



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 22 November, 2023

1. The House met at 11.12 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 21 November, 2023.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Petition**
A petition from Martins Solomon Effang, on alleged non-payment of compensation on oil spillage in Andoni and Akwa Ibom State by Mobil Producing Nigeria Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Kelechi Nwosu (*Etche/Omuma Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
 - (i) **Illegal Freezing of Forex and Naira Accounts of Zenith Customers Over Transfer of USD:**
Hon. Olufemi Richard Bamisile (*Emure/Gbonyin/Ekiti East Federal Constituency and Three Others*) 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.

Illegal Freezing of Forex and Naira Accounts of Zenith Customers Over Transfer of USD:

The House:

Notes there is an existing platform on the banking app of Zenith Bank which permits the transfer and buying of FX using their banking app, which has been ongoing for a period of time and there was no cap to the limit of money that can be bought or transferred either by an individual or business;

Also notes that recently, customers' accounts were frozen and messages sent out by Zenith Bank to their customers asking them to refund the monies they transferred and bought for personal or business purpose using their App;

Worried that a young man was invited and detained by the Special Fraud Unit, and was made to pay a \$100,000 back to the bank and also made to give an undertaken under duress stating that he made an illegal transaction;

Concerned that an investigation is presently being conducted by a group of affected individuals through a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN);

Also worried that the targets today are the small names and brands whilst the big players in the industry are quietly being approached for the sake of protecting their brands;

Disturbed that these irregularities which the bank made profit from should be thoroughly investigated and the bank made to refund all they made as profit as a result of the transaction;

Resolves to:

Set up a Special Committee to investigation the matter with a view to reaching an amicable resolution that will guarantee that all parties affected are duly compensated for the loss they must have incurred during the period of account suspension and report within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Olufemi Richard Bamisile — Emure/Gbonyin/Ekiti-East Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

(HR. 371/11/2023).

(ii) Escalating Kidnappings and Killing of Kidnap Victims in the FCT:

Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani 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.

Escalating Kidnappings and Killing of Kidnap Victims in the FCT:

The House:

Notes the recent and distressing incident of the kidnapping of Barr. Chris Agidi and his neighbours on the 3rd of November, within the Apo axis of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), with the subsequent unconfirmed report of his death relayed by the kidnapers;

Also notes the alarming increase in the frequency of kidnappings across the country, posing a severe threat to the safety and security of citizens;

Further notes the significant concern that the Federal Capital Territory, being the seat of power and housing the headquarters of all security agencies, is facing such a critical security challenge;

Concerned about the insecurity on the lives and well-being of citizens and the overall stability of the nation;

Worried that urgent and comprehensive measures are required to address the root causes of these security challenges and ensure the safety of residents in the FCT and the entire country;

Cognizant of the critical role played by security agencies, particularly the Inspector General of Police, Commissioner for Police FCT, and other relevant bodies in maintaining law and order;

Aware of the need for immediate action to enhance security measures and curb the rising wave of kidnappings;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police, and other relevant security agencies to intensify efforts in ensuring the security of lives and property in the FCT and Nigeria at large;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on FCT, National Security and Intelligence, and Police Affairs to collaboratively investigate and formulate effective strategies to resolve the security issues leading to the alarming cases of kidnapping, with the aim of bringing them to the barest minimum (*Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi — Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

(HR. 372/11/2023).

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Stamp Duties Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.937).
- (2) Chartered Institute of Outsourcing and Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.938).
- (3) Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.939).

- (4) Family Economic Advancement Programme Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.940).
- (5) Non-Governmental and Civil Society Organisations Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.941).
- (6) Control of Usage of Artificial Intelligence Technology in Nigeria Bill, 2023 (HB.942).
- (7) Central Bank of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.943).
- (8) Child Rights Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.944).
- (9) Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.945).
- (10) Federal College of Dental and Therapy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.946).
- (11) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.947).
- (12) National Football Academy, Jega, Kebbi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.948).
- (13) Federal College of Health Technology, Jega, Kebbi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.949).
- (14) National Vegetable and Fruits Processing and Storage Centre, Aleiro, Kebbi State (Establishment) 2023 (HB.950).
- (15) National Orthopaedic Centre, Gwandu, Kebbi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.951).
- (16) Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Acquisition Centre, Gwandu, Kebbi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.952).
- (17) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.953).
- (18) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Shonga, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.954).
- (19) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.955).
- (20) Nigerian Communications Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.956).
- (21) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.957).
- (22) Genocide Commission of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.958).
- (23) Oil Pipelines Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.959).
- (24) Industrial Training Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.960).
- (25) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.961).
- (26) University Teaching Hospital (Reconstruction of Board, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.962).
- (27) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.963).
- (28) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2023 (HB.964).

(29) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill 2023 (HB.965).

(30) National Metallurgical Training Institute, Onitsha (Establishment) Bill, 2023. (HB.966).

7. Presentation of Report

Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Gruesome Murder of Some Nigerians by Soldiers in Enugu: motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Gruesome Murder of Some Nigerians by Soldiers in Enugu" (Hon. Abdulrahman Sanni Egidi — Ajaokuta Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Landscape Architects Registration Council of Nigeria charged with the Registration and Regulation of Landscape Architects in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 695) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish Institute of Debt Recovery Practitioners of Nigeria, to Train, Regulate, License and Exercise Control over the Occupation of Collection and Recovery of Debt, Levies, Fees or Remuneration by Registered Debt Collectors; and for Related Matters (HB. 96) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Institute of Debt Recovery Practitioners of Nigeria, to Train, Regulate, License and Exercise Control over the Occupation of Collection and Recovery of Debt, Levies, Fees or Remuneration by Registered Debt Collectors; and for Related Matters (HB. 96) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Adelegbe Oluwatimehin Emmanuel — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency and Six Others).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Commerce.

10. Rescission on the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 309 and HB. 482)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2023 was read the Third time and passed on Thursday, 12 October, 2023;

Also notes that after the passage of the Bill, new facts emerged that will strengthen the functions and the operational structure of the corps;

Appreciates the need to rescind its decision on the Bill and recommit it to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration;

Resolves to:

Re-commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole (Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

11. **Re-connection of Electricity Supply to Shinkafi and Zurmi Local Government, Zamfara State by the Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **Need for the Federal Civil Service to Establish Independent Health Maintenance Organisation (HMO)**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **Call to Investigate Revenue Leakages and Non-remittance of Revenues Generated through the Remita Platform**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is not experiencing an expenditure issue but rather a revenue issue;

Also notes that Remita is a software cum financial service platform owned by System-Specs which is a Private Company in charge of managing Government Revenues, it has served as a gateway for the Treasury Single Account of the Federal Government since 2012 though fully adopted in 2015 and used in the collection of Government Revenues over the years;

Aware that over 8.7 trillion Naira had been processed through the platform before the deployment of the software, the Nigerian government had over 15,000 Bank Accounts operated by Ministries, Departments and agencies (MDAs), the proliferation of accounts has moved from deposit money banks to Central Bank of Nigeria allowing MDAs to create multiple sub-accounts thereby negating the TSA Policy of the Federal Government;

Cognizant that the TSA system has created a cashless economy, transparency and effective tracking of cash assets with attendant accountability. It has not indeed fully blocked leakages and abuses by the proliferation of CBN Sub-Accounts.

Also aware that 1% of the funds collected is charged as commission for making use of the platform and shared among System-Specs (owner), Deposit Money Banks(processor) and Central Bank of Nigeria (License issuer) in the ratio of 50:40:10 respectively. This is alarming and unacceptable;

Worried that despite the benefits and reasons for on-boarding the Remita Platform, the rate of revenue leakages is worrisome apart from non-compliance substantively with Standard Operating Procedures and other allied Service Level Agreements signed by parties;

Disturbed that if this scenario continues unabated, the government will continue to experience a revenue shortfall and this will prevent the government from meeting the rising demand for good governance and infrastructural development from citizens;

Concerned that a larger percentage of deposit money banks has formed the habit of delay in on-ward remittance or sweeping of revenues collected to Central Bank of Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Public Accounts to investigate revenue leakages through the Remita Platform and non-compliance substantively with Standard Operating Procedures and other allied Service Level Agreements signed among Deposit Money Banks, Office of the Accountant General, System-Specs, Nigeria Interbank Settlement System (NIBSS) and the Central Bank of Nigeria and

report within 6 weeks (*Hon. Jeremiah Umaru — Akwanga/Nasarawa/Eggon/Wamba Federal Constituency and One Other*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, immediately after the words “Committee on”, *leave out* the word “Public Accounts”, and *insert* the words “Banking Regulations, and Finance” (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria is not experiencing an expenditure issue but rather a revenue issue;

Also noted that Remita is a software cum financial service platform owned by System-Specs which is a Private Company in charge of managing Government Revenues, it has served as a gateway for the Treasury Single Account of the Federal Government since 2012 though fully adopted in 2015 and used in the collection of Government Revenues over the years;

Aware that over 8.7 trillion Naira had been processed through the platform before the deployment of the software, the Nigerian government had over 15,000 Bank Accounts operated by Ministries, Departments and agencies (MDAs), the proliferation of accounts has moved from deposit money banks to Central Bank of Nigeria allowing MDAs to create multiple sub-accounts thereby negating the TSA Policy of the Federal Government;

Cognizant that the TSA system has created a cashless economy, transparency and effective tracking of cash assets with attendant accountability. It has not indeed fully blocked leakages and abuses by the proliferation of CBN Sub-Accounts.

Also aware that 1% of the funds collected is charged as commission for making use of the platform and shared among System-Specs (owner), Deposit Money Banks (processor) and Central Bank of Nigeria (License issuer) in the ratio of 50:40:10 respectively. This is alarming and unacceptable;

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Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Public Accounts to investigate revenue leakages through the Remita Platform and non-compliance substantively with Standard Operating Procedures and other allied Service Level Agreements signed among Deposit Money Banks, Office of the Accountant General, System-Specs, Nigeria InterBank Settlement System (NIBSS) and the Central Bank of Nigeria and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 373/11/2023**).

14. Need to Control Ibeoma-Ekwe Gully Erosion in Nkwerre, Isu, Nwangele and Njaba Local Government Areas, Imo State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that gully erosions in Nigeria have significantly impacted buildings, farmlands, livelihoods, and access roads, causing significant loss of developmental infrastructure and significant damage to communities;

Aware that the Ibeoma-Ekwe Community in Nkwerre/ Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency of Imo State is experiencing catastrophic gully erosion, causing massive gullies from Obora, Umudimoha, Ahunike, Mbazu to Ibeoma-Ekwe, destroying access roads, and posing grave danger, as highlighted in a recent Nigeria Television Authority (NTA) visit and documentary;

Also aware that the Ibeoma-Ekwe gully erosion is primarily caused by rainwater flow from Amaigbo, Amauju, and Isunjaba communities, which can be reversed with careful management to prevent potential quakes;

Concerned that farmers in the community face challenges in accessing markets due to gully erosion, which has washed away farmlands and destroyed roads. This ongoing problem will continue, causing continued suffering, fatalities and spreading to other areas;

Recognises that urgent control of gully erosion in Ibeoma-Ekwe and Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency will alleviate fear, anxiety, danger, and trauma for families and communities affected by the erosion;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ecological Fund Office under the Secretary to Government of the Federation to immediately commence the control of Ibeoma-Ekwe gully erosion at Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministries of Finance, and Budget and National Planning to release funds for the control of Ibeoma-Ekwe gully erosion in Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Ecological Funds, and Finance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo — Isu/Njaba/Nkwere/Nwangele Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 374/11/2023).

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

15. Need to Construct Pedestrian Bridges Along Lagos -Ibadan Expressway

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria's population growth and economic development require improved transport infrastructure which can only be achieved through investments in roads, railways, aviation, shipping, and inland waterways;

Aware that in 1960, Ibadan, Oyo State was known as the largest city in West Africa and by 2022 United Nations data the third largest city in the world. The Lagos-Ibadan Expressway goes through two of the most highly populated sections of the city;

Observes that there is an unavoidable need to cross the highway to access schools, homes, workplaces and markets, this undervalues the safety of pedestrians and drivers as there is a daily high rate of fatal accidents recorded, hence there is an urgent need for the construction of pedestrian bridges, which is currently non-existent;

Concerned that the ongoing construction of the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, despite safety implications and ongoing advocacy, pedestrian bridges have been neglected by stakeholders and the Lagos/Ibadan expressway has become a death trap;

Cognizant that the Lagos/Ibadan expressway is a Trunk 'A', and requires pedestrian bridges at the following locations:

- (i) Technical University,
- (ii) Toll Gate, Ibadan,
- (iii) Félele, Ibadan,
- (iv) Sóka, Ibadan,
- (v) Sanyo, Ibadan,
- (vi) Bólúwaji, Ibadan,
- (vii) Academy,
- (viii) Eléruku, Ibadan,
- (ix) two Bridges between Muslim and Olohun-Sògo, Ibadan,
- (x) two Bridges between Olohun-Sogo and Oré-Méji Bridges,
- (xi) three Bridges between Oré-Méji and Iwo Road,
- (xii) three Bridges between Iwo Road and General Gas' bridge, and
- (xiii) five Bridges between General Gas and Ojóo;

Cognizant of the need to construct pedestrian bridges along the expressway to save lives, reduce the sufferings of commuters, particularly school children and maintain the economic viability of these highly populated areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to make provision for the Construction of pedestrian bridges in the locations mentioned above in the 2024 budget estimates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance (*Hon. Tolulope Akande-Sadipe Tiwalola — Oluyole Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 375/11/2023).

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

16. Call on Nigerian Correctional Service to Account for Inmates that Escaped from Kuje Custodial Facility

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on July 5, 2022, a jailbreak in Abuja's Kuje Medium Custodial Facility resulted in 879 inmates, including 64 Boko Haram terrorists, fleeing, with 422 remaining unrecovered or recaptured by security agencies;

Aware that the Nigeria Correctional Service requires a comprehensive report on inmate incidents and methods to trace inmates and perpetrators, utilizing its database;

Concerned that the presence of law-abiding citizens among 350 escapees with diverse offences poses a security risk as daily crimes are recorded without any trace of perpetrators,

Disturbed that after a year, the escapees are thriving in different communities, blending in and potentially continuing their criminal activities unnoticed, necessitating the urgent need to have reasonable measures in place to track and apprehend these individuals.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Reformatory Institutions, Interior, and Police Affairs to synergize with the heads of the relevant security agencies for a holistic report on the status of the escaped inmates and report within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo — Ikono/Ini Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Prayer, and *insert* as follows:

“Mandate the Committees on Reformatory Institutions, Police Affairs, and Interior to revisit the Report of the 9th House of Representatives on the investigation of account for inmates that escaped from Kuje Correctional Service” (*Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo — Ikono/Ini Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on July 5, 2022, a jailbreak in Abuja's Kuje Medium Custodial Facility resulted in 879 inmates, including 64 Boko Haram terrorists, fleeing, with 422 remaining unrecovered or recaptured by security agencies;

Aware that the Nigeria Correctional Service requires a comprehensive report on inmate incidents and methods to trace inmates and perpetrators, utilizing its database;

Concerned that the presence of law-abiding citizens among 350 escapees with diverse offences poses a security risk as daily crimes are recorded without any trace of perpetrators,

Disturbed that after a year, the escapees are thriving in different communities, blending in and potentially continuing their criminal activities unnoticed, necessitating the urgent need to have reasonable measures in place to track and apprehend these individuals.

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Reformatory Institutions, Police Affairs, and Interior to revisit the Report of the 9th House of Representatives on the investigation of account for inmates that escaped from Kuje Correctional Service (**HR. 376/11/2023**).

17. Need to Control Flooding along Galma Dam in Kubau Local Government Area, Kaduna State
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in 2013, the Galma River was dredged to enhance the outflow of water to the Galma Multipurpose Dam, at 35% completion of the Dam, a flood occurred submerging five villages in Kubau Local Government Area, namely Ruwansanyi, Gajagaja, Masoba, Danhayi and Kurama, causing significant damages and losses;

Also notes that in 2016, at 100% completion of phase I of the dam, the river overflowed its banks again, took over farmlands and major access roads linking communities with Anchau, by Yadi Junction along Jos road;

Concerned that a journey meant for about 10 minutes across the river now takes two hours to get to Anchau, the commercial town in the area, this has brought extreme hardship to residents in accessing healthcare centres and markets, as well as travellers from different States including Plateau, and Kano;

Worried that during challenging times, many residents have been forced to seek alternative livelihoods due to their inability to cultivate their farmlands;

Also worried that most of the areas are low land, meaning that if appropriate measures are not taken, these areas are prone to flooding at any time, which can cause severe loss of life and destruction of houses, farmlands and farm produce;

Aware that the Federal Executive Council (FEC) approved N16.5 billion for the augmentation of phase II of Galma Dam in 2017, which involves irrigation and additional structure that will control flooding and contribute to the overall economic development of the region, but work has yet to commence.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to expedite the construction of irrigation canals to redirect excess water from the dam to prevent overflowing and further damage to farmlands and road networks;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to allocate funds in the 2024 budget estimates for the rehabilitation of access roads to link the affected communities to ease the problem of transportation;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Aliyu Mustapha Abdullahi — Ikara/Kabau Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 377/11/2023).

Motion referred to the Committees on Water Resources, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

18. Implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by Multinational Oil Companies and Other Corporate Bodies in the South-South Zone

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the South-South Zone is predominantly farmers and fishermen, primarily trading seafood such as fish/shrimps, oysters, snails, crabs, and periwinkles, they rely on water bodies and forest vegetation for their livelihood;

Aware that the South-South zone of Nigeria is host to Multinational Oil Companies and other corporate bodies with different packages of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) due to its huge natural resource reserve, particularly of oil and gas;

Also aware that the CSR packages are intended to address the social economic and environmental concerns of the host communities, as oil companies' operations have led to land degradation, pollution, poor agricultural output, water depletion, and health issues.;

Worried that the multinational oil companies and other corporate bodies operating in the zone create an impression of compliance with social responsibility and development rules by the release of funds from a charitable view for the execution of some social development projects/programs as against the provisions of Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 particularly (Chapter 3 Section 234-240 (2)), but these projects/programs do not in any way address the wellbeing and livelihood needs of the people;

Concerned that the zone's environmental degradation, insecurity, poverty, and unemployment are largely due to the failure of CSR implementation due to corruption and the charitable approach of Oil Companies;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Corporate Social Responsibility and Niger Delta Development Commission to liaise with the Ministry of Petroleum Resources to ensure that Multinational Oil Companies in the South-South zone comply with relevant sections of the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 particularly (Chapter 3 Section 234-240 (2)); and
- (ii) also mandate the Committees on Corporate Social Responsibility, Niger Delta Development Commission, and Host Communities to investigate the activities of Multinational Oil Companies and other corporate bodies on the implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility to the Host Communities and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Billy Famous Osawaru — Orhionmwon/Uhunmwode Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the South-South Zone is predominantly farmers and fishermen, primarily trading seafood such as fish/shrimps, oysters, snails, crabs, and periwinkles, they rely on water bodies and forest vegetation for their livelihood;

Aware that the South-South zone of Nigeria is host to Multinational Oil Companies and other corporate bodies with different packages of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) due to its huge natural resource reserve, particularly of oil and gas;

Also aware that the CSR packages are intended to address the social economic and environmental concerns of the host communities, as oil companies' operations have led to land degradation, pollution, poor agricultural output, water depletion, and health issues.;

Worried that the multinational oil companies and other corporate bodies operating in the zone create an impression of compliance with social responsibility and development rules by the release of funds from a charitable view for the execution of some social development projects/programs as against the provisions of Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 particularly (Chapter 3 Section 234-240 (2)), but these projects/programs do not in any way address the wellbeing and livelihood needs of the people;

Concerned that the zone's environmental degradation, insecurity, poverty, and unemployment are largely due to the failure of CSR implementation due to corruption and the charitable approach of Oil Companies;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Corporate Social Responsibility and Niger Delta Development Commission to liaise with the Ministry of Petroleum Resources to ensure that Multinational Oil Companies in the South-South zone comply with relevant sections of the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 particularly (Chapter 3 Section 234-240 (2)); and
- (ii) also mandate the Committees on Corporate Social Responsibility, Niger Delta Development Commission, and Host Communities to investigate the activities of Multinational Oil Companies and other corporate bodies on the implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility to the Host Communities and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 378/11/2023**).

19. Need to Expedite Action on Completion of the Ogbomosho Power Station

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that modern societies rely on energy, particularly electricity for economic growth. Disruptions in power distribution can hamper vital services like healthcare and livelihoods, impacting immediate community activities and posing risks;

Also notes Ogbomosho town, a significant economic hub in southwest Nigeria, has a population of about 1.7 million residents and significantly contributes to the country's gross domestic product (GDP);

Concerned that the federal government initiated a 13-year project to light up communities in Ogbomosho with a 2 x 60 MVA, 132/33 KVA substation, however, the transmission station project has lingered over the years with no completion in sight;

Aware that the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), an agency under the Ministry of Power, is responsible for providing essential transmission infrastructure between Gencos and Discos Feeder Sub-stations;

Recognises that the project is highly recommended as it will boost economic growth, national development, and effective financial management;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Power and its agencies to prioritize periodic transformer maintenance, refurbish older units, and focus on corrective maintenance to extend the lifespan of transmission resources;
- (ii) also urge the Ministry of Power to make provisions for the completion of the power station in the 2024 budget estimates; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the circumstances surrounding the delay in the project and report within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Olamijuwonlo Ayodeji Alao Akala — Ogbomosho North/Ogbomosho South/Orire Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 379/11/2023).

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

20. Need to Suspend the Increment of DSTV/GOTV Packages by the Multi-Choice Group

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the incessant rise in the cost of living occasioned by the constant hike in prices of goods and services, dwindling incomes and loss of small and medium businesses in the country;

Also notes the prevailing economic hardship resulting from political to economic factors that have made life unbearable to the common man, with far-reaching effects that are yet to be addressed;

Worried at the exorbitant increase in DSTV/GOTV package tariffs from ₦24,500-₦29,500 and ₦16,600-₦19,800 for the Premium and Compact Plus packages respectively, at this challenging period;

Further notes exacerbate the sufferings of Nigerians given the increasing pressure on household budgets, rising cost of basic living essentials, income stagnation and others;

Worried that this unacceptable and arbitrary increment by MultiChoice Nigeria represents the second price hike within the last 6 months, the first being 1 May, 2023 and the second on 6 November, 2023 coming amid the prevailing economic hardship and excruciating poverty in the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Communication and Digital Economy to intervene. Halt and reverse the increase in Dstv/Gotv tariff by the Multi-choice Group; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Communications to interface with Multi-choice Groups to address regiment increase in tariff (*Hon. Umar Shehu Ajilo — Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the Prayers, and *insert* as follows:
“urge the Nigeria Broadcasting Commission (NBC) to dialogue with Multi-choice Groups with regards to reversing the increase in Dstv/Gotv tariff by the Multi-Choice Group” (*Hon. Gbefwi Gaza Jonathan — Keffi/Karu/Kokona Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(ii) *Insert a new Prayer (ii) as follows:*

“mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to interface with Multi-Choice Groups to address regiment increase in tariff” (*Hon. Gbefwi Gaza Jonathan — Keffi/Karu/Kokona Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the incessant rise in the cost of living occasioned by the constant hike in prices of goods and services, dwindling incomes and loss of small and medium businesses in the country;

Also noted the prevailing economic hardship resulting from political to economic factors that have made life unbearable to the common man, with far-reaching effects that are yet to be addressed;

Worried at the exorbitant increase in DSTV/GOTV package tariffs from ₦24,500-₦29,500 and ₦16,600-₦19,800 for the Premium and Compact Plus packages respectively, at this challenging period;

Further noted exacerbate the sufferings of Nigerians given the increasing pressure on household budgets, rising cost of basic living essentials, income stagnation and others;

Worried that this unacceptable and arbitrary increment by MultiChoice Nigeria represents the second price hike within the last 6 months, the first being 1 May, 2023 and the second on 6 November, 2023 coming amid the prevailing economic hardship and excruciating poverty in the country;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Broadcasting Commission (NBC) to dialogue with Multi-choice Groups with regards to reversing the increase in Dstv/Gotv tariff by the Multi-Choice Group; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to interface with Multi-Choice Groups to address regiment increase in tariff (**HR. 380/11/2023**).

21. Need to Recover Decades of Unpaid 10% Freight Levies Due to Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) from Nigerian Maritime Authority (NIMASA)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) is the central institution of the Federal Government of Nigeria responsible for promoting, developing, and diversifying exports.;

Also notes that NEPC amended Decree (1992 No. 64) connotes that the Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the attainment of the Council's objectives and from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Council;

Aware that the amended Decree clearly states that 10 per cent of all levies on freights Collected by the Nigerian Maritime Authority (NIMASA) be paid to NEPC;

Also aware that numerous attempts to recover from NIMASA the colossal amount due to NEPC, an Agency under the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment have proved abortive as numerous documented communications from the Presidency instructing NIMASA to pay up are ignored;

Cognizant of the need for the country to boost her exports to attract both Local and International Investments, stabilize the currency, strengthen manufacturing and mining sectors, and create employment opportunities;

Also cognizant that NIMASA's refusal to adhere to the laws of the land is tantamount to economic sabotage;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Commerce to investigate and trace the total sum of the backlog accrued over the years and ensure compliance by the Nigerian Maritime Authority (NIMASA) with immediate effect to remit the ten per cent of accrued freight levies to the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) and prevent NIMASA from further defying national policy; and
- (ii) also mandate Committees on Commerce, Maritime Safety Education and Administration, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau — Misau/Dambam Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) is the central institution of the Federal Government of Nigeria responsible for promoting, developing, and diversifying exports.;

Also noted that NEPC amended Decree (1992 No. 64) connotes that the Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the attainment of the Council's objectives and from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Council;

Aware that the amended Decree clearly states that 10 per cent of all levies on freights Collected by the Nigerian Maritime Authority (NIMASA) be paid to NEPC;

Also aware that numerous attempts to recover from NIMASA the colossal amount due to NEPC, an Agency under the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment have proved abortive as numerous documented communications from the Presidency instructing NIMASA to pay up are ignored;

Cognizant of the need for the country to boost her exports to attract both Local and International Investments, stabilize the currency, strengthen manufacturing and mining sectors, and create employment opportunities;

Also cognizant that NIMASA's refusal to adhere to the laws of the land is tantamount to economic sabotage;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Commerce to investigate and trace the total sum of the backlog accrued over the years and ensure compliance by the Nigerian Maritime Authority (NIMASA) with immediate effect to remit the ten per cent of accrued freight levies to the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) and prevent NIMASA from further defying national policy; and
- (ii) also mandate Committees on Commerce, Maritime Safety Education and Administration, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 381/11/2023**).

22. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of Standing Orders of the House of Representatives: Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resume consideration the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of Standing Orders of the House Representatives" (Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South 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)

ORDER FIVE**SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE****New Order Five, Rule 3****3. Emergency Sittings of the House**

When necessary and subject to authorisation by the Speaker, temporary order shall be granted to allow members participate in Proceedings by electronic means (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

- (i) *Insert a new Order Five as follows:*

(a) **Definition of Emergency.**

Emergency situation shall include natural disaster, technological failure, threat of war, serious risk to public health and safety, a situation that threatens catastrophic destruction or damage to public property;

(b) **Mode of Meeting.**

The House may meet in a hybrid of virtual and in-person proceedings as the Speaker, following consultation with appropriate officials and the House Leaders, may determine if emergency proceedings are required;

(c) **Mode of Voting.**

Voting shall be by electronic means (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that New Order Five, Rule 3 as amended stands part of the Report — Agreed to.

ORDER TWENTY**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE****Establishment and Jurisdiction of Committees****Committee on Agricultural Production and Services**

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Agricultural Production and Services constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdictions

- (za) National Land Development Authority (NALDA);
- (zb) National Agricultural Development Fund;
- (zc) in the event of Joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food security involving other Agriculture related Committees, the committee on Agricultural Production and Services shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Aviation

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Aviation constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdiction

- (f) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagement with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace, the Committee on Aviation shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Communications

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as the Committee on Communications constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdiction

- (k) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagement with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, the Committee on Communications shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Defence

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Defence constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

Additional jurisdictions of the Committee on Defence:

- (a) Ministry of Defence HQ;
- (b) Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji;
- (c) Nigerian Armed Forces Resettlement, Oshodi, Lagos;
- (d) Defence Health Maintenance Limited (DHML);
- (e) Ministry of Defence Health Implementation (MODHIP), Abuja;
- (f) Defence Space Administration (DSA), Abuja;
- (g) Defence Research and Development;
- (h) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of Ministry of Defence involving other arms of the Military, the Committee on Defence shall be the lead Committee;

- (i) oversight Defence Intelligence Agency;
- (j) oversight Military Pension Board (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Diaspora

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Diaspora consisting of members largely drawn from Parliamentary Friendship Groups constituted at the commencement of the House.

New Jurisdiction

- (k) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with Headquarters of the Ministry Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Affairs shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Foreign Affairs

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Foreign Affairs consisting of Members largely drawn from Parliamentary Friendship groups constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdiction

- (s) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with Headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Affairs shall be the Lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdiction

- (i) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with Headquarters of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, the committee on Poverty Alleviation shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Interior

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Interior constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdiction

- (k) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with Headquarters of the Ministry of Interior involving the Committee on Reformatory Institutions, the Committee on Interior shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Legislative Library, Research and Documentation

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Legislative Library, Research and Documentation constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdiction

Oversight the National Assembly Library Trust Fund (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Pensions

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Pensions constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New jurisdiction

Oversight the National Assembly Pension Board (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Police Affairs

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Police Affairs constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdictions

- (h) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with Headquarters of the Ministry Police Affairs, the Committee on Police Affairs shall be lead Committee.
- (i) oversight matter concerning training of Police Personnel;
- (j) oversight Nigeria Police Pension (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Ports and Harbours

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Ports and Harbours constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdictions

- (f) the liaise with the related Committees on maritime safety and shipping services to conduct budget defence of the Ministry of Maritime and Blue Economy.
- (g) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, the Committee on Ports and Harbours shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Power

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Power constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdiction

- (h) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry Power, the Committee on Power shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Poverty Alleviation

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Poverty Alleviation constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdiction

In the event of joint oversight and budget engagement with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, the Committee on Poverty Alleviation shall be the lead Committee.

- (a) oversight National Social Investment Program (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Science and Technology

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Science and Technology constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdictions

- (h) all Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Scholarship Programmes under STI sector;
- (i) innovation, STI Parks and Museums;
- (j) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Committee on Science and technology shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Water Resources

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Water Resources constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdiction

- (i) In the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Water Resources, the Committee on Water Resources shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Digital and Information Technology

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Digital and Information Technology constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

New Jurisdictions

- (i) oversight the National Data Protection Agency;
- (ii) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Communications, the Committee on Communications shall be the lead Committee;
- (iii) in the event of joint oversight on issues relating to cyber security, the Committee on National Security and Intelligence shall work with the Committee on Information Technology. In such cases, the Committee on National Security and Intelligence shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on National Security and Intelligence

Additional jurisdictions of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence:

- (i) oversight terrorism and counter terrorism agencies;
- (ii) oversight the Presidential Amnesty Program, save the Presidential Amnesty Program of the Niger Delta Region;
- (iv) oversight cyber Security issues;
- (e) in the event of joint oversight on issues relating to cyber security, the Committee on National Security and Intelligence shall work with the Committee on Information Technology. In such cases, the Committee on National Security and Intelligence shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee on Freedom of Information (FOI)

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Freedom of Information (FOI) constituted at the commencement of the life of the House (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

JURISDICTION OF NEWLY CREATED COMMITTEES

1. Committee on Health Specialty Care and Services

- (1) There shall a committee to be known as Committee on Health Specialty Care and Services constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight Specialist Hospitals;
 - (b) oversight Federal Orthopaedic Hospitals;
 - (c) oversight National Psychiatric Hospitals;
 - (d) oversight National Eye Hospital, Kaduna;
 - (e) oversight National Blood Transfusion Service, Abuja;
 - (f) oversight National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna;
 - (g) oversight National Obstetrics Fistula Centres;
 - (h) oversight Federal School of Dental Technology, Enugu;
 - (i) oversight Federal School of Occupational Therapy, Yaba, Lagos State;
 - (j) oversight Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja;
 - (k) oversight Federal School of Medical Laboratory Technology, Jos Plateau State;

- (l) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the headquarters of the Ministry in Health, the Committee on Healthcare Services shall be the lead Committee;
- (m) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

2. Committee on Renewable Energy

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Renewable Energy constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) Nigeria Nuclear Regulatory Authority (NNRA);
 - (b) Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission (NAEC);
 - (c) oversight all Renewable Energy forms including bioenergy, geothermal, hydropower, Ocean, Solar and Wind Energy;
 - (d) oversight centres for renewable energy in Federal Institutions;
 - (e) oversight all departments, Agencies concerned with renewable energy;
 - (f) formulation of polices and initiatives to accelerate investment in renewable energy technologies;
 - (g) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Power, the Committee on Power shall be the lead Committee;
 - (h) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

3. Committee on National Rural Electrification Agency

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on National Rural Electrification Agency constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight National Rural Electrification Agency (REA);
 - (b) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Ministry Headquarters of the Ministry of Power, the Committee on Power shall be the lead Committee;
 - (c) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

4. Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) track and assess the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives of both public and private businesses operating in Nigeria, as well as their adherence to the new Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) reporting requirements;
 - (b) encourage and raise awareness of the value of CSR among Nigerian businesses, government institutions, and civil society organisations;
 - (c) establish standards and best practices that businesses can use to fulfil their CSR obligations;
 - (d) work together to promote CSR in Nigeria with relevant government organisations, civil society groups, and other stakeholders (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

5. Committee on University Education

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on University Education constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight all Universities accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and Inter-University Centres/Institutes;
 - (b) oversight the National Universities Commission;
 - (c) oversight the Librarians Registration Council;
 - (d) oversight National Library of Nigeria;
 - (e) any other projects/programmes concerning University Education other than those funded by way of Appropriations;
 - (f) oversight the Ministry responsible for Education on matters relating to University Education;
 - (g) oversight the Ministry of Education with related Committees on Education on the Management of the students' Loan Scheme and Federal Scholarship;
 - (h) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagement with the Ministry of Education involving Education related Committees, the Committee on University Education shall be the lead Committee; (i) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

6. Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education

- (1) There shall a committee to be known as Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight all Federal Polytechnics and Monotechnics;
 - (b) oversight other Agencies associated with Polytechnic and Monotechnic Education in Nigeria;
 - (c) oversight National Board for Technical Education (NABTE);
 - (d) oversight Technical Colleges;
 - (e) oversight any other Technical and Vocational Education Training Agency;
 - (f) oversight the Computer Registration Council of Nigeria;
 - (g) oversight the Ministry responsible for Education on matters relating to Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education;
 - (h) oversight the Ministry of Education with related Committees on education, on the management of Students loans scheme and Federal scholarship;
 - (i) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with Headquarters of the Ministry of Education involving Education related Committees, the Committee on University Education shall be lead Committee;
 - (j) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

7. Committee on Alternative Education

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Alternative Education constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight the National Commission for Mass literacy;
 - (b) oversight the Nomadic Education;
 - (c) oversight the National Commission for Almajiri Education and out of School children;
 - (d) formulation of policies and laws in relations to alternative Education, Vocational Training Schools and Trade School Programmes;
 - (e) engagements of all National, Quasi National and International bodies responsible for the mandate of Almajiri/Alternative Education;
 - (f) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with Headquarters of the Ministry of Education involving Education related Committees, the Committee on University Education shall be the lead Committee;

- (g) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

8. Committee on Federal Colleges of Education

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Federal Colleges of Education constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE);
 - (b) oversight all Federal Colleges of Education;
 - (c) oversight Colleges of Education (Technical);
 - (d) oversight the National Teachers Institute;
 - (e) oversight Education Library and Services;
 - (f) oversight the Ministry responsible for Education on matters relating to Federal Colleges of Education;
 - (g) oversight the Ministry of Education with related Committees on Education on the Management of the students' Loan Scheme and Federal Scholarship;
 - (h) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Education involving Education related Committees, the Committee on University Education shall be lead Committee;
 - (i) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

9. Committee on TETFUND and Other Services

- (1) There shall be a committee on TETFUND and Other Services constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND);
 - (b) oversight the External Aid for Education/UNESCO
 - (c) monitor the Collection and Utilisation of the Education Tax
 - (d) to scrutinise the budget estimates of TETFUND
 - (e) to oversight the ministry of Education on matters relating to TETFUND;
 - (f) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Education involving Education related Committees, the Committee on University Education shall be lead Committee;

- (g) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

10. Committee on Basic Examination Bodies

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Basic Examination Bodies constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight the West African Examination Council (WAEC) Local;
 - (b) oversight the West African Examination Council (WAEC) International;
 - (c) oversight the National Examination Council (NECO);
 - (d) oversight the National Business and Technical Examination Board (NABTEB);
 - (e) oversight the National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies;
 - (f) oversight the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB);
 - (g) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

11. Committee on Police Institutions

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Police Institutions constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight matters relating to Police Institutions generally;
 - (b) oversight the Police Academy, Wudil;
 - (c) oversight Police Colleges and Training Schools;
 - (d) oversight Police Service Commission;
 - (e) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the headquarters of the Ministry of Police Affairs, the Committee of Police Affairs shall be the lead Committee.
 - (f) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

12. Committee on Banking Regulations

- (1) There shall be a Committee on Banking Regulations constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
- (a) oversight the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN);
 - (b) oversight Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL);
 - (c) oversight Bureau de Change;
 - (d) oversight NEXIM Bank;
 - (e) in the event of a joint meeting of Banking-related Committees, the Committee on Banking Regulations shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

13. Committee on Banking and Other Ancillary Institutions

- (1) There shall be a committee on Banking and other Ancillary Institutions constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
- (a) oversight commercial banks;
 - (b) oversight Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), except those assigned to other committees;
 - (c) oversight Discount Houses;
 - (d) oversight Finance Companies (FCs);
 - (e) oversight Holding Companies (HCs);
 - (f) oversight Merchant Banks;
 - (g) oversight Micro-Finance Banks (MFBs);
 - (h) oversight the Nigeria Security Printing and Minting Company;
 - (i) oversight Credit Unions;
 - (j) oversight Postal Savings Banks;
 - (k) oversight Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON);
 - (l) in the event of a joint meeting of Banking related Committees, the Committee on Banking Regulations shall be the lead Committee;
 - (m) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

14. Committee on Christian Pilgrims Affairs

- (1) There shall be a committee on Christian Pilgrims Affairs constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight measures relating to Christian pilgrims;
 - (b) oversight the Christian pilgrimage Commission;
 - (c) oversight Diplomatic and Consular services relating to Christian pilgrimage;
 - (d) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

15. Committee on Muslim Pilgrims Affairs

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Muslim Pilgrims Affairs constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight measures relating to Muslim pilgrims;
 - (b) oversight the National Hajj Commission (NAHCON);
 - (c) oversight Diplomatic and Consular services relating to Muslim Pilgrimage;
 - (d) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

16. Committee on Youths in Parliament

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Youth in Parliament constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) initiating good policies on Parliamentary Research and documentation and ensuring an efficient data Bank on youth in National and State Assemblies;
 - (b) oversight and monitoring of the Conference of Youth in Parliament;
 - (c) ensuring harmonious relationship between young legislators in the National and State Houses of Assembly;
 - (d) initiating the organisation of National and International conferences, workshops and other fora for the dissemination and education of Youth in Parliament;
 - (e) recommending to the House the formation of and entry into any new Youth Parliamentary Group;
 - (f) making recommendations on the desirability of the House sending Youth Delegation to specific Inter-parliamentary Youth events;
 - (g) representing the National Assembly in International Parliamentary Associations or Groupings on Youth Matters generally;

- (h) in the event of joint oversight and engagements with the Headquarters of the Federal Ministry of youth, the Committee on Youth Development shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

17. Committee on Hydrological Development

- (1) There shall be a committee on Hydrological Development constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
- (a) oversight matters relating to hydrological development generally;
 - (b) oversight hydrological programs/projects
 - (c) oversight Nigeria Hydrological Development Agency;
 - (d) oversight the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPPADEC);
 - (e) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

18. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Midstream)

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Petroleum Resources (Midstream) constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
- (a) oversight the Ministry responsible for Petroleum resources and the NNPC on midstream activities;
 - (b) Crude oil refining;
 - (c) Bulk storage;
 - (d) Transportation Pipelines;
 - (e) Transportation network operations;
 - (f) Wholesale petroleum liquids supply;
 - (g) Petroleum product distribution and operation of facility for production of petrochemicals;
 - (h) Crude oil marketing and revenue from petrochemicals
 - (i) examining and Scrutinising NNPC, Its subsidiaries and all oil related Companies in the Midstream Sector;
 - (k) jointly with the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) oversight the environmental Remediation activities;

- (l) examining and scrutinising, in conjunction with other related Committees on Petroleum Resources, the annual budget estimates of NNPC and its subsidiaries and all oil related companies and present same to the House for consideration and approval;
- (m) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources, the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

19. Committee on Science Engineering

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Science Engineering constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover
 - (a) Sheda Science and Technology Complex (SHESTCO);
 - (b) Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency;
 - (c) National Centre for Technology Management;
 - (d) National Science Laboratory Technology Agency;
 - (e) Nigeria Council for Food Science Technology;
 - (f) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters Ministry of Science and Technology, the Committee on Science and Technology shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

20. Committee on Public Assets

- (1) There shall be a committee on Public Assets constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight Ministries Departments and Agencies in charge of management and disposal of Public Assets;
 - (b) oversight the management of Government Assets situated anywhere within and outside the country;
 - (c) oversight assets forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

21. Committee on Digital and Electronic Banking

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Digital and Electronic Banking constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight Digital Banks;
 - (b) oversight Payment Service Providers;
 - (c) oversight mobile Money Operators;
 - (d) oversight Payment Gateways;
 - (e) oversight Payment Terminal Deplorers;
 - (f) oversight Super Agents;
 - (g) oversight Digital Financial Service Providers;
 - (h) oversight Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System;
 - (i) oversight Electronic Banking Functions and matters in Central bank of Nigeria;
 - (j) oversight all Deposit Money Banks involved in Electronic Banking;
 - (k) oversight Payment Service Banks (PSB);
 - (l) oversight switching and Processing (SP);
 - (m) oversight international Money Transfer operators (IMTO);
 - (n) oversight Electronic money Transfer levies (EMTL) remittance from Deposit money Banks and reconciliation with all receiving or collection outlets and agencies;
 - (o) in the event of a joint meeting of Banking related Committees, the Committee on Banking Regulations shall be the lead Committee;
 - (p) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

22. Committee on National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control;
 - (b) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagement with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Health, the Committee on Healthcare Services shall be the lead Committee;
 - (c) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

23. Committee on Shipping Services and Related Matters

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Shipping Services and Related Matters constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight the Nigeria Shippers Council;
 - (b) oversight Maritime Shipping Services;
 - (c) shall monitor and ensure compliance of shipping activities in line with the Shippers Council Act;
 - (d) oversight the Ministry responsible for Marine and Blue economic on matters related to Shipping services;
 - (e) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

24. Committee on Aviation Technology

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Aviation Technology constituted at the commencement of the life of the House;
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight Air safety services at airports (NSIB);
 - (b) oversight schools of aviation;
 - (c) oversight aviation institutions;
 - (d) oversight Metrological services (NIMET);
 - (e) oversight the Aviation on matters related to Aviation Technology;
 - (f) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagement with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace, the Committee on Aviation shall be the lead Committee;
 - (g) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

25. Committee on Small and Medium Enterprises

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as Committee on Small and Medium Enterprises constituted at the commencement of the life of the House;
- (2) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight ease of doing business initiatives in Nigeria;

- (b) oversight Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (SMEDAN);
- (c) oversight Small and Medium Enterprises initiatives of the Federal Government and Private Sector generally;
- (d) oversight grants and funding opportunities available for SMEs in the Bank of Industry (BOI);
- (e) formulate policies to encourage the growth of nano, micro and small business economic activities in Nigeria;
- (f) in the event of joint Oversight and budget engagement with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investments, the Committee on Industry shall be the lead Committee;
- (g) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

26. Committee on Public Sector/Institutional Reforms

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Public Sector/Institutional Reforms constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight Bureau of Public Service Reforms;
 - (b) to liaise with relevant government Agencies to develop structures and processes of Ministries, Departments and Agencies for enhanced service delivery;
 - (c) oversight the implementation of the National Institutions Reform Policy Scheme;
 - (d) periodic appraisal of extant Public policies and laws to promote good governance;
 - (e) establish/develop appropriate measures that would promote the enforcement of all Government Public Sector/institutional reforms;
 - (f) oversight the broad implementation of the reform process and agenda of the Federal government;
 - (g) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

27. Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) ensuring the provision and adherence to safety standards in Private and Public facilities;

- (b) ensuring the provision and compliance with health and safety standards in public and private schools;
- (c) ensuring the provision and compliance with safety standards in the Construction, Food Processing, Manufacturing (Industrial Environment) and the use of equipment and facilities in Recreational Facilities;
- (d) ensuring provision of Life Guards and Water treatment at every Public and Private Recreational swimming facilities;
- (e) ensuring the provision of Emergency Medical and fire facilities in Public, Industrial and Commercial facilities;
- (f) ensuring provision and compliance with Safety Standards in the Public and Private Transport system (rail, Air, Sea and Land);
- (g) liaising with Regulatory and Professional bodies responsible for developing and maintaining safety standards;
- (h) ensuring compliance with Safety Standards in mining, Oil and gas sectors;
- (i) oversight Ministries, Departments and Agencies as it relates to safety standards and regulations, except those assigned to other Committees (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

28. Committee on Constitution Review

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Constitution Review constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) recommend the alteration of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 and all other Acts that are to be altered in accordance with sections 8 and 9 of the Constitution;
 - (b) receiving and considering any proposals (Bills) for alteration of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) which may be made or referred to it by the House, with a view to ensuring that alterations to the Constitution are passed by the National Assembly and assented to by the President;
 - (c) creating a forum for relevant stakeholders and members of the public to make their inputs to the Constitution review process with a view to enacting laws that improve the well-being and aspirations of the Nigerian people;
 - (d) building a robust collaborative relationship with the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and with the 36 State Houses of Assembly whose resolutions are part of the Legislative journey of the Bills;
 - (e) liaising with relevant government agencies, civil society organisations, multi-lateral and supranational agencies and bodies to achieve a wholesome amendment to the Nigerian Constitution (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

29. Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementation of Legislative Agenda

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementation of Legislative Agenda constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) work with the spokesperson of the house and other relevant committees to educate the public on the contents of the legislative agenda;
 - (b) provide a platform for consultation with members and stakeholders on implementation of the legislative Agenda;
 - (c) interface with all Committees of the House to ensure effective utilisation of the legislative agenda;
 - (d) organise seminars, workshops, roundtables and dialogues on the legislative agenda;
 - (e) conduct research especially on comparative agenda within and beyond Nigeria to strengthen the legislative agenda;
 - (f) issue Quarterly Report on the extent of adherence by members and Committees with the content and spirit of the legislative agenda;
 - (g) interface with Development Partners on the monitoring, evaluation and implementation of the legislative agenda;
 - (h) any other responsibility the Speaker may assign from time to time (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

30. Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation of Standing/*Ad-hoc* Committees

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation of Standing/*Ad-hoc* Committees constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) the committee shall monitor and evaluate the output of all standing and *Ad-hoc* Committees of the House;
 - (b) submit a quarterly report to the House on all standing and *Ad-hoc* committees of the House;
 - (c) the Committee shall set up template for effective assessment of the activities of all standing and *Ad-hoc* Committees (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

31. Committee on States and Local Governments

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on States and Local Governments constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.

- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) matters relating to the relationship between the Federal and State Governments;
 - (b) matters relating to the Administration of the Local Governments as permitted under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);
 - (c) Inter-State relationship (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

32. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Training Fund)

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Petroleum Resources (Training Fund) constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight Petroleum Resources Technology Development Fund (PTDF);
 - (b) oversight the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun;
 - (c) articulate measures to encourage and expedite technological and professional training to enhance productivity and efficiency in the Oil and Gas Industry;
 - (d) jointly with other related committees on Petroleum Resources examine the annual budget estimates of NNPC;
 - (e) in the event of joint oversight and budget engagements with the Headquarters of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources, the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) shall be the lead Committee (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

33. Committee on Traditional Institutions

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Traditional Institutions constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight the National Archives;
 - (b) develop policies that will advance the role of Traditional Institutions in maintaining national stability, Peace and Unity in the country;
 - (c) engage with the Traditional Institutions in promoting Government policies, good governance and national development;
 - (d) liaise with the National Council of Traditional Institutions in maintaining cordial citizen-Government relationship with the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

34. Committee on Military and Paramilitary Pensions

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Military and Paramilitary Pensions constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee has jurisdiction over the Pension components of Military and Paramilitary Related Committees.
- (3) The committee's jurisdiction shall cover;
 - (a) Military Pension Board;
 - (b) Nigerian Police Pension;
 - (c) Nigerian Customs Service Pension;
 - (d) Nigerian Prisons Service Pension;
 - (e) Nigerian Immigration Services Pension.
- (4) In the event of budget engagement, the Committee shall work with the Military and Paramilitary related Committees (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

35. Committee on National Agency for Science and Engineering (NASENI)

- (1) There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on National Agency for Science and Engineering (NASENI) constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:
 - (a) oversight the National Agency for Science and Engineering (NASENI);
 - (b) annual budget estimates (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

- (1) There shall be Parliamentary Friendship Groups constituted at the commencement of the life of the House.
- (2) The jurisdiction of the Friendship Groups shall cover:
 - (a) to expand Nigeria's Legislative relationship with other countries of the world, through exchange of visits, workshops and seminars, and other channels of communication and engagement.
 - (b) exchange of parliamentary programs, practices and procedures as a means of deepening Nigeria's Legislative democracy, democratic culture and good governance.

- (3) The following Parliamentary Friendship Groups are hereby constituted:
- (i) Nigeria-Turkey Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (ii) Nigeria-South Korea Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (iii) Nigeria-Cuba Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (iv) Nigeria-Tunisia Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (v) Nigeria-Uganda Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (vi) Nigeria-Tanzania Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (vii) Nigeria-Central African Republic Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (viii) Nigeria-Cameroon Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (ix) Nigeria-Angola Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (x) Nigeria-Ghana Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xi) Nigeria-Senegal Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xii) Nigeria-Benin Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xiii) Nigeria-Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xiv) Nigeria-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xv) Nigeria-Singapore Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xvi) Nigeria-United Arab Emirates Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xvii) Nigeria-Portugal Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xviii) Nigeria-Qatar Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xix) Nigeria-Sweden Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xx) Nigeria-Greece Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xxi) Nigeria-Bulgaria Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xxii) Nigeria-New Zealand Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xxiii) Nigeria-Kuwait Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xxiv) Nigeria-Dominica Republic Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xxv) Nigeria-Botswana Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xxvi) Nigeria-China Parliamentary Friendship Group
 - (xxvii) Nigeria-United States of America Parliamentary Friendship Group

- (xxviii) Nigeria-Mexico Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxix) Nigeria-France Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxx) Nigeria-Brazil Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxxi) Nigeria-Russia Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxxii) Nigeria-Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxxiii) Nigeria-Indonesia Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxxiv) Nigeria-Belize Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxxv) Nigeria-Algeria Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxxvi) Nigeria-Egypt Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxxvii) Nigeria-Kenya Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxxviii) Nigeria-Rwanda Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xxxix) Nigeria-Burundi Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xl) Nigeria-Namibia Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xli) Nigeria-South Africa Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xlii) Nigeria-Liberia Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xliii) Nigeria-Ivory Coast Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xliv) Nigeria-United Kingdom Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xlv) Nigeria-Italy Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xlvi) Nigeria-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xlvii) Nigeria-Republic of Ireland Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xlviii) Nigeria-Canada Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (xlix) Nigeria-Thailand Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (l) Nigeria-Pakistan Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (li) Nigeria-Belgium Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lii) Nigeria-Austria Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (liii) Nigeria-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (liv) Nigeria-Malaysia Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lv) Nigeria-Netherlands Parliamentary Friendship Group

- (lvi) Nigeria-Poland Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lvii) Nigeria-Jamaica Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lviii) Nigeria-Trinidad and Tobago Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lix) Nigeria-Grenada Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lx) Nigeria-Morocco Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxi) Nigeria-Ethiopia Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxii) Nigeria-Democratic Republic of Congo Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxiii) Nigeria-Mauritius Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxiv) Nigeria-Lesotho Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxv) Nigeria-Switzerland Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxvi) Nigeria-Sao Tome and Principe Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxvii) Nigeria-Germany Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxviii) Nigeria-EU Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxix) Nigeria-Argentina Parliamentary Friendship Group
- (lxx) Nigeria-Malta Parliamentary Friendship Group (*Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole resumed consideration of the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Review of Standing Orders of the House Representatives and approved New Order Five as amended, approved Order Twenty as amended.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Bill, 2023 to grant the Commission Enforcement Powers in the Monitoring of accruals to and Disbursement of Revenue from the Federation Account and to bring the Act in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and for Related Matters (HB.471 and HB.581) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Bill, 2023 to grant the Commission Enforcement Powers in the Monitoring of accruals to and Disbursement of Revenue from the Federation Account and to bring the Act in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic

of Nigeria, 1999; and for Related Matters (HB.471 and HB.581)” (*Hon. Onanuga Adewunmi Oriyomi — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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 REVENUE MOBILISATION, ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION ACT, CAP. R7, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND ENACT THE REVENUE MOBILISATION, ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION BILL, 2023 TO GRANT THE COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN THE MONITORING OF ACCRUALS TO AND DISBURSEMENT OF REVENUE FROM THE FEDERATION ACCOUNT AND TO BRING THE ACT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.471 & 581)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 1: Composition of the Commission.

The Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission shall comprise the following members —

- (a) a Chairman; and
- (b) one member from each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja who in the opinion of the President are persons of unquestionable integrity with requisite qualifications and experience and which appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 2: Qualification of members of the Commission.

(1) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as a member of the Commission if —

- (a) within the preceding 10 years, he has been removed from office as a holder of any public office on ground of misconduct; and
- (b) having previously been appointed as a member of the Commission, he has been re-appointed for a further term as a member of the Commission.

(2) Any person employed in the public service of the Federation or of a State shall not be disqualified for appointment as Chairman or member of the Commission:

Provided that where such person has been duly appointed he shall, on his appointment, be deemed to have resigned his former office as from the date

of the appointment (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 3: Tenure of office of members of the Commission.

A member of the Commission shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of his appointment and may be re-appointed for another term of five years and no more (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 4: Removal and cessation of membership.

The Chairman and members of the Commission may only be removed from office by the President acting on an address supported by two third majority of the Senate praying that he be so removed for inability to perform the functions of the office whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or for any cause or for misconduct (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 2:

PART II — POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 5: Powers of the Commission.

(1) The Commission shall have power to —

- (a) monitor the accruals to and disbursement of revenue from the Federation Account;
- (b) rectify, correct any error or wrongful accruals to or from the Federation Account;
- (c) compute and direct any refunds resulting from a wrongful disbursement of funds to the beneficiaries of the Federation Account;
- (d) enforce compliance of remittance of accruals into and disbursement of revenue from the Federation Account, and sanction any default or non-compliance by any person or group of persons or authority;
- (e) review the revenue allocation formulae and principles in operation to ensure conformity with changing realities:

Provided that any revenue formula which has been accepted by an Act of the National Assembly shall remain in effect for a period of at least five years from the date of commencement of the Act;

- (f) advise the Federal, State and Local Governments Councils on fiscal efficiency and methods by which their revenue can be increased;

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- (g) determine the remuneration appropriate for certain public, judicial and political office holders, including the President, Vice-President, Governors, Deputy Governors, Ministers, Commissioners, Special

Advisers, Legislators and the holders of the offices mentioned in sections 84 and 124 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and specified in Parts A and B of the First Schedule to this Bill, and other Acts of the National Assembly conferring powers on the Commission to determine or fix remunerations for members of such bodies.

- (h) demand and obtain from any government agency or company, or any person information, data, books, documents or returns pertaining to the remittance of accruals into or disbursement of revenue from the Federation Account;
- (i) formulate and advise the Government of the Federation on appropriate indices for disbursement of revenue from the Federation Account to the three tiers of government;
- (j) enforce the observance of the Revenue Allocation Formula as enacted by an Act of the National Assembly;
- (k) enforce remittance of revenue and prescribe offences and penalties on defaulters;
- (l) to enforce and recover any unremitted revenue or under-remittance or diverted revenue into Federation Account;
- (m) sanction any government agency that fails or delays remittance of revenue to the Federation Account;

Third Schedule. Cap. C23, LFN, 2004.

- (n) monitor the operations of the revenue generating agencies of the Government of the Federation to avoid leakages including agencies mentioned in the Third Schedule to this Bill;
- (o) cause an investigation into whether any person or body has violated any provision of section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 or of this Bill with relation to payment of accruals into the Federation Account or disbursement of revenue from the Federation Account;
- (p) make regulations for the carrying out of its functions under this Bill;

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- (q) monitor the unspent revenue accrual to the Nigerian Upstream Regulatory Commission as well as the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Regulatory Authority into Federation Account;
- (r) monitor Nigerian National Petroleum Cooperation Limited (NNPCL) dividends meant for the Federation.
- (s) monitor any —
 - (i) receipt, however described, arising from the operation of any law,
 - (ii) return, however described, arising from or in respect of any property held by the Government of the Federation, and

- (iii) return by way of interest held on loans and dividends in respect of shares or interest held by the Government of the Federation in any Company or Statutory body including the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN);
 - (t) recover federation revenue diverted within the country or offshore in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation (OAGF), Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and other institutions of government; and
 - (u) perform such other functions as are conferred on the Commission by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 or any Act of the National Assembly, conferring on the Commission powers to do so.
- (2) For the attainment of the objectives set in subsection (1) of this section, the Commission shall —
 - (a) be a statutory member of each of the following —
 - (i) the Federation Account Allocation Committee,
 - (ii) the Local Government Joint Account Allocation Committee Joint Tax Board,
 - (iii) the Joint Tax Board,
 - (iv) the Niger Delta Development Commission, and
 - (v) the Commission on Ecological Fund;
 - (b) shall have the power to demand and obtain regular and relevant information, data or returns from any Government agencies including the following, that is —
 - (i) the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation,
 - (ii) the Nigerian Customs Service,
 - (iii) the Federal Board of Inland Revenue,
 - (iv) the Central Bank of Nigeria, and
 - (v) the Federal Ministry of Finance.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Government agencies referred to in this section to comply with requests made by the Commission pursuant to subsection (1) of this section (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 6: Independence of the Commission.

In exercising its power to make appointment or to exercise disciplinary control over staff or employees, the Commission shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other authority or person (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 7: Proceedings of the Commission. Second Schedule.

The provision of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall apply with respect to the proceedings of the Commission and other matters in it (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

PART III — ORGANISATION AND STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 8: Appointment and function of Secretary and other staff of the Commission.

- (1) There shall be a Secretary for the Commission who shall be —
 - (a) appointed by the President; and
 - (b) an officer with requisite qualification and experience.
- (2) The Secretary of the Commission shall —
 - (a) be responsible for preparing the minutes of the Commission's meetings;
 - (b) keep and secure the records of the Commission;
 - (c) issue notices of meetings of the Commission as directed by the Chairman or the Commission at plenary;
 - (d) be responsible for the implementation of the Commission's decisions, subject to the direction of the Chairman or the Commission at plenary;
 - (e) prepare and lay before the Commission for approval in each year, estimates of expenditure and income for submission to the National Assembly;
 - (f) be the head of the Commission's secretariat and be responsible for the administration, direction and control of all other employees of the Commission with the approval of the Chairman; and
 - (g) perform such other functions as may be determined by the Commission.
- (3) The Secretary to the Commission shall hold office for a term of four years and may be reappointed for a further term of four years and no more.
- (4) The Secretary may be removed from office if —
 - (a) he is guilty of gross misconduct as prescribed by the Public Service Rules;
 - (b) he is unable to perform his duties due to infirmity of mind or body or other incapacity; or
 - (c) his tenure expires or he resigns from office.

- (5) The Commission may appoint such other category of staff as may appear to it expedient and necessary for the proper and efficient performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (6) The Commission shall pay its employees such remunerations, allowances and other benefits as may be determined by the Commission.
- (7) The Commission may make rules relating generally to the conditions of service of employees of the Commission, and the rules may provide for the appointment, promotion and disciplinary control of all employees of the Commission (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 9: Special provisions as regards personnel.

- (1) The Federal Government or the Government of a State on an application made to it by the Commission in that behalf, may second to the Commission, officers in the public service of the Federation or of a State, to assist the Commission in the discharge of its functions under this Bill.
- (2) The Commission may, if it deems it necessary to do so appoint persons not in the public service of the Federation to discharge such duties as the Commission may direct (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 10: Service in the Commission to be pensionable. Act No. 4, 2014.

- (1) Service in the Commission is public service for the purpose of the Pension Reform Act.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), persons employed in the Commission shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Pension Reform Act in respect of persons holding equivalent posts and notwithstanding the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, and service in the Commission shall be approved service for the purpose of that Act.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office in the Commission on terms and conditions which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of services in that office (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 11: Establishment of zonal and state offices.

There is established for the Commission a head office at Abuja and such other zonal or state offices as the Commission may deem necessary including the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS AND REPORTS

Clause 12: Establishment of Fund of the Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall be funded by the three tiers of government and shall establish and maintain a Fund which shall consist of and into which shall be credited —

- (a) a minimum of 0.75% of total non-oil federation revenue as cost of monitoring which shall be appropriated by the National Assembly for the purpose of the capital and recurrent expenditure of the Commission (subject to reviews);
 - (b) 10% of all revenues recovered by the Commission and remitted into the Federation Account under its oversight and monitoring functions;
 - (c) all sums of money accruing to the Commission by way of grant-in-aid, gifts, endowments and contributions from any donor agency;
 - (d) such money as may be granted to the Commission by the Federal, State and Local Government for the effective performance of its functions under this Bill; and
 - (e) all other money that may accrue to the Commission including the disposal, lease, hire of or any other activities such as seminars, workshop or any dealing with any property vested in or acquired by the Commission.
- (2) The Commission shall defray from the Fund established under subsection (1), all the amount payable under this Bill, being sums representing —
- (a) amounts payable to the Chairman and other members of the Commission (including allowances);
 - (b) costs of employment of staff and the recurrent expenditure of the Commission;
 - (c) amounts payable as pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits under this Bill or any other enactment;
 - (d) costs of acquisition and upkeep of premises belonging to the Commission and any other capital expenditure of the Commission; and
 - (e) any other payment for anything incidental to or in connection with any other function of the Commission under this Bill.
- (3) The Chairman of the Commission shall be the accounting officer for the purpose of controlling and disbursing amounts from the fund established under this section (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 13: Audit and account.

- (1) The Commission shall not later than 31 October in each year, submit to the National Assembly an estimate of its income and expenditure during the succeeding financial year.
- (2) The accounts of the Commission shall be audited annually by external auditors appointed by the Commission from among the lists of the approved auditors forwarded to it by the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 14: Annual report.

- (1) The Commission shall not later than three months before the end of each year, submit to the President a report on the activities and the administration of the Commission during the immediately preceding year and shall include in such reports audited accounts of the Commission and the auditor's report on it.
- (2) In addition to any other report presented under this Bill, the Commission shall prepare and submit to each House of the National Assembly not later than the 30 June in each year an annual report on the accounts of the Commission during the immediate preceding financial year, and shall include in that report a copy of the audited account of the Commission for that year and the auditor's report on it (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 15: Enforcement power (offences and penalties). Cap. C23, LFN, 2004.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any Commission, board, or revenue generating agency of the Government of the Federation to withhold remittance of revenues generated by it under section 162(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 into the Federation Account.
- (2) Any revenue generating agency of the Government of the Federation which fails, refuses, delays or neglects to remit money collected for and on behalf of the Government of the Federation within 30 days of such collection, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to pay the outstanding amount and a fine of 10% of the amount due for remittance.
- (3) Subject to the approval of the President, any member of a board or officer of any commission or any revenue generating agency of the Government of the Federation who —
 - (a) fails, refuses, diverts, delays or neglects to remit money collected on behalf of the Government of the Federation within 30 days of such collection, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least N1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least five years or both;
 - (b) knowingly or willfully submits a false statement of account to the Commission, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least ₦1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least one years or both;
 - (c) fails, refuses, or neglects to comply with any directive given by the Commission under any provision of this Bill, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least ₦1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least one years or both;
 - (d) willfully obstructs, interferes with, assaults or resists any member, officer or servant of the Commission in the performance of his duty under this Bill, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least ₦1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least one years or both;

- (e) aids, abets, procures or induces any other person to obstruct, interfere with, assault or resist any such member, officer or servant of the Commission in the discharge of his lawful duty under this Bill, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of at least ₦1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least one year or both;
- (4) Subject to the approval of the President, any person who distorts or fraudulently appropriates to himself or to any other person, of any revenue disbursed from the Federation Account under section 162 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of 10% of the amount distorted or unlawfully appropriated and in addition to remitting the amount so fraudulently appropriated or distorted or imprisonment for a term of at least 10 years or both.
- (5) Where the defaulter is the Government of a State of the Federation or the Local Government of a State of the Federation or any other government agency or private companies engaged in revenue collection on behalf of the government, it commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of 20% of the amount distorted or unlawfully appropriated together with the principal sum fraudulently appropriated and such sum shall be deducted at source from its share of the allocation from the Federation Account.
- (6) Any person or company who fails to remit revenue accruable to the government, commits an offence and such unremitted revenue shall be recovered by the Commission with penalty and interest in accordance with the relevant extant laws (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 16: Repeal.

The Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, LFN, 2004 repealed and enacted as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 17: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Commission appointed under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

"Commission" means the Commission established under section 153 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

"functions" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

"Government Agency" includes Ministries, Departments, Commissions and Parastatals of the Government of the Federation (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

"Public Officer" means a person holding any of the offices specified in Part II of the 5th Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

"member" used in relation to the Commission includes Chairman, and the expression "Public Service of the Federation" and "Public Service of a state" have the meanings assigned to them in section 318 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999; and (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

"person" has its ordinary meaning and includes legal personality (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

"revenue" has the definition given to it under section 162 (10) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999; and (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

"Secretary" means the Secretary of the Commission appointed under section 8 of this Bill (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

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

Clause 18: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

SCHEDULES**FIRST SCHEDULE**

Section 6 (1) (g)

PART A

(Section 84 of the Constitution)

President, Vice-President, Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice of the Supreme Court, President of the Court of Appeal, Justice of the Court of Appeal, Chief Judge of the Federal High Court, Judge of the Federal High Court, President of the National Industrial Court, Judge of the National Industrial Court, Chief Judge and Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Chief Judge of a State, Judge of the High Court a State, Grand Kadi and Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, President and Judge of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Grand Kadi and Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of a State, President and Judge of the Customary Court of Appeal of a State, the Auditor-General for the Federation and the Chairman and members of the following executive bodies, namely, the Code of Conduct Bureau, the Federal Civil Service Commission, the Independent National Electoral Commission, the National Judicial Council, the Federal Judicial Service Commission, the Judicial Service Committee of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the Federal Character Commission, the Code of Conduct Tribunal, the National Population Commission, the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission, the Nigeria Police Council, and the Police Service Commission, including Chief of Staff to the President, Secretary to Government of the Federation, Special Adviser to the President, Federal Permanent Secretaries and Chairmen and members of such other Commissions and Agencies established by an Act of the National Assembly conferring on the Commission powers to determined remunerations of their members.

PART B

(Section 124 (1) of the Constitution)

Governor, Deputy Governor, Auditor-General for a State, Auditor-General of the Local Government Councils of the State and the Chairman and members of the following bodies, that is to say, the State Civil Service Commission, the state Local Government Service Commission, the State Independent National Electoral Commission and the State Judicial Service Commission (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 8

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION

1. The Commission may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Commission or any Committee of it.

2. The quorum for a meeting of the Commission shall be 13 members and the quorum of any committee of the Commission shall be one third of the members of the committee.
3. The Commission shall operate in standing committees and meet in plenary at least once in a month.
4. The standing committee shall perform on behalf of the Commission such of its functions as may be assigned to it by the Commission.
5. The decision of any of the standing committee is subject to the ratification of the Commission at plenary.
6. The meeting of a standing committee shall be presided over by a Chairman appointed by the Commission and if the Chairman of the Committee is absent, the members present shall elect one of their members to preside.
7. At any time while the office of the Chairman is vacant or if the Chairman is absent he may appoint a member to preside over the meeting, or the members of the Commission present at the meeting shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.
8.
 - (1) Subject to the provisions of any applicable standing orders, the Commission shall meet whenever summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by at least 13 other members, he shall summon the meeting of the Commission to be held within 21 days from the date on which the notice is given.
 - (2) Whenever the Commission wishes to obtain the services of any person on a particular matter, the Commission may engage such person on such terms and conditions as it may determine.
9. The affixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or any person authorised generally or specifically by the Commission to act for that purpose (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 6 (1) (n)

LIST OF REVENUE GENERATING AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION

- (1) Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE).
- (2) Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).
- (3) Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
- (4) Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN).
- (5) Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS).
- (6) Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).
- (7) National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC).

- (8) National Automobile Council.
- (9) National Communication Commission (NCC).
- (10) National Clearing and Forwarding Agency.
- (11) National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria.
- (12) National Lottery Commission and Lottery Funds.
- (13) National Sugar Development Council.
- (14) National Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF).
- (15) Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA).
- (16) Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA).
- (17) Nigeria Custom Service (NCS).
- (18) Nigerian Investment Promotion Council (NIPC).
- (19) Nigerian Infrastructural Regulatory Commission.
- (20) Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS).
- (21) Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA).
- (22) Nigerian Mining Corporation.
- (23) Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Regulatory Commission.
- (24) Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation Limited and all the Subsidiaries.
- (25) Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and Concessionaries.
- (26) Nigerian Postal Service (NPS).
- (27) Nigerian Re-Insurance Corporation.
- (28) Nigerian Shipping Council.
- (29) Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Corporation (NSPM).
- (30) Nigerian Space Research and Development Agency.
- (31) Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC).
- (32) Nigerian Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Educations.
- (33) Nigerian Upstream Regulatory Commission.
- (34) Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).
- (35) Any other revenue generating Agency, Department, Commission or Parastatal of the Government of the Federation that may be established by an Act of the National Assembly (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill repeals the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and enacts the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, 2023 to grant the Commission enforcement powers in the monitoring of accruals to and disbursement of revenue from the Federation Account and to bring the Act in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Bill, 2023 to Grant the Commission Enforcement Powers in the Monitoring of Accruals to and Disbursement of Revenue from the Federation Account and to Bring the Act in Conformity with the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and for Related Matters (HB.471 & 581) (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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 Repeal the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Bill, 2023 to grant the Commission Enforcement Powers in the Monitoring of accruals to and Disbursement of Revenue from the Federation Account and to bring the Act in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and for Related Matters (HB.471 and HB.581) and approved Clauses 1 - 18, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, No. 14, 2007 to Provide for inclusion of the Nigerian Institute of Architects in the Membership of the National Council on Public Procurement, Payment of 30% Mobilisation Fee to Contractors as well as Project Consultants, Promotion of Local Content in Procurement Solicitation; and for Related Matters (HB.419) (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 Public Procurement Act, No. 14, 2007 to Provide for inclusion of the Nigerian Institute of Architects in the Membership of the National Council on Public Procurement, Payment of 30% Mobilisation Fee to Contractors as well as Project Consultants, Promotion of Local Content in Procurement Solicitation; and for Related Matters (HB.419)” (Hon. Onanuga Adewunmi Oriyomi — Deputy Chief Whip).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT, NO. 14, 2007 TO PROVIDE FOR INCLUSION OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT, PAYMENT OF 30% MOBILISATION FEE TO CONTRACTORS AS WELL AS PROJECT CONSULTANTS, PROMOTION OF LOCAL CONTENT IN PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 419)

Clause 1: Amendment of Section 1.

Section 1 (2) (f) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subparagraph (iii), a new subparagraph (iii) (a) —

"(iii) (a) Nigerian Institute of Architects" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 6.

Section 6 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (l), a new paragraph (l) (a) —

"(1) (a) ensure that local content mandate is included in every procurement solicitation and any exception to be specifically justified and expressly stated in the solicitation document" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of section 16.

Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (14), a new subsection "(14) (a)" —

"(14) (a) The Bureau shall collate and gazette all procurement by Ministries, Departments, and Agencies of the Federal Government not later than 31st March of every year in respect of the succeeding year's procurement and publish same on its website disclosing the following data —

(a) purpose of procurement;

(b) date of award;

(c) bidders;

(d) winning bids;

(e) value of each award;

(f) duration of contract; and

(g) status as at report date" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 4: Amendment of Section 35.

Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)" —

"(1) In addition to any other regulation as may be prescribed by the Bureau, a mobilisation fee of 30% of the contract sum and consultancy fee shall be paid to the contractor and consultant respectively subject to the provision by the contractor and consultant, of Advance Payment Guarantee (APG) from a reputable bank or insurance company as shall be stated in the solicitation document" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 44.

Section 44 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (b), new paragraphs "(c)"-"(f)" —

"(c) where the services to be procured by a procuring entity pertains to conceptualisation, planning, design, construction or project supervision relating to built environment, preferences shall be given to local architectural firms registered in Nigeria, and certified by the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria under the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, Cap. A19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and specialising in such areas and disclosing competences as shall be requested in the solicitation document;

(d) preference shall be given to engineers, quantity surveyors registered under Nigerian law and duly certified by the relevant regulatory body for such professionals with requisite competences for works and services they are expected to offer to the procuring entity;

(e) where foreign firms are to be engaged in any public works in Nigeria, such firm shall comply fully with the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, No 2, 2020 and relevant regulations by partnering with local firms meeting prescribed competences and capabilities as shall be expressly stated in the solicitation document; and

(f) a consultant's engagement shall stand-alone separate from the construction works or services it may supervise while payment terms shall align with that of the main contract to the extent that it shall also be entitled to access 30% mobilisation fee of its agreed fee on the same term subject to provision of APG from a reputable bank or an insurance company as may be stated by the procuring entity, and its subsequent fee payment shall align and be consistent with milestone certification of the main contractor's deliverables as set out in the agreement and work plan with the terms of consultancy services agreement and milestones certification" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 6: Amendment to section 49 of the Principal Act.

Section 49 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection "(2)" —

"(2) A procuring entity shall accord a margin of preference as shall be determined and set prior to tender for domestic consultants and other local contractors" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 7: Amendment of Section 60.

Section 60 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in alphabetical order, the interpretation of —

"Built Environment" includes places and spaces created or modified as the case may be, by professionals to serve the infrastructure needs of accommodations in physical, organisation social, economic and representations" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

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

Clause 8: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Public Procurement Act, No. 14, 2007 to provide for the inclusion of the Nigerian Institute of Architects in the membership of the National Council on Public Procurement, payment of 30% mobilisation fee to contractors as well as project consultants, promotion of local content in all procurement solicitations, to generally ensure transparency and bring the Nigerian public procurement regulatory landscape at par with global best practices in the area of public procurement (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, No. 14, 2007 to Provide for Inclusion of the Nigerian Institute of Architects in the Membership of the National Council on Public Procurement, Payment of 30% Mobilisation Fee to Contractors as well as Project Consultants, Promotion of Local Content in Procurement Solicitation; and for Related Matters (HB. 419) (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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 Public Procurement Act, No. 14, 2007 to Provide for inclusion of the Nigerian Institute of Architects in the Membership of the National Council on Public Procurement, Payment of 30% Mobilisation Fee to Contractors as well as Project Consultants, Promotion of Local Content in Procurement Solicitation; and for Related Matters (HB.419) and approved Clauses 1 - 8, 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) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Foster Collaboration between the Armed Forces and other Security Agencies in the Provision of National Security and Establish Armed Forces Human Rights Unit to Provide a Reporting Channel for Civilians whose Human Rights are Violated by Members of the Armed Forces and for Related Matters (HB.311) (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 Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Foster Collaboration between the Armed Forces and other Security Agencies in the Provision of National Security and Establish Armed Forces Human Rights Unit to Provide a Reporting Channel for Civilians whose Human Rights are Violated by Members of the Armed Forces and for Related Matters (HB.311)” (Hon. Onanuga Adewunmi Oriyomi — Deputy Chief Whip).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARMED FORCES ACT,
CAP. A20, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO
FOSTER COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES AND
OTHER SECURITY AGENCIES IN THE PROVISION OF NATIONAL
SECURITY AND ESTABLISH THE ARMED FORCES HUMAN RIGHTS
UNIT TO PROVIDE A REPORTING CHANNEL FOR CIVILIANS
WHOSE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED BY MEMBERS OF
THE ARMED FORCES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Amendment of the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

The Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out under this Bill (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

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

Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, after the existing subsection (3), new subsections "(3) (a), (3) (b) and (3) (c)" —

"(3) (a) The Armed Forces in discharging their functions under subsection (3), may collaborate with other relevant security agencies in joint operations.

(3) (b) The Armed Forces shall share intelligence with other security agencies and with each other in joint operations, pursuant to subsection (3) (a).

- (3) (c) The Armed Forces shall be the lead agency in matters relating to their functions under this Bill.;"
- (b) in subsection (4) (a), by substituting for the existing subparagraphs (i) and (ii), new subparagraphs "(i), (ii) and (iii)" —
- "(i) assisting the Nigeria Customs Service in the enforcement of all customs laws, including anti-bunkering and fishery,
- (ii) assisting the Nigeria Immigration Service in the enforcement of all Immigration laws of Nigeria at sea, and
- (iii) assisting the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency in the enforcement of national and international maritime laws ascribed or acceded to by Nigeria," and
- (c) by inserting, after the existing subsection (4), a new subsection "(4) (a)" —
- "(4) (a) For the purpose of the provisions of —
- (a) subsection (4) (a) (i), upon invitation of the Armed Forces, the Nigeria Customs Service shall be the lead co-ordinating and enforcement agency;
- (b) subsection (4)(a)(ii), upon invitation of the Armed Forces, the Nigeria Immigration Service, shall be the lead co-ordinating and enforcement agency; and
- (c) subsection (4) (a) (iii), upon invitation of the Armed Forces, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency shall be the lead co-ordinating and enforcement agency" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of section 4 of the Principal Act.

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by —

- (a) in subsection (2), —
- (i) inserting new paragraphs "(b)", "(c)" and "(d)" as follows —
- "(b) the Vice President;
- (c) the National Security Adviser; and
- (d) the Attorney General of the Federation;" and
- (ii) renumbering the existing paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) as paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i); and
- (b) inserting new subsection "(7)" and "(8)" after the existing subsection (6) —
- "(7) The Forces Council shall meet not less than 4 times in each year, and whenever it is summoned by the Chairman.

- (8) The Vice President shall in the absence of the President, chair the meetings of the Forces Council" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 4: Amendment of section 6 of the Principal Act.

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 6, a new section 6 —

- "6. The Forces Council shall —
- (a) formulate policy for the effective regulation of the Armed Forces;
 - (b) organise the work of the Forces Council and the manner in which it shall perform its functions and determine the duties and responsibilities of the members of the Forces Council;
 - (c) ensure the effective coordination of mandatory training for members of the Armed Forces in Human Rights and Criminal Justice Administration;
 - (d) delegate to any member of the Armed Forces Council, by notification, any function and power of the Forces Council;
 - (e) consult with persons who are not members of the Forces Council where necessary;
 - (f) determine the procedure to be followed by the Forces Council in conducting its business, including its quorum; and
 - (g) do such other things which the Forces Council may consider necessary or desirable to secure the better performance of its functions under this Bill" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 5: Amendment of section 26 of the Principal Act.

Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 26, a new Section 26 —

- "(1) The Forces Council shall have the power to make regulations governing the commissioning of officers, their terms of service, promotion, retirement, resignation, dismissal and such other matters concerning officers of the Armed Forces as may seem necessary.
- (2) In exercising the powers in subsection (1) of this section, the Forces Council shall —
- (a) determine the qualifications for the appointment of Service Chiefs; and
 - (b) specify conditions for retiring, dismissal, and elongation of the tenure of Service Chiefs" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 6: Insertion of new Sections 179A - 179G.

The Principal Act is amended by inserting new "Sections 179A - 179G" as follows —

- "179A. (1) There is established an Armed Forces Human Rights Unit (in this Bill referred to as "the Unit"), to be domiciled in the Ministry of Defence, with the objective to investigate and ensure that civilian complaints are resolved in a fair, economical and expeditious manner.
- (2) The Unit shall establish offices in each geopolitical zone.
- (3) The Unit shall —
- (a) receive complaints lodged by civilians;
 - (b) investigate complaints in prescribed manner;
 - (c) where necessary, summon any person to submit an affidavit or to appear in person to give evidence, or produce any document relating to the matter under investigation;
 - (d) resolve any dispute by means of mediation, conciliation or negotiations or in any other expedient manner;
 - (e) ensure the observance of the fundamental human rights of all parties;
 - (f) upon the conclusion of the investigation —
 - (i) uphold or dismiss the complaint, or issue an alternative resolution,
 - (ii) recommend an alternative resolution to the Minister,
 - (iii) recommend to the Minister, any relief, redress or disciplinary measure, or
 - (iv) refer the complainant to the appropriate public institution for conclusion, where the matter falls outside jurisdiction of the Unit;
 - (g) submit to the Minister, not less than four times in a year, a report of the activities of the Unit, and the Minister shall submit such report to the National Assembly within one month of receipt of the report.
 - (h) forward such complaints and reports to the appropriate Armed Forces Headquarters; and
 - (i) do such other things as may be assigned from time to time by the Minister.

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- (4) Any complaint lodged with the Unit shall be determined within six months of receipt of such complaint.
- (5) Where the complaint lodged pursuant to section 179E of this Bill is upheld, the Director shall recommend the appropriate relief, redress or disciplinary measure for implementation to the Minister, and shall immediately in writing, notify all parties of the outcome of the investigation.
- (6) In the performance of its functions under this Bill, the Unit shall be an independent body.
- 179B.** (1) There shall be for the Unit, a Director, who shall be appointed by the President, on recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) The Director shall —
- (a) be a person with cognate knowledge of the Constitution and legal experience;
- (b) possess at least ten years cognate experience in the military or possess knowledge of the military and public administration; and
- (c) hold office for a non-renewable term of five years.
- (3) The Director shall be the chief executive of the Unit and shall be responsible for —
- (a) the execution of the functions of the Unit;
- (b) the administration, coordination, supervision and management of the day to day activities of the Unit;
- (c) ensuring that the Unit achieves its objective;
- (d) keeping the books and proper records of the proceedings of the Unit;
- (e) the training, supervision and general direction of all other employees of the Unit; and
- (f) the performance of such other duties as the Minister may, from time to time, assign.
- (4) The Director may be suspended or removed from office by the President, where the Director —
- (a) demonstrates inability to effectively perform the functions of the office;
- (b) is guilty of serious misconduct; or
- (c) in the case of a person in possession of professional qualifications, is disqualified or suspended from practicing the profession in Nigeria by an order of a competent Authority."

- 179C.** The Unit may not investigate a complaint relating to:
- (a) the manner in which a military judge performs his functions;
 - (b) a matter that is pending before a military or any court of competent jurisdiction;
 - (c) a matter on which a decision has been taken by a military or any court of competent jurisdiction;
 - (d) a matter that is frivolous or vexatious;
 - (e) matters where the complainant failed to lodge a complaint within the time frame as prescribed by relevant law or regulations; and
 - (f) a matter that has been referred by the complainant to any other dispute resolution mechanism.
- 179D.** (1) The Unit shall employ either directly or on transfer or secondment from the civil service of Federation or private sector, such number of employees as may be required to assist the Director in the discharge of the functions of the Unit under this Bill.
- (2) The remuneration of the staff shall be determined in consultation with the Salaries and Wages Commission.
- 179E.** (1) A civilian who alleges a human rights violation by a member of the Armed Forces, may make a complaint in the prescribed manner with respect to that matter to the Armed Forces Human Rights Unit established under section 179A of this Bill.
- (2) Any matter brought pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, shall be reported to the Unit within reasonable time of the occurrence of such incident.
- 179F.** Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Unit shall make regulations with respect to —
- (a) the procedure for lodging a complaint;
 - (b) the method and conduct of investigation;
 - (c) the prescribed manner for lodging complaints; and
 - (d) any matter in furtherance of the functions of the Unit.
- 179G.** (1) The Unit shall establish and maintain a Fund, from which shall be defrayed all expenditures incurred by the Unit for the purpose its functions under this Bill.
- (2) There shall be credited to the Fund of the Unit —
- (a) such sums as may be appropriated to the Unit by the Federal Government;
 - (b) sums accruing to the Unit by way of gifts, endowments,

donations, bequests, grants or other contributions by individuals and organisations; and

(c) other sums which may, from time to time, accrue to the Unit.

(3) The Unit shall not accept any fund under subclause (2), where the conditions attached by the person or organization providing such funds are inconsistent with the objectives and functions of the Unit under this Bill" (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 7: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to foster collaboration between the Armed Forces and other Security Agencies in the provision of national security and establish the Armed Forces Human Rights Unit to provide a reporting channel for civilians whose fundamental human rights are violated by members of the Armed Forces (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Foster Collaboration Between the Armed Forces and Other Security Agencies in the Provision of National Security and Establish the Armed Forces Human Rights Unit to Provide A Reporting Channel for Civilians Whose Human Rights are Violated by Members of the Armed Forces; and for Related Matters (HB. 311) (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Deputy Chief Whip*).

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 Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Foster Collaboration between the Armed Forces and other Security Agencies in the Provision of National Security and Establish Armed Forces Human Rights Unit to Provide a Reporting Channel for Civilians whose Human Rights are Violated by Members of the Armed Forces and for Related Matters (HB.311) and approved Clause 1 - 7, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

23. Adjournment of First Sitting

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 3.40 p.m. (Hon. Onanuga Adewunmi Oriyomi — Deputy Chief Whip).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.25 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker