



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 27 February, 2024

1. The House met at 11.02 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 Thursday, 23 February, 2024.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
Bereavement:
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Kama Nkemkanma (*Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of a former Member, Hon. Dallas Elebe (*Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency, 1992*).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

5. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from Lynpat Solicitors (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Ossisa - Aluakpai, and 4 other communities, on the non-completion of road projects contract awarded to Bau Construction Company and Turpentine Global Services Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*);
 - (ii) A petition from Oladimeji Ogunlana, on alleged non-payment of his Dangote Floor Mill Return Money by Securities and Exchange Commission, was presented and laid by Hon. Adedayo Balogun (*Ibeju Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**
 - (i) ***Spread of an Unidentified Disease in Nafada Local Government Area, Gombe State:***
Hon. Abdullahi El-Rasheed (*Dukku/Nafada 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 5 (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 5 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Spread of an Unidentified Disease in Nafada Local Government Area, Gombe State:

The House:

Notes with concern the outbreak of a strange and yet to be identified disease that is gradually spreading across communities in Nafada Local Government Area of Gombe State;

Also notes that the disease has claimed the lives of youths and children within the affected communities in the last few days and the number of victims has continued to increase rapidly, thereby instilling fear and apprehension in the affected communities;

Further notes that the symptoms of the disease start with severe headache, stomach pain, vomiting and very smelly stool, leg pain and ultimately leading victims to severe overall body pain before their untimely death;

Informed that the Gombe State Primary Healthcare Development Agency have deployed more health personnel to support the existing staff of Nafada General Hospital with a view to averting the spread of the disease and extending medical attention to affected victims;

Disturbed that the blood samples of few victims that were tested in Medical Laboratory have shown negative reaction to Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM) which implies that the disease is yet to be diagnosed by health authorities and medical experts in Gombe State;

Worried that the disease is fast spreading with about thirty (30) deaths recorded as at Monday, 26 February, 2024, and can potentially halt business and school activities across the communities as parents are afraid of sending their children to school due to fear of contracting the disease;

Also worried that if not properly and professionally managed, the situation will escalate and spread across to other neighbouring communities and local governments;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government through the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare as a matter of emergency to urgently deploy its personnel to investigate and ascertain the nature of the disease;
- (ii) also urge the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) to promptly put-up surveillance to contain the spread of the disease and ensure that adequate treatment is extended to affected victims; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Abdullahi El-Rasheed — Dukku/Nafade Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

(HR. 83/02/2024).

(ii) ***Implementation of the Revised Guidelines for Verification of Certificate(s) of Nurses and Midwives Issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria:***

Hon. Patrick Umoh (*Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara 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 5 (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 5 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Implementation of the Revised Guidelines for Verification of Certificate(s) of Nurses and Midwives Issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that the enactment of the Nursing and Midwifery (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. N143, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, by the National Assembly for the regulation and control of the nursing and midwifery profession in Nigeria;

Also notes the Revised Guidelines for Verification of Certificate(s) dated February 7, 2024, issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, which will come into force on March 1, 2024;

Further notes that the Revised Guidelines, among others, stipulates that applicants for verification must have a minimum of two years post qualification experience from the date of issuance of permanent practice licence; obtain a letter of good standing from the Chief Executive Officer of applicant's place of work and the last training institution attended, and that processing of application shall take a minimum of six months;

Still notes the concerns, protest and stiff opposition to the implementation of the Revised Guidelines by health professionals led by the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives;

Cognizant that verification of certificates is to confirm and authenticate an already existing certificate issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Council, therefore the requirement for two years post-qualification experience before verification of certificate is unreasonable, arbitrary and unfair, as it may, among other things, restrict the freedom of nurses seeking education or additional skills and training in foreign universities;

Also cognizant that the National Assembly is the body empowered by the Constitution to make laws for the country, and the requirement of two years post-qualification experience by the Nursing and Midwifery Council is to legislate through the back door, and therefore a usurpation of the powers of the National Assembly;

Worried that the requirement that applicants for verification must obtain a letter of good standing from the Chief Executive Officer of applicant's place of work is capable of creating forced labour and modern slavery as applicant will be forced to be subject to the whims and

caprices of applicant's employer;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria not to implement the Revised Guidelines for Verification dated February 7, 2023, pending investigation by the House;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Health Institutions and Legislative Compliance to investigate the controversy surrounding the Revised Guidelines and report within six weeks; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with the resolution (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (iii), immediately after the word “within”, *leave out* the word “six”, and *insert* the word “two” (*Hon. Muhammed Bello Shehu — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the enactment of the Nursing and Midwifery (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. N143, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, by the National Assembly for the regulation and control of the nursing and midwifery profession in Nigeria;

Also noted the Revised Guidelines for Verification of Certificate(s) dated February 7, 2024, issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, which will come into force on March 1, 2024;

Further noted that the Revised Guidelines, among others, stipulates that applicants for verification must have a minimum of two years post qualification experience from the date of issuance of permanent practice licence; obtain a letter of good standing from the Chief Executive Officer of applicant's place of work and the last training institution attended, and that processing of application shall take a minimum of six months;

Still noted the concerns, protest and stiff opposition to the implementation of the Revised Guidelines by health professionals led by the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives;

Cognizant that verification of certificates is to confirm and authenticate an already existing certificate issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Council, therefore the requirement for two years post-qualification experience before verification of certificate is unreasonable, arbitrary and unfair, as it may, among other things, restrict the freedom of nurses seeking education or additional skills and training in foreign universities;

Also cognizant that the National Assembly is the body empowered by the Constitution to make laws for the country, and the requirement of two years post-qualification experience by the Nursing and Midwifery Council is to legislate through the back door, and therefore

a usurpation of the powers of the National Assembly;

Worried that the requirement that applicants for verification must obtain a letter of good standing from the Chief Executive Officer of applicant's place of work is capable of creating forced labour and modern slavery as applicant will be forced to be subject to the whims and caprices of applicant's employer;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria not to implement the Revised Guidelines for Verification dated February 7, 2023, pending investigation by the House;
 - (ii) mandate the Committees on Health Institutions and Legislative Compliance to investigate the controversy surrounding the Revised Guidelines and report within two (2) weeks; and
 - (iii) also mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with the resolution (**HR. 84/02/2024**).
- (iii) ***Call for Assistance to the Affected Traders of Central Market, Misau, Bauchi State:***
Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau (*Misau/Dambam 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 5 (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 5 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Call for Assistance to the Affected Traders of Central Market, Misau, Bauchi State:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, 14 February, 2024, some portion of Misau Central Market was burnt to ashes;

Also notes that as a result of the fire incidence over 400 market stalls/shops were burnt down causing a colossal lost worth over hundreds of millions of Naira;

Further notes that the affected traders are put in a serious challenges of life as a result of this ugly disaster since their source of livelihood is no longer assured in the current economic situation;

Resolve to:

- (i) commend the Executive Governor of Bauchi State for his quick response;
- (ii) call on National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to assess the level of damage and urgently provide succor to the affected traders;
- (iii) urge the North East Development Commission (NEDC) to reconstruct the affected

market stalls/shops and provide financial supports to the affected traders to enable them go back to their trade;

- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Alivu Bappa Misau — Misau/Dambam Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

(HR. 85/02/2024).

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Endangered Species Conservation and Protection Bill, 2024 (HB.1085).
- (2) Gifted and Talented Children's Centre (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1086).
- (3) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1103).
- (4) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Amassoma, Bayelsa State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1118).
- (5) Federal College of Health and Sciences, Enewari, Bayelsa State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1119).
- (6) Chartered Institute for Medical Dialysis Studies of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1124).
- (7) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1133).
- (8) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1134).
- (9) Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1136).
- (10) Surrogacy Bill, 2024 (HB.1137).
- (11) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (Introduction of New States and Reducing Local Governments) (HB.1138).
- (12) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1139).
- (13) Nigerian Maritime University, Okerenkoko (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 75).
- (14) Federal University of Technology and Environmental Science, Iyin Ekiti, Bill, 2023 (SB.174).

- 8. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Health Technology, Benisheikh, Kaga, Borno State and for Related Matters (HB.234) — *Third Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Health Technology, Benisheikh, Kaga, Borno State and for Related Matters (HB.234) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali — Deputy House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Library Bill, 2024 to establish and maintain the National Library of Nigeria, strengthen its statutory functions and for Related Matters (HB. 89) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Library Bill, 2024 to establish and maintain the National Library of Nigeria, strengthen its statutory functions and for Related Matters (HB. 89) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali — Deputy House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Isialangwa, Abia State and for Related Matters (HB.1074) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Isialangwa, Abia State and for Related Matters (HB.1074) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ginger Onwusibe Obinna — Isiala Ngwu North/Isiala Ngwu South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Health Institutions.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Paragraph 2 of Section 231 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 199 (as amended) to Provide Timeframe for the appointment of Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.907) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Paragraph 2 of Section 231 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 199 (as amended) to Provide Timeframe for the appointment of Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.907) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi — Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical), Fufore, Adamawa State and for Related Matters (HB.1018) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical), Fufore, Adamawa State and for Related Matters (HB.1018) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Aliyu Wakili Boya — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education.

13. Need for the Rehabilitation of Orlu - Ihiala Road

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the importance of road infrastructure in socio-economic development cannot be over-emphasized, hence the need to rehabilitate the Orlu-Ihiala Road through Eziachi-Umuna-Amaifeke-Ihioma-Awo Idemili-Iseke-Ihiala route;

Also notes that the road is the most preferred route for vehicles transporting people, farm produce and processed timber to and from the biggest timber processing plant/market in Imo State and it stretches up to Umuahia in Abia State;

Aware that motorists from Akwa Ibom and Cross River States ply this same road to Umuahia in Abia State, Obowo, Isiala Mbano, Nwangele and Nkwerre in Imo State up to Ihiala in Anambra State, in other words, the road connects several states and Federal Constituencies in Imo State, South East, and South Southern Nigeria;

Disturbed by the incessant sufferings of the people plying it and the colossal loss of many hours in transit due to the most condemnable and deplorable condition of that road;

Also disturbed that the deplorable state of the road is causing immense inconvenience for road users resulting loss of time during transit;

Worried that road's deterioration would further impede economic activities in the area if not urgently rehabilitated;

Cognizant that the continuous deterioration of the road will further impede economic development in the area and potentially encourage criminal activities, if not urgently rehabilitated;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to develop a comprehensive and efficient method for the timely and efficient rehabilitation of roads;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and FERMA to liaise with the relevant agencies to initiate the rehabilitation to ensure implementation; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Canic Moore Nwachukwu — Oru East/Orsu/Orlu.Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 86/02/2024).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, FERMA, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

14. Need to Rehabilitate and Complete Doma Dam to Increase Agricultural Development

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. Need to Investigate the Breach of Community Social Responsibility, Degradation of the Natural Eco System and Environment of Irri Kingdom of Isoko South LGA of Delta State and the Violation of the Petroleum Industry Act by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company Limited (NAOC)

Order deferred by leave of the House.

16. Need to Streamline Inspection Activities in Nigeria Ports for Effective and Timely Export of Agricultural Produce

Order deferred by leave of the House.

17. Need for the Federal Government to Develop a Robust Policy Response to the Country's Rising Food Price Inflation

Order deferred by leave of the House.

18. Compliance of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to the Discrimination Against Persons with Disability (Prohibition) Act, 2018

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Sections 3-8 of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act, 2018 specifies that persons with disability has the right to access the physical environment and buildings on an equal basis with others;

Also notes that the WHO (World Health Organization) estimate that about 30 Million Nigerians are Persons with Disabilities;

Further notes that most persons with disability face stigmatization, discrimination, violence, lack of access to physical structures such as Transportation, Health, Education, Housing and other necessity of life;

Aware that the National Assembly passed the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act and signed into law by former President Muhammadu Buhari, but most Ministries Departments and Agencies of Government are yet to implement the Act, which is contrary to section 1-21 of the Disability Act, 2018;

Disturbed that if Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act is not fully implemented, the challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities will persist and the socio-economic development of Nigeria will remain impaired;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Disabilities to investigate the compliance level of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government (MDAs) with the Disability Act, 2018 (*Hon. Lanre Okunola — Surulere II. Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Sections 3-8 of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act, 2018 specifies that persons with disability has the right to access the physical environment and buildings on an equal basis with others;

Also noted that the WHO (World Health Organization) estimate that about 30 Million Nigerians are Persons with Disabilities;

Further noted that most persons with disability face stigmatization, discrimination, violence, lack of access to physical structures such as Transportation, Health, Education, Housing and other necessity of life;

Aware that the National Assembly passed the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act and signed into law by former President Muhammadu Buhari, but most Ministries Departments and Agencies of Government are yet to implement the Act, which is contrary to section 1-21 of the Disability Act, 2018;

Disturbed that if Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act is not fully implemented, the challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities will persist and the socio-economic development of Nigeria will remain impaired;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Disabilities to investigate the compliance level of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government (MDAs) with the Disability Act, 2018 (**HR. 87/02/2024**).

19. Need to Adopt Home Grown Technological Solution and Incorporate Domestic Technology Service Providers Agencies in fighting Insecurity in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is battling with all forms of insecurity ranging from banditry, terrorism and kidnapping;

Also notes that recently in Kogi, Ekiti, Lagos, Zamfara, Kaduna, Taraba, Nasarawa States including FCT citizens were kidnapped, ransom demanded and some killed including the three traditional rulers in Ekiti, Kwara and the young ones in Federal Capital Territory;

Aware that solutions to unravel insecurity are identified to be in tripartite nature of intelligence gathering, surveillance and communication for security agencies;

Also aware that Nigeria as a country is blessed with individuals and agencies among which are Nigerian Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT), National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) and National Technology Development Agency (NITDA) saddled with the responsibility of providing technological products to ensure adequate intelligence gathering, surveillance and effective communication;

Worried that despite the presence of security agencies in Nigeria, all forms of insecurity continue unabated, in the case of kidnapping, contacts are established with the relatives of kidnap victims without instant tracking and apprehending of the criminals and this of course indicates that the products of these agencies are not tapped by the respective security agencies in the Country or strong collaboration in fighting the menace of insecurity in Nigeria are not established between them;

Also worried that non-adoption of home-grown tech products and non-integration of domestic tech

service provider agencies by the security agencies fighting insecurity ravaging the country will allow continuation of all forms of crimes in the Country and continue to allow the citizens to live in fear;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Army, Nigeria Police, Department of State Services (DSS) and the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) to speedily collaborate and adopt tech products of domestic agencies as Nigerian Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT), National Space Research Development Agency (NASRDA) and National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) to fight insecurity in Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Army, Police Affairs and Communications to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio — Baruten/Kaiama.Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria is battling with all forms of insecurity ranging from banditry, terrorism and kidnapping;

Also noted that recently in Kogi, Ekiti, Lagos, Zamfara, Kaduna, Taraba, Nasarawa States including FCT citizens were kidnapped, ransom demanded and some killed including the three traditional rulers in Ekiti, Kwara and the young ones in Federal Capital Territory;

Aware that solutions to unravel insecurity are identified to be in tripartite nature of intelligence gathering, surveillance and communication for security agencies;

Also aware that Nigeria as a country is blessed with individuals and agencies among which are Nigerian Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT), National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) and National Technology Development Agency (NITDA) saddled with the responsibility of providing technological products to ensure adequate intelligence gathering, surveillance and effective communication;

Worried that despite the presence of security agencies in Nigeria, all forms of insecurity continue unabated, in the case of kidnapping, contacts are established with the relatives of kidnap victims without instant tracking and apprehending of the criminals and this of course indicates that the products of these agencies are not tapped by the respective security agencies in the Country or strong collaboration in fighting the menace of insecurity in Nigeria are not established between them;

Also worried that non-adoption of home-grown tech products and non-integration of domestic tech service provider agencies by the security agencies fighting insecurity ravaging the country will allow continuation of all forms of crimes in the Country and continue to allow the citizens to live in fear;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Army, Nigeria Police, Department of State Services (DSS) and the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) to speedily collaborate and adopt tech products of domestic agencies as Nigerian Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT), National Space Research Development Agency (NASRDA) and National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) to fight insecurity in Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Army, Police Affairs and Communications to ensure compliance (**HR. 88/02/2024**).

20. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora and for Related Matters (HB.799) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora and for Related Matters (HB.799)" (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRES ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, IGBOORA, OYO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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

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

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

Clause 2: Amendment of the Second Schedule.

The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new item:

"Federal Medical Centre, Igboora" (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora, Oyo State (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB.799) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora and for Related Matters (HB.799) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Produce (Enforcement of Exports Standards) Act, Cap. P23, Laws of the Federal of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Federal Produce Inspection Service (Enforcement of Exports Standards) (Establishment) Bill, 2024 to Provide for the Inspection and Enforcement of Grades and Quality Standards of Produce and Commodity intended for Export from Nigeria at Ports of Shipment and for Related Matters (HB.616) (Committee of the Whole)***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2010 and Enact the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts Bill to, among other things, Expand the Jurisdiction of the Area Courts to Entertain both Civil and Criminal Matters and for Related Matters (HB. 378) (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 Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2010 and Enact the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts Bill to, among other things, Expand the Jurisdiction of the Area Courts to Entertain both Civil and Criminal Matters and for Related Matters (HB. 378)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ABUJA AREA COURTS (REPEAL AND ENACTMENT) ACT, 2010 AND ENACT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ABUJA AREA COURTS BILL TO AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXPAND THE JURISDICTION OF THE AREA COURTS TO ENTERTAIN BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MATTERS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 378)

Consideration deferred for further legislative action.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2010 and Enact the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts Bill to, among other things, Expand the Jurisdiction of the Area Courts to Entertain both Civil and Criminal Matters and for Related Matters (HB. 378).

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

- (iv) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 473) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 473)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TRADITIONAL
 COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE COUNCIL
 OF NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 473)

Consideration deferred, to enable the Committee on Rules and Business examine the provisions of the Bill vis-a-vis the Nigerian Natural Medicine Development Agency Act, 2019.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 473).

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

- (v) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 984) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 984)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF
 PUBLIC MANAGEMENT OF NIGERIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL
 OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AND TO PROMOTE THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC
 MANAGEMENT IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF
PUBLIC MANAGEMENT OF NIGERIA, ITS FUNCTIONS, ETC.

Clause 1: Establishment of the Institute.

There is hereby established a body to be known as the Chartered Institute of Public Management (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") which:

- (a) shall be a body corporate with:
 - (i) perpetual succession,
 - (ii) a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council direct;
- (b) may sue and be used in its corporate name; and
- (c) may acquire, hold and dispose of any property, moveable or immovable (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Functions of the Institute.

- (1) Determining and reviewing from time to time the academic standards knowledge and skills that shall be attained by persons seeking to qualify as registered members of the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria.
- (2) Promote research and development of curricula of training on Public Management and Leadership.
- (3) Arranging Conferences, Seminars, Symposia and Meetings for discussion and related matters, delivery of lectures, publishing copies of abridgement of papers, books, lectures, records and other memoranda instilling a high standard of professional ability and knowledge by means of periodic issues of journals of the Institute and to organize post qualification courses for its members.
- (4) Secure a register of members of the institute and establishment of the Chartered Institute.
- (5) Provide consulting services in appropriate cases Carry out such functions that are intended to facilitate the achievement of the objects contained in this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Establishment of Governing Council and Management.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Institute a Governing Council charged with the administration and management of the Institute whose membership shall consist of the following:
 - (a) the President, elected by Council members amongst themselves;
 - (b) the Vice-President, elected by Council members amongst themselves;

- (c) a representative of the Federal Ministry of —
 - (i) Education, and
 - (ii) National Universities Commission;
 - (d) six persons elected by the Institute; and
 - (e) an immediate past president of the Institute who is entitled to serve for a further maximum period of three years from the expiration of his tenure as President.
- (2) The President and the Vice President shall hold office for a term of two (2) from the date of the elections.
 - (3) The President shall preside at meetings of the Council and in his absence, the Vice President shall preside (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART II — APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR AND
PREPARATION OF REGISTER, ETC.

Clause 4: Appointment of Registrar and Preparation of Register.

- (1) The Council shall appoint the Registrar who shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Institute.
- (2) A person appointed as the Registrar shall have served the Institute for a period not less than three (3) years preceding the date of his appointment.
- (3) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the Council, a Register of —
 - (a) Names;
 - (b) Address;
 - (c) approved qualifications; and
 - (d) other particulars of all persons who are entitled to be enrolled as fellows, members, associates or registered students and who, in the manner prescribed by such rules apply to be so registered (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 5: Functions of the Registrar.

- (1) The Registrar shall be the secretary to the Council and shall keep minutes of proceedings at all meetings of the Council.
- (2) The Registrar shall:
 - (a) in accordance with the directions of the Council, correct any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the opinion of the Council entry which was incorrectly made;

- (b) from time to time, make any necessary alterations to the particulars of registered members.
- (c) record the names of the registered members who are in default for more than six months in the payment of annual subscriptions; and
- (d) remove the names of defaulters from the register as the Council may direct or require (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 6: Other staff.

- (1) The Council may, on the recommendation of the Registrar appoint such other staff as it may consider necessary to assist the Registrar in the discharge of his duties.
- (2) The employment of the Registrar and other staff shall be pensionable, in accordance with the terms and conditions of service in the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 7: Content of the Register.

The Register shall be in four parts namely:

- (a) Fellows;
- (b) Members;
- (c) Associates; and
- (d) Registered Students (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 8: Regulation.

The Council may by regulations provide for the:

- (a) manner of making entries in the Register;
- (b) manner of application for enrolment or registration in the Register;
- (c) fees, including annual subscriptions payable to the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: Publication of the Register and list of corrections.

The Registrar shall:

- (a) cause the register to be printed and published not later than two years from the coming into force of this Bill;
- (b) cause to be printed, published and put on sale a corrected edition of the register;

- (c) cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute; and
- (d) make the register and lists so deposited available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the public (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

PART III — FUNDS OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 10: Funds of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be established for the Institute a fund which shall be managed and controlled by the Council.
- (2) There shall be paid into the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section —
 - (a) all Fees and other monies payable to the Institute;
 - (b) such monies as may be payable to the Institute whether in the course of the discharge of its functions or otherwise; and
 - (c) such monies as may be held by the Institute of Public Management of Nigeria incorporated under the Companies and Allied Act.
- (3) There shall be paid out of the funds of the Institute —
 - (a) all expenditure incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Bill;
 - (b) the salaries and allowance of the registrar and other employees of the Institute; and
 - (c) such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowances of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on official duties of the Council, as the Council may determine.
- (4) Subject to guidelines issued by the Council from time to time; the Institute's funds and assets shall be invested in any bond, Treasury bill or other security issued or guaranteed by the Federal Government or the Central Bank of Nigeria.
- (5) The Council may, from time to time, borrow money for the purposes of the Institute and may mortgage or charge the properties and assets of the Institute or any part thereof and may issue debenture whether outright or as securities for any debt, liability or obligation of the Institute and any interest or charge payable on monies so borrowed shall be paid out of the fund of the Institute.
- (6) The Council shall keep proper account on behalf of the Institute in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts to be audited by an auditor and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation;

- (7) The auditor appointed for the purpose of this section, shall not be a member of the Council.
- (8) The Council shall prepare and submit to the Minister of Education not later than twelve months after its establishment and once in each year thereafter, a report of the activities of the Council in the previous year and shall include in the report, a copy of the auditor's report (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — REGISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Clause 11: Qualification of membership.

- (1) A person shall be entitled to be registered as a member of the Institute if:
 - (a) he passes the qualifying professional examination conducted by the Council and completes the practical training prescribed; or
 - (b) he holds a qualification accepted by the Council as sufficient practical experience in Public Management;
 - (c) he holds a qualification granted outside Nigeria which is recognized by the Council and is by law entitled to practice the profession for all purposes in the country in which the qualification was granted;
- (2) An applicant for registration shall in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that:
 - (a) he is of good character;
 - (b) he had attained the age of eighteen years; and
 - (c) he has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving dishonesty.
- (3) The Council may provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this section, or direct that the Application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.
- (4) An entry made under subsection (3) shall show that the registration is provisional and such entry may only be converted to full registration with the Consent of the Council, signified in writing (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: Publication in the Gazette.

The Council shall periodically publish in the Gazette particulars of qualifications acceptable for registration (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 13: Designation of Members.

- (1) Members admitted to the Institute shall be registered as Chartered Public Managers in the categories of:

- (a) Fellows, or
 - (b) Members;
 - (c) Associates; or
 - (d) Registered Students.
- (2) Persons accorded by the Council the status of Public Management shall be entitled to the use of that name and shall be enrolled as —
- (a) Fellows, if they are at least thirty-five years of age and —
 - (i) have ten years of relevant work experience in a Public organization,
 - (ii) have for at least, three years in the past ten years, held in relevant senior appointment in a public organization,
 - (iii) are holders of the professional qualifying examination of the Institute, and
 - (iv) are otherwise considered by the Council to be fit and proper persons to be so enrolled;
 - (b) Members, if they are thirty years of age or above and
 - (i) have passed a professional qualifying certificate of the Institute;
 - (ii) have at least eight years relevant work experience in a public organization;
 - (c) Associates, if they are twenty-one years of age or above and —
 - (i) have passed a professional qualifying examination of the Institute or any equivalent examination recognized by the Institute, or
 - (ii) have at least five years relevant work experience in a Public Organization;
 - (d) Registered students, if they are eighteen years of age or above and have passed with credits, West African School Certificate or General Certificate Examination A/Level or Senior Secondary Certificate Examination in five papers at no more than two sittings (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 14: Designatory Letters.

The designatory letters of the "Chartered Public Manager"

- (a) Fellows of the Institute shall be "FCPM";
- (b) Members of the Institute shall be "MCPM";

- (c) Associates of the Institute shall be “ACPM” (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 15: Approval for qualification.

The Council may approve any course of training at any approved Institute which is intended for person seeking to become or are already engaged in Public Management and which the Council considers as being designed to confer on persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skill for admission into the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 16: Supervision of Instructions.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Council to keep itself informed of the nature of —
- (a) instructions given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses or training; and
 - (b) examination, the result of which qualifications are granted and for the purpose of performing that duty, the Council may appoint, either from among its members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions to observe such instructions or examinations.
- (2) It shall be the duty of persons appointed under sub-section (1) to report to the Council on the sufficiency of persons attending approved courses of training at institutions visited by them (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 17: Signatory to Certificates.

The President and Registrar shall be the joint signatory to certificates awarded by the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

PART V — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Clause 18: Establishment of Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel.

- (1) There shall be a body to be known as the Chartered Institute of Public Management Disciplinary Tribunal charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Investigating Panel established under subsection (3) of this section and any other case which the Tribunal takes cognizance under this Bill.
- (2) The Tribunal shall consist of a Chairman and six other members who shall be appointed by the Council from among members of the Institute.
- (3) There shall be a body to be known as the Chartered Institute of Public Management investigating Panel charged with the duties of —
- (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member has committed an act of professional misconduct, or should for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the Tribunals; and

- (b) deciding whether the case shall be referred to the Tribunal after affording such a member an opportunity to be heard either personally or by a legal practitioner of his own choice in Nigeria.
- (4) The Council shall appoint members of the Panel from members of the Institute who are not members of the Council or the Tribunal.
- (5) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Tribunal or of the Panel unless such a person is a Chartered Member or Fellow of the Institute.
- (6) The Council may, from time to time, make rules consistent with this Bill as to acts, conducts or omissions which constitute professional misconduct (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 19: Penalties for Professional Misconduct.

- (1) Where:
 - (a) a person enrolled or registered under this Bill is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect;
 - (b) a person enrolled or registered under this Bill is convicted by any court or tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere having the power to impose a term of imprisonment for an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which is in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a Public Management professional; or
 - (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently enrolled or registered, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years.
- (2) The Tribunal may, if it deems fit —
 - (a) give a directive reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register;
 - (b) defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of such directive under this section until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal but —
 - (i) no decision shall be deferred under this section for periods exceeding one year in the aggregate and
 - (ii) no person shall be a member of the Tribunal to reach a decision which has been deferred or further deferred unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal when that decision was deferred.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (1) (b) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or no application for an extension of time to appeal is brought in connection with the conviction;

or

- (4) When the Tribunal gives a directive under subsection (2) of this section the Tribunal shall cause notice of the directive to be served on the person to whom it relates;
- (5) The person to whom a directive under subsection (2) of this section relates may, at any time within 21 days from the date of service on him of notice of the directives, appeal against the directives to the Federal High Court and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and for purpose of enabling directives to be given as to the costs of the appeal proceedings before the Federal High Court, the Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appeals on the hearing of the appeal.
- (6) A directive on the Tribunal under this section shall affect where —
 - (a) no appeal under this section is brought against the directive within the time limited for appeal;
 - (b) such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want prosecution on the withdrawal or striking out of appeal;
 - (c) such appeal is brought in and not withdrawn or struck out, if and when the appeal is dismissed, and shall not take effect except by foregoing provisions of this subsection.
- (7) A person whose name is struck off the register in pursuance of a directive of the Tribunal under this section shall not be entitled to be registered again except in pursuance of a direction on that behalf given by the Federal High Court on the application of that person;
- (8) A directive under this section for the striking off of a person's name from the register may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the directive (and where he has recently made such an application from the date of his last application) as may be specified in the directive (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 20: Offences.

- (1) If a person for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter:
 - (a) make a statement which he believes to be false in a material particular; or
 - (b) recklessly make a statement which is false in a material particular is guilty of an offence.
- (2) If, on or after the commencement date of this Bill, a person who is not a member of the Institute practices or holds himself out as a member in expectation of a reward or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is a member, he is guilty of an offence.
- (3) If the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute

willfully make any falsification in any matter relating to the register, he is guilty of an offence.

- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable:
- (a) on summary conviction or indictment to a fine not exceeding ₦50,000
 - (b) on conviction or indictment to a fine not exceeding ₦20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fines and imprisonment (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 20: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Council" means the Council established as the governing body of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Incorporated Institute" means the Institute of Chartered Public Management incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters, 2004 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Minister" means the minister charged with the responsibility of matters relating to Education (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"public" means not private open to or concerning the people as a whole (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Management" means the act of managing something (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Fee" includes annual subscription (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Enrolled" means in relation to a Fellow or chartered member as the case may be (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Tribunal" means the Chartered Institute of Public Managers' Disciplinary Tribunal (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"President" means the head of the Institute administration (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Member" means Chartered member of the Institute registered in any classes of membership (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Public Management (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

Clause 22: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria (Established) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Qualification and tenure of office of members

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the Council shall hold for a period of two years beginning from the date of his appointment or election.
- (2) Any member of this Institute who ceases to be a member of the Council, ceases to hold office on the Council.
- (3) Any elected member of the Council may by notice in writing under his handwriting to address to the President of the Institute resign his office.
- (4) If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member and —

- (a) such member was appointed by the Minister, the Minister shall appoint another fit and proper person to replace such member; or
- (b) if such member was elected, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of office and the annual general meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt some fit and proper persons.

Power of the Council, etc.

2. The Council shall have the power to do anything, which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute.

Orders of the Institution

3. (1) Subject to the provision of this Bill, the Council may in the name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute, the Councilor any of their committees.
- (2) Standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members and in the event of equality of votes, the President of the Institute or the Vice President as the case may be have a second or casting vote.
- (3) Standing orders made for committees shall provide for committees to report back to the Councilor any matter referred to it by the Council.
- (4) The quorum of the Council shall be 8 and the quorum of a committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.

Meetings of the Institute

4. (1) The Council shall convene an annual general meeting of the Institute on the 30th day of September every year or such other day as the Council may, from time to time, appoint so that if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous meeting not more than 15 months shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings. The President of the Institute shall oversee a special meeting of the Institute.
- (2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council at any time if less than 20 members of the Institute are informed by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the objects of the proposed meetings, the president of the Council shall oversee a special meeting of the Institute.

Meeting of the Council

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing order, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the president, and if the president is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than seven other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from the day on which the notice is given.
- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the President or in his absence, the Vice-President in their order (first second) shall preside, but if both are absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of them to preside at the meeting.
- (3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter,

the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council deems fit, but a person who is a member by this subparagraph, shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

- (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Minister who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting.

Meetings of the Committees

6. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Institute or the Council, such function as the Council may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council of whom not more than one-third may be persons who are not members of the Council and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.
- (3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

7. (1) The fixing of the common seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the President of any other member of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.
 - (2) Any contract or Instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be executed on behalf of the Institute or the Council, as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.
 - (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be executed.
8. The validity of any proceeding of the Institute or the Council or of a committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or of the Council or of a person to serve on the committee or by reason that the person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
 9. Any member of the Institute or Council and any person holding office on a Committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the president or Council, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to provide for the control of its membership and to promote the practice of Public Management/Leadership in Nigeria and for other related matters (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 984) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 984) and approved Clauses 1 - 22, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(vi) *Ad-hoc Committee on the Need to Investigate the Circumstances Surrounding the Acquisition of OVH Energy by NNPC Limited*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

21. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 28 February, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.46 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker