



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 28 March, 2023

1. The House met at 12.03 p.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 23 March, 2023.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

Bereavement:

Mr Speaker read the following communications from:

- (i) Hon. Kolawole Taiwo Musibau (*Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of a former Member, Hon. Olusegun Abraham Ogunbanjo (*Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*, 2003 - 2011);
- (ii) Hon. Tajudeen Adeyemi Adefisoye (*Idanre/Ifedore Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of a former Member, Hon. Baderinwa Samson Bamidele (*Idanre/Ifedore Federal Constituency*, 2015 - 2019).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

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

Demise of Lt Gen. Oladipo Diya (rtd) Former Chief of General Staff:

Hon. Kolapo Korede Osunsanya (*Ijebu Ode/Odegbolu/Ijebu North East Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Demise of Lt Gen. Oladipo Diya (rtd) Former Chief of General Staff:

The House:

Notes with total submission to God and grief, the passage of Lt General Donaldson Oladipo Oyeyinka Diya (rtd) GCON, LLB, BL, PSC, FSS, mni, who was born on Monday, 3 April, 1944 in Odogbolu, Ogun State, South-West Nigeria. He passed onto glory on Sunday, 26 March, 2023 at the age of 78 years;

Also notes that Lt Gen. Diya was a seasoned administrator, discipline and patriotic officer, nationalist and statesman who served the nation selflessly and diligently as Chief of General Staff, the *de facto* Vice President of Nigeria under Military Head of State, Late General Sani Abacha, from 1994 to 1997. He previously served as "Chief of Defence Staff and was Military Governor of Ogun State" from January 1984 to August 1985;

Further notes that he had his primary education at Yaba Methodist Primary School, Lagos and Odogbolu Grammar School. He joined the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna and was part of the active soldiers who fought during the Nigerian Civil War between July 6, 1967, and January 15, 1970. He later attended the US Army School of Infantry, the Command and Staff College, Jaji (1980-1981) and the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru. While serving in the military, Lt Gen. Diya studied law at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he obtained an LLB degree, and then at the Nigerian Law School, where he was called to bar as Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria;

Aware that General Diya was Commander, 31 Airborne Brigade, Military Governor of Ogun State from January 1984 to August 1985 and became General Officer Commanding 82 Division, Nigeria Army in 1985. He was also Commandant, National War College (1991-1993) and Chief of Defence Staff;

Cognizant that he played a significant and stabilising role during one of the most turbulent periods in the nation's history in the aftermath of June 12, 1993 presidential election and will be remembered for his patriotism and service to the nation, his demise is a great loss to his family, the people of Odogbolu, Ogun State, Nigeria and humanity in general. His uprightness, professionalism, patriotism and statesmanship will be greatly missed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to immortalize the deceased;
- (ii) send a delegation of the House to condole with the Diya Family, the government and people of Ogun State; and
- (iii) observe one minute silence in honour of Lt Gen. Oladipo Diya (*Hon. Kolapo Korede Osunsanya — Ijebu Ode/Odogbolu/Ijebu North-East Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with total submission to God and grief, the passage of Lt General Donaldson Oladipo Oyeyinka Diya (rtd) GCON, LLB, BL, PSC, FSS, mni, who was born on Monday, 3 April, 1944 in Odogbolu,

Ogun State, South-West Nigeria. He passed onto glory on Sunday, 26 March, 2023 at the age of 78 years;

Also noted that Lt Gen. Diya was a seasoned administrator, discipline and patriotic officer, nationalist and statesman who served the nation selflessly and diligently as Chief of General Staff, the *de facto* Vice President of Nigeria under Military Head of State, Late General Sani Abacha, from 1994 to 1997. He previously served as "Chief of Defence Staff and was Military Governor of Ogun State" from January 1984 to August 1985;

Further noted that he had his primary education at Yaba Methodist Primary School, Lagos and Odogbolu Grammar School. He joined the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna and was part of the active soldiers who fought during the Nigerian Civil War between July 6, 1967, and January 15, 1970. He later attended the US Army School of Infantry, the Command and Staff College, Jaji (1980-1981) and the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru. While serving in the military. Lt Gen. Diya studied law at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he obtained an LLB degree, and then at the Nigerian Law School, where he was called to bar as Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria;

Aware that General Diya was Commander, 31 Airborne Brigade, Military Governor of Ogun State from January 1984 to August 1985 and became General Officer Commanding 82 Division, Nigeria Army in 1985. He was also Commandant, National War College (1991-1993) and Chief of Defence Staff;

Cognizant that he played a significant and stabilising role during one of the most turbulent periods in the nation's history in the aftermath of June 12, 1993 presidential election and will be remembered for his patriotism and service to the nation, his demise is a great loss to his family, the people of Odogbolu, Ogun State, Nigeria and humanity in general. His uprightness, professionalism, patriotism and statesmanship will be greatly missed;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to immortalize the deceased;
- (ii) send a delegation of the House to condole with the Diya Family, the government and people of Ogun State; and
- (iii) observe one minute silence in honour of Lt Gen. Oladipo Diya (HR. 19/03/2023).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

Condolence Visit to Late General Diya's Family (HR. 19/03/2023):

Mr Speaker announced members of the Delegation as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Peter Akpatason | — | Leader |
| (2) | Hon. Babajide Benson | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Chinedu Emeka | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Sergious Ogun Oseasochie | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Ali Abdullahi Halims | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman | — | Member |
| (7) | Hon. Zakariya Tijani Zannah | — | Member |

6. A Bill for an Act to create the Framework for the Regulation of Franchising and to guide the Relationship between Franchisors and Franchisees in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.2185) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to create the Framework for the Regulation of Franchising and to guide the Relationship between Franchisors and Franchisees in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.2185) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Peter Akpatason —

Deputy House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provisions for the Appointment of the Chairman and Secretary from different Regions of the Country to reflect the Principles of Federal Character; and for Related Matters (H.B. 1563) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provisions for the Appointment of the Chairman and Secretary from different Regions of the Country to reflect the Principles of Federal Character; and for Related Matters (HB. 1563) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam 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 Federal Character.

8. **Discharge of Committees on Referrals on Bills, Pursuant to Order Eighteen, Rule 3(1)(g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the following Bills were separately read a Second time and referred to various Committees of the House for legislative actions, namely:

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Title of Bill</i>	<i>Committee</i>
1.	Federal College of Education (Technical) Gwaram (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1695).	Tertiary Education and Services
2.	Federal Polytechnic, Orozo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB.698)	Tertiary Education and Services
3.	Bank Employees Etc. (Declaration of Assets) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1303)	Financial Crimes
4.	Nigeria Police Intelligence Institute, Share (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1706)	Police Affairs
5.	Federal College of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Share, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1633)	Agricultural College and Institutions
6.	Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Urban Development and Planning Commission	

(Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB.707)

Federal Capital Territory

7. Abuja Environmental Protection Board (Establishment)
Bill, 2021 (HB. 1768)

Federal Capital Territory;

Aware that the Committees are yet to present Reports on the Bills, contrary to the provisions of Order Eighteen, Rule 3 (1) (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, to wit:

"Any matter referred to any Committee shall be treated within 30 days, otherwise the Committee shall stand discharged after 60 days and the matter committed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration";

Resolves to:

Discharge the Committees of the Bills and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

9. **Rescission of the 2016-2018 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the 2016–2018 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan was approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives on 5 March, 2020 and 2 June, 2020 respectively;

Recalls that the National Assembly approved the sum of \$22,798,446,773 (twenty-two billion, seven hundred and ninety-eight million, four hundred and forty-six thousand, seven hundred and seventy-three United States Dollars) only, under the 2016–2018 Medium Term External Borrowing (Rolling) plan;

Aware of the Communications from the Federal Ministry of Finance requesting approval of modifications to the financing proposal for the Nigerian Railway Modernization Project (Kaduna – Kano segment) occasioned by the COVID–19 Pandemic whereof China Exim Bank withdrew its support to finance the project;

Also aware that to secure funds for the project, the Contractor (CCECC Nigeria Limited) in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Transportation engaged China Development Bank (CDB) as the new financier in the sum of \$973,474,971.38 (nine hundred and seventy-three million, four hundred and seventy-four thousand, nine hundred and seventy-one hundred and thirty-eight cents, United States Dollars) only.

Resolves to:

- (i) rescind its decision on the financier and harmonized terms and approve the change of Financier from China Exim Bank to China Development Bank;
- (ii) also approve relevant conditions provided in the harmonized term sheet listed below:

Segment	—	Kaduna–Zaria–Kano
Financier	—	China Development Bank
Type of Loan	—	Commercial Loan
Maturity	—	15 years

Currency	—	Euro
Interest Rate	—	2.7% + 6 months Euribor
Commitment Fee	—	0.4%
Upfront Fee	—	0.5% Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

10. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Okigwe; and for Related Matters (H.B. 1603) (Committee of the Whole):*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Okigwe; and for Related Matters (HB. 1603)" (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL TO AMEND THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRES
 ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, OKIGWE,
 IMO STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1603)

Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023.

The Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023 (hereinafter called "the Principal Act" is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of the Second Schedule.

The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new item "3" —

"Federal Medical Centre, Okigwe, Imo State" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Okigwe Imo State (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Okigwe, Imo State and for Related Matters (HB.1603) (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Okigwe; and for Related Matters (HB. 1603) and approved Clauses 1- 3, the Explanatory Memorandum and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Library Act, Cap. N56; Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Enact the National Library Bill to Establish and Maintain the National Library of Nigeria, Strengthen its Statutory Functions and for Related Matters (H.B. 2109)" (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NATIONAL LIBRARY ACT, CAP. N56, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, AND ENACT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY ACT, TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NIGERIA, STRENGTHEN ITS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the National Library.

- (1) There is established a National Library of Nigeria, known as the National Library.
- (2) The National Library —
 - (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) may acquire, hold and dispose of property moveable and immoveable to carry out its functions under this Bill.
- (3) The headquarters of the National Library shall be situated in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory.
- (4) The National Library shall have branches in each State capital of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Objectives of the Bill.

The objectives of the Bill are:

- (i) to replace the outdated Act of 1970;
- (ii) to strengthen the legal deposit drive in conformity with International best practices;
- (iii) to embrace e-government policy, incorporate digital system and national repository;
- (iv) to confer research status on the National Library of Nigeria;
- (v) to reflect the title of CEO of National Librarian/CEO in line with International best practices (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Establishment and membership of the Governing Board of the National Library.

- (1) There is established for the National Library a Governing Board (the Board) which shall direct the affairs of the National Library.
- (2) The Board shall consist of —
 - (a) a Chairman;
 - (b) one representative of the Federal Ministry of Education;
 - (c) one representative of the Nigerian Association of University Librarians;
 - (d) one representative of the Nigerian Library Association;
 - (e) one representative of the Nigerian Authors and Publishers Association established in Nigeria;
 - (f) one representative of each geopolitical zone of Nigeria;
 - (g) one representative of the National Archives of Nigeria; and
 - (h) the National Librarian.
- (3) The Chairman and other members of the Board shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (4) Subject to section 3 (1) (a) of this Bill, a person appointed as a member of the Board, not being an *ex-officio* member, shall hold office for four years and no more.
- (5) The supplementary provisions contained in the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board, and other matters mentioned in it.

- (6) There shall be paid to every member of the Board such allowances and expenses as the Federal Government may, from time to time, direct (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Cessation of office.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 (4) of this Bill, a person shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board where —
- (a) his term of office expires;
 - (b) he resigns his office by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President through the Minister;
 - (c) he dies;
 - (d) he is incapable of carrying out his duties due to physical or mental illness;
 - (e) he is declared bankrupt;
 - (f) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty;
 - (g) he is found guilty of a gross misconduct relating to his duties;
 - (h) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualification, he is disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority; or
 - (i) in the case of an ex-officio member, he ceases to hold the office on the basis of which he is a member of the Board.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a member of the Board may be suspended or removed from office by the President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the National Library or the public that such member shall continue in office.
- (3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor representing the same interest to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 5: Functions and Powers of the Board.

The Board shall —

- (a) formulate policy and superintend over the policy, finance and property of the National Library including its public relations;
- (b) set out the National Library's economic, financial, operational and administrative policies, programmes and targets in line with the overall objective of setting up the organisation, and take into cognisance Government policy directives as provided by the Minister;

- (c) measure performance against targets, introduce broad policy measures and supervise management to ensure that the targets are achieved; and
- (d) approve procedures for the collection, preservation and use of the National Library collections (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 6: Functions of the National Library.

The National Library shall —

- (a) act as a national depository institution for books and any other literary output in Nigeria including digital publications;
- (b) digitise and upload collected legal deposit materials to its virtual library without compromising the copyright of authors and publishers;
- (c) act as the focal institution and advisory body to individual, corporate and Government institutions on library and information matters;
- (d) acquire, process, organize, disseminate as well as provide links to information resources to Nigerians and non-Nigerians, for their educational pursuit and for informed decision making;
- (e) assemble and maintain a collection of all books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, gazettes, laws, bye-laws, notices, orders and other government publications which are published in and about Nigeria;
- (f) assemble and maintain a collection of all musical recordings and films produced in and about Nigeria;
- (g) develop networks and linkages with other libraries in Nigeria and anywhere in the world;
- (h) prepare catalogues, indexes and similar research aids;
- (i) register and represent international standard publishing agencies in Nigeria, such as International Standard Book Number ("ISBN"), International Standard Serial Number ("ISSN"), International Standard Music Number ("ISMN") and any other international standard publishing agency;
- (j) prescribe the rules and procedures for granting applications and issuance of ISBN, ISSN, ISMN or as may be applicable;
- (k) allocate ISBN to publications that emanate from Nigeria, assign ISSN to new serial titles and ISMN to music publications;
- (l) make the facilities of the National Library available to members of the public and others on proper terms, which may include provision for —
 - (i) registration of persons admitted to use the library facilities, and
 - (ii) safe-guard of the property' of the National Library;

- (m) impose fees or administrative charges for services rendered to the public, subject to approval of the Board;
- (n) provide consultancy services to individuals, communities, corporate bodies, agencies and other government bodies as it relates to library matters;
- (o) develop and publish the National Bibliography of Nigeria and national bibliographical services, either in 9 national bibliographical centre or elsewhere;
- (p) engage in research on any subject of national interest relating to library affairs and publish its findings for public use;
- (q) provide and encourage staff to undertake capacity building and skill acquisition programmes to enhance their skills in the performance of their duties to the National Library;
- (r) engage in readership promotion campaign with a view to encourage reading culture and awareness among Nigerians;
- (s) provide leadership initiative in the area of resource sharing and library co-operation;
- (t) audit the sources of unrecorded information such as indigenous knowledge which are required for continued research into national heritage of Nigerian history and culture;
- (u) develop Information and Communication Technology (ICT) facilities to ensure that the services of the National Library are offered in real time, more widely and efficiently;
- (v) develop and provide virtual and other ICT related library services;
- (w) provide in accordance with this Bill such services provided by the national libraries of highest standing as the Board may deem;
- (x) establish a Centre for Advanced Library and Information Management (CALIM) and other capacity building centres that may be responsible for short and long term capacity building of librarians and other information personnel;
- (y) subject to extant laws, grant open access in print or electronic form to research publications sponsored by Government and international agencies;
- (z) be an educational research institution;
- (aa) act as the Bibliographic body of Nigeria;
- (bb) act as Registrar of all other libraries in Nigeria;
- (cc) index and keep the list of all public library in a data base in Nigeria and cause a certificate of registration to be issued; and
- (dd) facilitate collaboration and linkages with related organizations (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 7: Appointment of the National Librarian.

- (1) There is appointed for the National Library a National Librarian ("National Librarian"), by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) The National Librarian shall —
 - (a) be subject to the general direction and supervision of the Board;
 - (b) be a person who has capacity in the organisation of library and its services;
 - (c) be the Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer of the National Library;
 - (d) be a degree holder with not less than eighteen years cognate experience on matters which relates to library and information management;
 - (e) execute the policies of the Board and be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the National Library; and
 - (f) perform such other duties as the Board may, from time to time direct.
- (3) The National Librarian shall hold office for a term of four years and be eligible for another term of four years and no more (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Staff of the National Library.

The National Library may, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint such staff as it deems necessary and expedient, from time to time —

- (a) for the proper and efficient performance of its functions; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions, with remunerations, allowances and benefits as may be determined, from time to time, by the Board, in consultation with the National Salaries Incomes and Wages Commission (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: Service in the National Library.

- (1) Service in the National Library shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act, and accordingly, staff of the National Library shall be entitled to pensions and other retirement benefits as are prescribed under the Pension Reform Act.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on

conditions which preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of the office.

- (3) For the application ~~of the~~ provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any power exercisable by a Minister or other authority of the Government other than the power to make regulations under the Pension Reform Act is vested in and shall be exercised by the Board (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Deposit obligations.

- (1) Any author or publisher of a published work in Nigeria shall within one month after the publication, deposit with the National Library perfect copies in print and electronic form published work for permanent preservation and public use at their own expense.
- (2) Where the publication is by or on behalf of any department of the Federal Government, State Government or an individual, the number of copies to deposit shall be 37 for federal, 18 for states and 4 for individuals, which shall be delivered to the National Library for permanent preservation and public use at their own expense.
- (3) Publications in digital and print forms sponsored by Government and inter government agencies, deposited with the National Library shall be made available freely without copyright restrictions.
- (4) Collection of electronic publications by Nigerians for and about Nigeria domiciled in other databases and repositories shall be harvested for free and access given in perpetuity to the National Library.
- (5) Where an author or publisher fails to deposit the requisite number of copies of the published work at the National Library as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the National Library shall —
 - (a) seize the published work; and
 - (b) impose a fine of five times the cover price of the publication.
- (6) An author or publisher who fails to comply with the provision of sub-section (1) of this section, the author or publisher commits an offence and is liable upon conviction —
 - (a) in the case of an individual to a fine 10 times the cover price of the publication; or
 - (b) in the case of a body corporate, to a fine twenty times the cover price of the publication.
- (7) Without prejudice to sub-section (6) of this section, the court shall order the person in default to deliver to the National Library the mandatory number of copies of the publications.
- (8) Any person who refuses to grant free access for the collection of electronic publications commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a minimum fine of Five Hundred Thousand Naira.

- (9) A book, periodical or any other publication shall not be launched publicly anywhere in Nigeria unless the author or publisher has obtained a certificate of clearance of depositing the publication with the National Library.
- (10) Any person who fails to present the certificate of clearance, commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a minimum fine of Five Hundred Thousand Naira.
- (11) The President may by order in the Federal Gazette exclude any publisher or book from the operation of subsections (1) and (2) of this section (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 11: International standard publishing obligations.

- (1) A book, periodical or publication, including digital materials published in Nigeria which meets international standard publishing format shall be assigned an appropriate international standard number by the National Library.
- (2) Any author or publisher who fails to obtain international standard number for his publication, commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Naira.
- (3) Any author or publisher who obtains an international standard number from an unauthorized source, commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Naira.
- (4) Any staff or director of an organisation who issues unauthorised international standard number commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to imprisonment for a term of two years without an option of fine (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Fund of the National Library.

There is established a fund for the National Library ("the Fund") which shall consist of —

- (a) all subventions and budgetary allocations from the Federal Government;
- (b) foreign aid assistance from international, regional or sub-regional bodies, provided that such foreign aid assistance are not inconsistent with the objectives of the National Library;
- (c) all sums which accrue to the National Library by way of gifts, endowments or testamentary depositions; and
- (d) such other funds as may accrue to the National Library from its investments or from the disposal of its assets (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 13: Expenditure of the National Library.**

The National Library shall from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established in section 11 of this Bill to —

- (a) meet its administrative and operating costs;
- (b) pay salaries, wages, fees, allowances, retirement benefits including pensions and any other remuneration payable to the staff of the National Library;
- (c) publicise and promote the activities, of the National Library;
- (d) purchase or acquire property, or develop or maintain any property vested in or owned by the National Library; and
- (e) undertake any other expenditure in connection with its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 14: Accounts and audit.**

- (1) The National Library shall keep proper accounts and other records relating to the National Library and shall prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of accounts and present it to the Board.
- (2) The accounts of the National Library shall be audited by auditors appointed by the Board from the list of auditors and, in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 15: Annual report.**

The National Librarian shall prepare and submit to the Board not later than 30th May in each financial year, a report in such form as the Board may direct on the activities of the National Library during the last preceding financial year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the National Library for the last preceding financial year and of the auditors' report on the accounts (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 16: Power to accept gifts.**

The National Library may accept gifts on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the donor of the gift, provided that the terms and conditions are not contrary to the objectives and functions of the National Library (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 17: Power to make regulations.**

The National Librarian may make such regulations —

- (a) as in his opinion are necessary or expedient to give effect to the provisions of this Bill: and
- (b) to vary from time to time, the number of copies of publication to be deposited by an author or publisher (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 18: Legal proceedings, service of documents, etc.

- (1) A suit against the National Library of any member, officer or staff of the National Library in his capacity as such, shall not lie or be instituted unless it is commenced within the twelve months following the act, neglect or default complained of or, in the case of a continuance of damage or injury, within the twelve months following the cessation.
- (2) A suit shall not be commenced against the National Library or any member, officer or staff of the National Library in his capacity as such, unless at least one month written notice of intention to commence the suit is served on the National Library by or on behalf of the intending plaintiff, which states the —
 - (a) cause of action;
 - (b) particulars of the claim; and
 - (c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief claimed.
- (3) The notice referred to in subsection (2) of this section and any summons, notice or other documents required or authorized to be served on the Board or National Library may, except where there is express provision to the contrary, be served by —
 - (a) delivering it to the National Librarian; or
 - (b) sending it by registered post, addressed to the National Librarian, at the principal office of the National Library.
- (4) The National Library shall without prejudice to any other right of representation, be represented at any stage of the proceedings by any member, officer or staff of the National Library who is duly authorized in writing by the National Librarian in that behalf.
- (5) In any suit against the National Library, no execution, attachment or process shall be issued against the National Library, except any sum of money which may by the judgement of the court be awarded against the National Library and shall subject to any directions given by the court where notice of appeal has been given by the National Library in respect of the judgement, be paid by the National Librarian from the funds of the National Library.
- (6) In this section "suit" means any civil proceedings however commenced (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 19: Repeal and savings.**

- (1) The National Library Act, Cap. N56, 2004 is repealed.
- (2) From the commencement of this Bill, all assets, funds, resources and other movable or immovable property which immediately before the commencement of this Bill is vested on the National Library, is vested in the National Library established under the Act.
- (3) From the commencement of this Bill —
 - (a) the rights, interests, obligations and liabilities of the former Board existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under any contract or instrument, shall by virtue of this Bill be assigned and vest in the Board established in this Bill;
 - (b) anything made, done or having effect under the repealed Act and having any resulting or continuing effect shall be treated from the commencement of this Bill, as if it were made or done by the National Library established under this Bill; and
 - (c) any person who before the commencement of this Bill, is appointed or employed by the National Library established under the repealed Act shall continue in office and is deemed appointed or employed by the National Library established under this Bill.
- (4) All assets, rights, liabilities and obligations of the National Library under the repealed Act is, by virtue of this Bill, deemed to be that of the National Library established under this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 20: Interpretation.**

In this Bill —

"Act" means the National Library of Nigeria Act, 2023 (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"bibliographic services" means management and processing of publications by the National Library for ease of access (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Board" means the National Library Board, established under section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"competent authority" includes a court and professional bodies (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"National Librarian" means the Chief Executive Officer of the National Library (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"National Library" means the apex library of Nigeria established under section 1 of this Bill; and (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"State" means a State of the Federation (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 21: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Library of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 2 (5)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD

Proceedings of the Board

1. (1) Subject to this Bill and section 3 of the Interpretation Act the Board may make standing orders to regulate the proceedings of the Board or any of its committee.

- (2) The quorum of the Board shall be four and the quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.
- (3) The Board shall elect a member of the Board to be the deputy Chairman of the Board for such period as the Board may determine, however a Deputy Chairman who ceases to be a member shall cease to be Deputy Chairman.
- (4) Where the office of the Chairman is vacant or the Chairman is in the opinion of the Board, unable to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Chairman shall perform those functions, and the references in this Bill to the Chairman shall be construed accordingly.
- (5) The Board shall meet not more than four times in each calendar year.
- (6) Subject to paragraph 5 of this Schedule and standing orders of the Board, the Board shall meet where it is summoned for emergency meeting by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than seven other members, he shall summon an emergency meeting of the Board to be held within seven days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (7) At any meeting of the Board the Chairman, in his absence the Deputy Chairman, shall preside, but if both are absent, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their member to preside at the meeting.
- (8) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as a member for such period as it thinks fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this paragraph, shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (9) The Board shall appoint three Standing Committees which are the Finance and General Purpose, the Establishment and Planning Committee and the Development Committee to which the Board shall delegate its functions.
- (10) The Board shall appoint a Secretary to the Board, who shall —
 - (a) be an officer of the National Library but not a member of the Board; and
 - (b) perform such duties as the Board or the National Librarian may determine.
- (11) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by section 2 (3) of this Bill, the Board shall have powers to make staff regulations, to regulate the conditions of service of the staff of the National Library to provide for —
 - (a) the appointments, promotions, dismissals, disciplines, leave of absence, sabbatical and study leave of senior staff; and
 - (b) appeals by staff against dismissal or other disciplinary measures and until such regulations are made any instrument relating to conditions of service in the Public Service of the Federation shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be necessary, to the staff of the National, Library.

Miscellaneous

2. (1) The fixing of the seal of the National Library shall be authenticated by the signature of the National Librarian or any authorized officer.

- (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, is not required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the National Library by any person generally or specially authorized by the National Librarian to act for that purpose.
- (3) Any document which purports to be a document duly executed under the seal of the National Library shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of the Board or its committee shall not be affected by any —
 - (a) vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee;
 - (b) defect in the appointment of a member of the Board; or
 - (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 2 (2) (f)

The States in each zone referred to in section 2(2)(f) of this Bill are as follows:

Zone A — North East:

Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe

Zone B — North West:

Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara.

Zones C — North Central:

Benue, Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Kwara, Kogi, Niger, Nasarawa and Plateau.

Zone D — South West:

Ekiti, Ondo, Lagos, Ogun, Osun, Oyo

Zone E — South East:

Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu, Imo,

Zone F — South South:

Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross-River, Delta, Edo and Rivers (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to repeal and enact the National Library Act to strengthen the legal deposit and international standards of publishing for effective compliance and provide adequate sanctions on authors and publishers who default in complying with the deposit of publications (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Enact the National Library Act, to Establish and Maintain the National Library of Nigeria, Strengthen its Statutory Functions and for Related Matters (HB. 2109) (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Enact the National Library Bill to Establish and Maintain the National Library of Nigeria, Strengthen its Statutory Functions and for Related Matters (HB.2109) and approved Clauses 1- 21, 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.

(iii) Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

Motion made and Question proposed: "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 2016)" (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge 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 DAVID UMAHI
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, UBURU;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2016)

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment, Objects, Constitution and Functions of the University and its Constituent Bodies, etc.

(1) There is established a University to be known as the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu (in this Bill referred to as "the University").

(2) The University —

(a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and

(b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The objects of the University shall be to —

- (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the opportunity of acquiring a higher and liberal education;
- (b) provide courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit of learning in all its branches, especially medical sciences and to make those facilities available on proper terms to such persons as are equipped to benefit from them;
- (c) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in all fields of learning and human endeavour, especially in the fields of medical sciences;
- (d) relate its activities to the social, cultural and economic needs of the people of Nigeria; and
- (e) undertake any other activity appropriate for a university of the highest standard (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Composition and Principal Officers of the University.

- (1) The University shall consist of:
 - (a) a Chancellor;
 - (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;
 - (c) a Vice Chancellor and a Senate;
 - (d) a body to be called Congregation;
 - (e) a body to be called Convocation;
 - (f) the campuses and colleges of the University;
 - (g) the faculties, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;
 - (h) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection;
 - (i) all graduates and undergraduates; and
 - (j) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance with provisions made by Statute in that behalf.
- (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Principal Officers of the University there mentioned.
- (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution of the following bodies, namely: —

- (a) the Council;
- (b) the Senate;
- (c) the Congregation; and
- (d) the Convocation (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Functions of the Chancellor and pro chancellor.

- (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in Section 1 of this Bill, the University shall have power to:
 - (a) establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools, extramural departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission or any other body that may be established by law for that purpose;
 - (b) institute professorships, readerships and associate professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;
 - (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;
 - (d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of the University;
 - (e) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down;
 - (f) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;
 - (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purpose of instruction such fees as the University may from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of the appropriate authority;
 - (h) subject to section 20 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate;
 - (i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching thereto;
 - (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;

- (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary or suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;
 - (l) hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and book selling;
 - (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by Statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by law of endorsement, whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time being un-invested with any bank on deposit or current account;
 - (n) borrow, whether on interest or not, and if need be, upon the security of any or all of the property movable or immovable of the University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;
 - (o) make gifts for any charitable purpose;
 - (p) arrange for the general welfare of children of members of staff;
 - (q) do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by any other Statute to do; and
 - (r) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the Statutes made thereunder and without prejudice to Section 7 (2) of the Bill, the powers conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which may be authorized by Statute (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Functions of the Council and its finance and General purposes Committee.

- (1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present shall preside at all meetings of convocation held for conferring degrees.
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Convocation, and except for the Vice Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Congregation, and the Pro-Chancellor shall when he is present be the Chairman at all meetings of the Council (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 5: Functions of the Senate.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the Governing body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University, including its public relations.
- (2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
- (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- (4) The Council shall ensure proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation, and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council, and where any rule so made by the Committee conflict with any directions given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail.
- (7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Council.
- (8) The Council shall meet four times in every year and without prejudice to the foregoing section, the Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (9) If required in writing by any five members of the Council, the Chairman shall within twenty-eight days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council:

Provided that if after 28 days of the receipt or delivering to him of such request, the chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar shall within 14 days thereof, cause a meeting of the Council to be convened for that purpose. The request shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting
(Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 6: Functions of the Vice Chancellor.**

- (1) Subject to section 5 of this Bill and sub-sections (3) and (4) of this section

of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the University, admission to Postgraduate courses and other admission of students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the University.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section and subject as there mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the Senate to make provision for the —

(a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges, faculties, departments, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;

(b) organization and control of courses of study in the University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

(c) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed, in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;

(d) making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus;

(e) establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and similar institutions in the University;

(f) supervision of the welfare of students in the University and the regulation of their conduct;

(g) granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and

(h) determination of what description of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

(3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, faculty, department, school, institute or other teaching and research units of the University, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.

(4) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Bill or by Statute.

(5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study in the University is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course relates in some other university of high repute.

(6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate

under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred on him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 7: Transfer of property, functions, etc.

- (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and, subject to section 4 of this Bill except the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.
- (2) Subject to Sections 5 and 6 of this Bill and the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Vice-Chancellor shall have general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University, and shall to the exclusion of any other person or authority be the chief executive and academic officer of the University and *ex-officio* Chairman of the Senate (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Power of University to make Statutes.

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the provisional Council shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purposes of the University.
- (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the transfer of property by this section and to matters arising therefrom and with respect to other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: Statutes of the University.

- (1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make Statutes for any of the following purposes, that is to:
 - (a) make provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority of the University;
 - (b) specify and regulate the powers and duties of any authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the University or any of its authorities;
 - (c) regulate the admission of students where it is done by the University, and their discipline and welfare;
 - (d) determine whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any Statute, regulation or other instrument made thereunder; and

(e) make provision for any other matter for which provision by Statute is authorized or required by this Bill.

(2) Subject to section 23 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 27(1) of that Act.

(3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this section.

(4) The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent Statute (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Exercising Power to make Statute.

(1) The power of the University to make Statute shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section and not otherwise.

(2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has been approved of a meeting of —

(a) the Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting; and

(b) Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting.

(3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by either one of these bodies before the other.

(4) A Statute which —

(a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or

(b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor.

(5) For the purposes of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a Statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee's Recommendation:***Clause 11: Power of Visitor to decide meaning of Statute.**

A Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee's Recommendation:***Clause 12: Removal of Certain Member of council.**

(1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he deems fit.

(2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and student of the University, and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute has been decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a Statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution.

(3) The foregoing provisions of this section shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or a non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and accordingly the references in subsection (2) of this section to any question as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or a non-academic matter (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee's Recommendation:***Clause 13: Supervision and Discipline.**

(1) The President shall be the Visitor to the University.

(2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require, not being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

(3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University to

(a) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purpose of the visitation; and

(b) give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of this

Bill which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Removal and discipline of academic administrative and professional staff.

- (1) If it appears to the Council that a member (other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Federal Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council, after making such enquiries (if any) as may be considered necessary, approves the recommendation it may direct the removal of the member from office.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

- Clause 15:**
- (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic or administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall:
 - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representation in person on the matter to the Council; and
 - (c) take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the appointment.
 - (2) If he or any three members of the Council so request within the period of one month beginning with the date of receipt of the notice of the Council's decision aforesaid the Council shall make arrangements --
 - (i) for a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to review the matter and to report on it to the Council;
 - (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear before and be heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter; and
 - (iii) the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
 - (3) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of gross misconduct by a member of staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

- (4) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by Council, and for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means —
- (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; and
 - (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
- (5) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to —
- (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
 - (b) whether to reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension;
 - (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which case such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine; and
 - (e) where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning such person.
- (6) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) above to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of staff and workers of the University as may be appropriate (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Exclusion of discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.

- (1) If, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor it appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then Senate may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter direct the Vice-Chancellor to remove the examiner from the appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Registrar and, subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of section 6 (5) of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed in pursuance of section 6 (5).
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Registrar on signing an instrument of removal in pursuance to this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 17: (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appear to the Vice-Chancellor that any student is guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the —

- (a) student shall not during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facilities of the University, as may be so specified; or
- (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
- (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction.
- (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal from the direction to the Senate, and where such an appeal is brought, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Senate thinks fit.
- (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of the last foregoing subsection shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University for Conduct which in

the opinion of Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the University or to its corporate objectives or image.

- (6) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 18: Miscellaneous and General.

No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place of birth or of family origin or religious or political persuasion, as a condition for becoming or continuing to be a student in the University, the holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment or employment in the University, or a member of anybody established by virtue of this Bill and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University by reference to any of those matters:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the aforementioned persons where such persons willfully refuse or fail on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 19: For the purposes of the Land Use Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) the purposes of the University shall be public purposes of the Federation, and where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Federal Government in pursuance of this section, the Federal Government may, by a certificate under the hand and seal of the Chief Federal Lands Officer, or any other person authorized in that behalf transfer it to the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 20: Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the University by this Bill) except with the prior written consent, either general or special of the Visitor:

Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding twenty-one years of any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purposes (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 21: Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or by Regulations, the quorum and

procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

- Clause 22:**
- (1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorize a committee established by it —
 - (a) to exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine;
 - (b) to co-opt members; and
 - (c) may direct whether or not co-opted members (if any) shall be entitled to vote in that committee.
 - (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.
 - (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or by Regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in pursuance of this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.
 - (4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be construed as enabling —
 - (a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 10 of this Bill or; and
 - (b) the Senate to empower any other body to make Regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications.
 - (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the officer in question), and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 23: Seal of the University.

- (1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall in the case of certificates issued by the University be authenticated by the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar and in the case of any other document, by any member of Council, the Vice-Chancellor, and the Registrar or any other person authorized by Statute.

- (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorized to do so by the Council without seal.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of anybody established pursuant to this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
- (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.
- (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to Statutes or Regulations made in pursuance of this Bill; but the power conferred by this Bill to make Statute or Regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any Statute (including the Statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Bill) or any Regulation by a subsequent Statute or, as the case may be, by a subsequent Regulation, and Statutes and Regulations may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances.
- (7) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of sections 8, 19 and the Second Schedule to this Bill.
- (8) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 24: Interpretation.

- (1) In this Bill —

"appropriate authority" means any person, body or authority authorized by law to act in a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject matter (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"campus" means any campus which may be established by the University (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"college" means any college which may be established by the University (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"Council" means the Council established by this Bill for the University (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an honorary degree) has been conferred by the University (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behaviour that may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or Regulation made, pursuant to this Bill (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of the University and or discipline and the proper administration of the business of the University (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"notice" means notice in writing (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"officer" does not include the Visitor (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"prescribed" means prescribed by Statute or Regulation made under this Bill (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by Statute or by Regulations (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"the Provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the University by the Federal Republic of Nigeria with effect from September 1991 (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"Senate" means the Senate of the University established by this Bill (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"Statute" means a Statute made by the University under section 9 of this Bill and in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of this Bill; and (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"the Statutes" means all such Statutes as are in force from time to time (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"teacher" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency).

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

"Government" means the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"Undergraduate" means a person in *statu pupilarum* in the University, other than —

- (a) a graduate; and
- (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes of this definition (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

"University" means the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu as incorporated and constituted by this Bill (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

- (2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Bill it is laid down that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or recommendations received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 25 Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Chancellor

1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the President.

The Pro-Chancellor

2. (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office by the President.
(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his appointment.

The Vice-Chancellor

3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provision of the University (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1993 as amended.

Deputy Vice-Chancellors

4. (1) There shall be two Deputy Vice-Chancellors or such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.
(2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act as amended.
(3) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall —
 - (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) act in place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and
 - (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

Other Principal Officers of the University

Office of the Registrar Bursar and University Librarian

5. (1) There shall be a Registrar, who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with subparagraph (4) below.
(2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall by virtue of that office be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

- (3) The Registrar —
- (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and no such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
- (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of five years and no more.
- (4) There shall be a Bursar, who shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.
- (5) There shall be a University Librarian who shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-ordination of all library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, departments and institutes and other teaching or research units.
- (6) The Bursar and the University 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 re-appointed for one further period of five years and no more.

Other Officers of the University

6. There shall be a Director of works, who shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the Works Department. He shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of University facilities.
7. There shall be a Director of Health Service, who shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the Health Centre. He shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

The College of Health Sciences

8. (1) There shall be a Provost of the College of Health Sciences who shall be the Head of the College.
- (2) The Provost shall be appointed in such manner as may be specified by Statute and shall hold office for such period and on such terms as to the emoluments of his office and otherwise as may be specified in his instrument of appointment.
- (3) There shall be a Deputy Provost of the College of Health Sciences who shall be appointed in the prescribed manner and shall hold office for such period and on such terms as to the emoluments of his office and otherwise as may be prescribed in his instrument of appointment.

Resignation and Reappointment

9. (1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this schedule may resign his office in —
- (a) the case of the Chancellor, by notice to the Visitor; and

- (b) any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall immediately notify the Minister in the case of the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) A person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for reappointment to that office (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

Transfer of Property to University

1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 8 (1) of this Bill —
 - (a) the reference in the subsection to property held by the provisional Council and the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the provisional Council and the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu; and
 - (b) all debts and liabilities of the provisional Council and the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu outstanding shall become debts or liabilities of the University established by this Bill.
2.
 - (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the provisional Council and the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu were parties shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University established by this Bill had been a party thereto in place of the provisional Council and the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu.
 - (2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (1) above, including enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the provisional Council and the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu shall be construed in accordance with that sub-paragraph so far as applicable.
 - (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the provisional Council and the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu may be continued by or against the University established by this Bill.

Registration of Transfers

3. If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees of any other matter) apply with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.
4.
 - (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

- (2) The persons who were members of the provisional Council shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council set up under Schedule 3 of this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
 - (3) The first meetings of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
 - (4) The persons who were members of the Senate immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under Schedule 3 of this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
 - (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Bill is made, the facilities, faculty boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on that day become faculties, faculty boards and students of the University as established by this Bill.
 - (6) Persons who were deans or vice-deans of faculties or schools or members of faculty boards shall continue to be deans or vice deans or become members of the corresponding faculty boards, until new appointment are made in pursuance of the Statutes under this Bill.
5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as established or was otherwise employed by the provisional Council shall become the holder of an appointment at the University with the status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as a member of that staff or as such an employee.
 6. Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

DAVID UMAHI FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, UBURU STATUTE NO.1

1. (1) There shall be established for the University a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as the "Council").
- (2) The composition of the Council shall be in accordance with provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended.
- (3) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph 2 above may, by notice to the Council; resign his office.
- (4) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph 2 above shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years with effect from the date of his appointment.
- (5) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph 2 above vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his predecessor.
- (6) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by

removal for misconduct shall be eligible for reappointment for only one further period of four years.

- (7) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to paragraph 2 above.
- (8) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may appoint as respects that meeting shall be Chairman at that meeting, and subject to section 4 of this Bill and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph the Council may regulate its own procedure.
- (9) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.
- (10) The Council so constituted shall have a four years tenure from the date of its inauguration, provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the visitor and a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University.
- (11) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance with the laws and Statutes of the University and to the extent, establishment circulars that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the University shall not apply to the University.

The Finance and General Purpose Committee

2. (1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of —
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the committee at any meeting at which he is present;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and
 - (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him.
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.
- (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the committee may regulate its own procedure.

The Senate

3. (1) The Senate shall consist of —
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Deans of Faculties;

- (c) the Directors of Institutes and Centres;
 - (d) the Professors;
 - (e) the University librarian; and
 - (f) the persons for the time being holding such appointment of the staff of the University as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present and in his absence, one of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors appointed by him shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter (or the nearest whole number less than one quarter), and subject to paragraph (2) above the Senate may regulate its own procedure.
- (4) If so requested in writing by any ten members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence a person duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

Congregation

4. (1) Congregation shall consists of —
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the full time members of the academic staff;
 - (c) the Registrar; and
 - (d) the Bursar —
 - (i) every member of the administrative and technical staff who holds a degree of any University recognized for the purpose of this Statute by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree;
 - (ii) subject to section 4 of the Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of congregation when he is present, and in his absence one of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors appointed by him shall be the chairman at the meeting;
 - (iii) the quorum of the congregation shall be one-third (or the whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of the congregation or fifty, whichever is less;
 - (iv) a certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying —
 - (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purposes of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or
 - (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation during a particular period shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the case may be of the names of those persons;

- (v) subject to the foregoing provisions of this schedule, congregation may regulate its own procedure; and
- (vi) congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or Regulations.

Convocation

5. (1) Convocation shall consists of —
- (a) the officers of the University mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Bill;
 - (b) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill; and
 - (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph (2) below.
- (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of convocation if he —
- (a) is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
 - (b) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pays the prescribed fee, and regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purposes of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (3) below, may provide for the payment from time to time of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.
- (3) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a) or (b) of this paragraph are entered and retained on the register.
- (4) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register, or a copy of the register at the principal offices of the University at all reasonable times.
- (5) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named therein is not, a member of convocation, but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.
- (6) The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third (or the whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of convocation whichever is less.
- (7) Subject to section 4 of the Bill, the Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

- (8) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute.

Organisation of Faculties and Branches thereof

6. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.
7. (1) There shall be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall —
- (a) regulate the teaching and study of the conduct of examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the faculty;
 - (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by Statute or by the Vice-Chancellor or by Senate; and
 - (c) advise the Vice-Chancellor or Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or Senate.
- (2) Each Faculty Board shall consists of —
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty;
 - (c) such numbers of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and
 - (d) such persons whether or not members of the University as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate.
- (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one-quarter (whichever is greater) of the members for the time being of the Board and subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

The Dean of the Faculty

8. (1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the Faculty Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years. He will be eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he may not be elected again until two years have elapsed, however, that appointment term is not reckoned with in computing the maximum elective tenure.
- (2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint an Acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer for the faculty who will act for a period of one year in the first instance, renewable for another one year only.
- (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty.
- (4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty. It shall be the function of the Dean to present to convocation for the conferment of Degrees persons who have qualified for the

Degrees of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that faculty.

- (5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting all the Deans of the several faculties and that committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the Committee by Senate.
- (6) The Dean of a faculty may be removed from office for good cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor provided that at the next faculty board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.
- (7) In this article, "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 15 (4) of the Bill.

Selection of Certain Principal Officers

9. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar, University Librarian, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of —
 - (i) the Pro-Chancellor;
 - (ii) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (iii) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of Senate; and
 - (iv) two members appointed by the Senate and being members of Council.
- (2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board the Council may make an appointment to that office.
- (3) A person selected or appointed to the office of Director of Works or Director of Health Services shall hold office for a period of five years single term from the effective date of his appointment, provided that the Council, acting through the Vice-Chancellor, may for good cause, within the meaning of section 15 (4) of this Bill, and notwithstanding section 15 (1) of the same Bill, suspend or remove such appointees.
- (4) Where on the commencement of this Bill a Director of Works or Director of Health Services has held office for five years, he shall be deemed to have served his term and shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the University.

Creation of Academic Staff

10. Recommendation for the creation of posts other than those mentioned in Paragraph 9 of this Schedule shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Appointment of Academic Staff

11. Subject to the Act and the Statute, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as prescribed from time to time by Statutes.

Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff

12. (1) The administrative and technical staff of the University, other than principal officers, shall be appointed by the councilor on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that behalf.
- (2) Administrative and Technical Staff of a College, other than Principal Officers, shall be appointed by the Governing Board of the College or by the Provost or Secretary of the College in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the court in that behalf.
- (3) In the case of administrative or technical staff who have close and important contracts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate or (in the case of a college) academic board participation in the process of selection (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to make provisions for the establishment, administration and management of the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu for the advancement of tertiary learning especially in medical sciences, and the promotion of scholarships in all fields of human endeavour (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu and for Related Matters (HB. 2016) (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish David Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 2016) and approved Clauses 1- 25, 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.

- (iv) **Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, Health Institutions, and Foreign Affairs:** *Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, Health Institutions, and Foreign Affairs on the Need to Safeguard the Academic Pursuit of Nigerian Youths in Ukrainian Medical Universities and approve the recommendations therein (**HR. 23/06/2022**)” (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge 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 (a):****For Final Year Students (Year 6):**

- (i) that a doctrine of necessity should be applied and any measure to be taken should be done with a human face that cannot be injurious to the students or the system in considering students in higher levels and other levels, so as to reduce time and resources lost;
- (ii) that the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) should in the spirit of nation-building, reconsider its position and allow the Ukrainian Medical Graduates of 2022 in the 6th and final year to write the MDCN assessment examination just like Ghana and India did for their graduates;
- (iii) on the other hand the MDCN is of the view that the graduates have a deficit as a result of non-completion of the remaining 2 months before the war, remedial course(s) for 3 to 4 months or for a short period of time, be organised as was the practice for all the returning foreign-trained medical graduates before it was cancelled in 2017 by the Council (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.***Recommendation (b):****For Other Levels (Level 5-Level 1):**

- (i) that the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and National Universities Commissions (NUC), are to ensure the students are accommodated in the appropriate levels;
- (ii) Students should approach universities of their choice and apply to be absorbed (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.**Chairman to report proceeding.*

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, Health Institutions, and Foreign Affairs on the Need to Safeguard the Academic Pursuit of Nigerian Youths in Ukrainian Medical Universities and approve the recommendations therein (**HR. 23/06/2022**) and approved Recommendations (a) and (b) of the Report.

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

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

(v) Committee of Supply:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee of Supply on Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation Act, 2022 and the 2022 Supplementary Budget Expiration Provision of the Budget from 31st March, 2022 to 30th June, 2023 (HB. 2161)" (Hon. Aliyu Muktar Betara — Biu/Bayo/Shani/Kwaya Kusar Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE CAPITAL ASPECT OF THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2022
AND THE 2022 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET EXPIRATION
PROVISION OF THE BUDGET FROM 31ST MARCH, 2023
TO 30TH JUNE, 2023 (HB. 2161)**

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 of Supply on Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation Act, 2022 and the 2022 Supplementary Budget Expiration Provision of the Budget from 31st March, 2023 to 30th June, 2023 (HB. 2161) and approved the Report.

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

11. **A Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation Act, 2022 and the 2022 Supplementary Budget Expiration Provision of the Budget from 31st March, 2023 to 30th June, 2023 (HB. 2161) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation Act, 2022 and the 2022 Supplementary Budget Expiration Provision of the Budget from 31st March, 2023 to 30th June, 2023 (HB. 2161) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Aliyu Muktar Betara — Biu/Bayo/Shani/Kwaya Kusar Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **Adjournment of First Sitting**
That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 2.30 p.m. (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.55 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker