- (3) for the purpose of any proceeding before the Tribunal, any member of the Tribunal may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the Registry of the High Court writs of *subpoena ad testificandum* and *duces tecum*; but no person appearing before the Tribunal shall be compelled to —
 - (a) make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or
 - (b) produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.
4. (1) For the purpose of advising the Tribunal on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall, in all such proceedings, be an Assessor to the Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a Legal Practitioner of not less than ten years standing.
- (2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of Assessors appointed under this paragraph, and in particular, such rules shall contain provisions for securing:
 - (a) that where an Assessor advises the Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matter specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appears there at or, if the advice is tendered while the Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed what advice the Assessor has tendered; and
 - (b) That every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the Tribunal does not accept the advice of the Assessor on such question as aforesaid.
- (3) An Assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceeding or class of proceedings and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

The Panel

5. The quorum of the Panel shall be three.
6. (1) The Panel may, at any of its meeting, make Standing Orders with respect to its activities.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of any such standing Order, the Panel may regulate its own procedure.

Miscellaneous

7. (1) A person ceasing to be a member of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be eligible for reappointment as a member of that body.
- (2) A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the Tribunal and the Panel; but no person who acted as a member of the Panel with respect to any case shall act as the member of the Tribunal with respect to that case.

8. The Tribunal or the Panel may act, notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership; and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body.
9. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Tribunal or the Panel shall be served on the Registrar appointed under Section (6) of this Bill.
10. Any expenses of the Disciplinary Committee or the Panel shall be defrayed by the Council (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Professional Institute of Economists of Nigeria (Chartered) Empowered with the Responsibility to Determine and Regulate the Standard of Knowledge, Skill and Qualification of Persons Seeking to Become Professional Economists in Nigeria (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Institute of Economists of Nigeria Empowered with Responsibility to Determine and Regulate the Standards of Knowledge, Skills and Qualification of Persons Seeking to Become Professional Economists in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1148) (*Hon. Olufemi Julius Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Institute of Economists of Nigeria empowered with Responsibility to Determine and Regulate the Standards of Knowledge, Skills and Qualification of Persons seeking to become Professional Economists in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1148) and approved Clauses 1 - 18, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petitions by Mr Jerome Atse:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr. Jerome Atse, a former Staff of the Niger Dock Company Plc, against the Management of the Company for wrongful termination of his appointment" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)
 (Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

“Urge the Managing Director of Niger Dock Company to reinstate Mr Jerome Atse to Service and commence payment of salaries from the day he resumes office” (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“Alternatively, pay off, all his salary arrears, entitlements and benefits from the date of the termination of his appointment” (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Jerome Atse, a former Staff of the Niger Dock Company Plc, against the Management of the Company for wrongful termination of his appointment and approved Recommendations (i) - (ii) of the Report.

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

(vi) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Ibrahim K. Bawa, SAN & Co. (Legal Practitioners) on behalf of Abubakar Mamman Abak:

Motion made and Question proposed. “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ibrahim K. Bawa, SAN & Co. (Legal Practitioners) on behalf of Abubakar Mamman Abaka (NPS 28901) against the Nigerian Correctional Services on the unlawful dismissal from the service” (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):
 “Urge the Contoller-General of Correctional Services to direct the Civil Defence, Fire, Immigration and Prisons Board to review the dismissal of the petitioner to ensure fair play” (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)
 "Also urge the Board (CDFIPB) to convert the petitioner's dismissal to compulsory retirement to enable him to access his retirement benefits to help him start life elsewhere." (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Debate.**Amendment Proposed:**

Immediately after the words "Board (CDFIPB), to" insert the words "on compassionate ground" (Hon. Laori Kwamott Bitrus — Demisa/Numan/Larmode Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ibrahim K. Bawa, SAN & Co. (Legal Practitioners) on behalf of Abubakar Mamman Abaka (NPS 28901) against the Nigerian Correctional Services on the unlawful dismissal from the service and approved Recommendation (i), approved Recommendation (ii) as amended.

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

(vii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petition by Ibrahim Mohammed Rabi:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ibrahim Mohammed Rabi against the Nigerian Air Force on the Non-implementation of the Resolution passed by the 8th Assembly Committee on Public Petitions on his wrongful dismissal from service" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Minister of Defence to request the Chief of Air Staff to convert Mr Ibrahim Mohammed Rabi's dismissal to compulsory retirement without any retirement benefits to enable him to apply for another job elsewhere. The 9th Assembly align itself with the resolution of the 8th Assembly" (Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ibrahim Mohammed Rabiú against the Nigerian Air Force on the Non-implementation of the Resolution passed by the 8th Assembly Committee on Public Petitions on his wrongful dismissal from service and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

24. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 23 November, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.48 p.m.

Idris Ahmed
Deputy Speaker