



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 27 March, 2025

1. The House met at 11.45 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House sang the National Anthem and recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 26 March, 2025.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
 - (i) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Staff and Students of Good Treasure International School, New Nyanya, Karu, Nasarawa State;
 - (ii) Trainees from Centre for Faith-Based Policy, RID Nigeria, Wuse II, Abuja.
 - (ii) **Defection:**
Mr Deputy Speaker read a communication from Hon. Chinwe Clara Nnabuike (*Orumba North/Orumba South Federal Constituency*), announcing her defection from the Young Progressives Party (YPP) to the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA).
5. **Petition**
A petition from Guardians of Democracy, on behalf of Hon. Shamsudeen Hassan and 9 others, and Hon. Terkume Akya and 13 others from Zamfara and Benue States of Assembly respectively, on their alleged illegal suspension, by their State Governors, was presented and laid by Hon. Philip Agbese (*Ado/Ogbadigbo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**(i) *Need to Address the Withholding of Bar Results and Backlog of Students Awaiting Call to the Bar:***

Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka (*Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*), and One other 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.

Need to Address the Withholding of Bar Results and Backlog of Students Awaiting Call to the Bar:

The House:

Notes that the Council of Legal Education, the statutory body responsible for conducting Bar Part 2 examination in Nigeria is currently withholding the results of over 6,000 students, which has grave implications to the Nigerian legal system and future of the aspiring lawyers;

Concerned that the delay in the release of Bar results and the backlog of students awaiting Call to Bar are not only an administrative issue; but constitutes humanitarian crisis calling for immediate intervention and attention;

Worried that since November 2024, not less than three students including Mr Sunday Nwaham (22/03/2025) and Mrs Oluyinka Ogundipe (17/02/2025) who were eagerly awaiting their Bar results have tragically passed away, with dreams of practicing law extinguished;

Also worried that some of the candidates awaiting call to Bar include citizens who are over 70 and 80 years in dire need to fulfill their life ambition;

Aware that the Nigerian legal system thrives on the principles of justice and fairness and practical, a duty to uphold the values in the courts and the country at large;

Conscious of the need to live up to the expectations as representatives of Nigerians;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Judiciary, and Justice to:

- (i) persuade the Council of legal education and the Nigerian Law School to immediately release all outstanding Bar results because, the delays in this process are unacceptable and contribute to unnecessary suffering among aspiring lawyers and their families;
- (ii) encourage the Council of Legal Education to Streamline the Call to Bar Process by establishing a clear and efficient process for calling students to the Bar in order to prioritize those who have already completed their education and are ready to contribute to the legal system;
- (iii) urge the creation of support programs for those affected by these delays, including

mental health resources and counseling services because the psychological toll of this uncertainty cannot be understated;

- (iv) ensure that the bodies responsible for the administration of Bar examinations are held accountable for their actions. Transparency in the process will help rebuild trust among students and the public (*Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency and One Other*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In the Prayer, immediately after the word “Committees on”, *leave out* the word “Judiciary” (*Hon. Olumide Osoba Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In the Prayer as amended, immediately after the word “Justice”, *insert* the words “Legislative Compliance” (*Hon. Olumide Osoba Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Council of Legal Education, the statutory body responsible for conducting Bar Part 2 examination in Nigeria is currently withholding the results of over 6,000 students, which has grave implications to the Nigerian legal system and future of the aspiring lawyers;

Concerned that the delay in the release of Bar results and the backlog of students awaiting Call to Bar are not only an administrative issue; but constitutes humanitarian crisis calling for immediate intervention and attention;

Worried that since November 2024, not less than three students including Mr Sunday Nwaham (22/03/2025) and Mrs Oluyinka Ogundipe (17/02/2025) who were eagerly awaiting their Bar results have tragically passed away, with dreams of practicing law extinguished;

Also worried that some of the candidates awaiting call to Bar include citizens who are over 70 and 80 years in dire need to fulfill their life ambition;

Aware that the Nigerian legal system thrives on the principles of justice and fairness and practical, a duty to uphold the values in the courts and the country at large;

Conscious of the need to live up to the expectations as representatives of Nigerians;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Justice, and Legislative Compliance to:

- (i) persuade the Council of legal education and the Nigerian Law School to immediately release all outstanding Bar results because, the delays in this process are unacceptable and contribute to unnecessary suffering among aspiring lawyers and their families;

- (ii) encourage the Council of Legal Education to Streamline the Call to Bar Process by establishing a clear and efficient process for calling students to the Bar in order to prioritize those who have already completed their education and are ready to contribute to the legal system;
 - (iii) urge the creation of support programs for those affected by these delays, including mental health resources and counseling services because the psychological toll of this uncertainty cannot be understated;
 - (iv) ensure that the bodies responsible for the administration of Bar examinations are held accountable for their actions. Transparency in the process will help rebuild trust among students and the public (**HR. 105/03/2025**).
- (ii) ***Need to Establish a United Checkpoint on the Ikom - Cameroon Border Road:***
Hon. Victor Abang (*Ikom/Iboki 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.

Need to Establish a Unified Checkpoint on the Ikom-Cameroon Border Road:

The House:

Notes that there is a growing security concern along the Ikom-Cameroon border corridor of the Trans-African Highway, where Nigerian security agencies continue to operate multiple checkpoints-contravening Article 12 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, which guarantees the right to freedom of movement and residence, as well as the 1979 ECOWAS Protocol on Free Movement of Persons and Economic Activities;

Also notes that these checkpoints-numbering almost 19 within a 14-kilometer stretch from Ikom to Mfum, have become a major source of hardship for citizens and traders, causing unnecessary delays and economic strain;

Further notes that the congestion caused by these multiple checkpoints frequently leads to traffic gridlock, heightening tensions between security personnel and civilians, and in some instances, resulting in loss of life;

Aware that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Nigerian Constitution affirms that the security and welfare of the people are the primary responsibilities of government, therefore it is incumbent upon security agencies to uphold this constitutional mandate while safeguarding lives and property. However, in carrying out these duties, they must do so in a manner that ensures the well-being and convenience of the citizens they are sworn to protect;

Worried that if these multiple checkpoints are not streamlined and proper order restored, a major crisis could erupt in the border region;

Concerned that failure to address this pressing security challenge could escalate tensions and create further instability in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministries of Interior and Police Affairs to take immediate steps to address the situation;
- (ii) also urge the Office of the National Security Adviser to implement urgent measures for the unification and proper management of border security operations along the Ikom-Cameroon corridor;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Interior, Customs and Excise , Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance (*Hon. Victor Abang — Ikom/Boki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

(HR. 106/03/2025).

- (iii) ***Need for Immediate Federal Intervention to Address the Devastating Impact of Recent Rainstorms on Lives and Property in Ikole and Oye Local Government Areas, Ekiti State:*** Hon. Akintunde Rotimi (*Ikole/Oye 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.

Need for Immediate Federal Intervention to Address the Devastating Impact of Recent Rainstorms on Lives and Property in Ikole and Oye Local Government Areas of Ekiti State:

The House:

Notes with deep concern the devastating rainstorms that have recently ravaged multiple communities in Ekiti North 1 (Ikole/Oye) Federal Constituency, causing widespread destruction to homes, businesses, public infrastructure, and farmlands;

Also notes that the violent storms have left many families displaced, destroyed sources of livelihood, and severely disrupted economic and social activities in the affected communities;

Disturbed that the scale of destruction has overwhelmed local coping mechanisms, leaving residents in urgent need of relief, temporary shelter, and essential supplies;

Worried that if immediate intervention is not provided, the affected communities may face worsening humanitarian conditions, including health hazards, food insecurity, and increased vulnerability to further environmental threats;

Recognizes the urgent need for coordinated federal intervention to provide emergency relief,

restore critical infrastructure, and support affected residents in rebuilding their lives;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Ministries of Works, and Housing and Urban Development to collaborate with relevant state and local government agencies to expedite the reconstruction and repair of damaged infrastructure, including roads, bridges, schools, and other public facilities;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently assess the extent of the damage and deploy immediate relief materials, including food, shelter, and medical supplies, to the affected communities;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to activate emergency response mechanisms to support displaced persons and provide long-term recovery assistance for affected families and businesses;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Rotimi Akintunde Oluwaseun — Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 107/03/2025).

Motion referred to the Committee on Humanitarian Affairs, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (4) to enable it take more than 3 matters of urgent public importance” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

- (iv) ***Need to Investigate the Excessive Use of Explosives by Zeberced Quarry in the Federal Capital Territory Abuja:***

Hon. Tijjani Kayode Ismail (*Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun 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.

Need to Investigate the Excessive Use of Explosives by Zeberced Quarry in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja:

The House:

Notes that ZEBERCED Quarry, located along Arab Road in Kubwa, Abuja, has been operating with significant negative impact on the surrounding communities, particularly in relation to degradation of houses, buildings and other infrastructural decay;

Aware that the persistent detonation of explosives from the quarry has led to serious noise pollution, resulting in auditory impairments, respiratory health issues, and psychological distress, especially among children and elderly residents;

Concerned that continuous ground vibrations from quarry explosions have weakened buildings and infrastructure in the area, creating the potential for structural collapse and severe property damage, endangering lives;

Also concerned that heavy-duty trucks transporting materials from the quarry have deteriorated road infrastructure, leading to increased vehicular accidents, economic losses, and mobility challenges for residents;

Recognizes that these activities contravene the provisions of:

- (a) the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act (2007), which prohibits mining operations that endanger human life, property, and the environment (Sections 61 and 116),
- (b) the Environmental Impact Assessment Act (1992), which mandates that any industrial activity likely to affect public health among others must undergo proper and relevant assessment and mitigation planning;

Alarmed that despite clear violations of environmental and public health laws, no substantial regulatory action has been taken to protect affected residents;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Ministry of Works and the FCTA to commence urgent rehabilitation of roads degraded by quarry operations to restore safe mobility for residents;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Solid Minerals to —
 - (a) recommend the immediate revocation of ZEBERCED Quarry's operating license if found guilty of violating health and safety regulations;
 - (b) summon the management of ZEBERCED Quarry, the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development and other relevant Agencies for an investigative hearing to assess the extent of damage in their operations, among others;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Tijjani Kayode Ismail —Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a Prayer (v) as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on Solid Minerals Development to review all impact assessment report for all mining and quarry sites” (*Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie — Andoni/Opobo Nkoro Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that ZEBERCED Quarry, located along Arab Road in Kubwa, Abuja, has been operating with significant negative impact on the surrounding communities, particularly in relation to degradation of houses, buildings and other infrastructural decay;

Aware that the persistent detonation of explosives from the quarry has led to serious noise pollution, resulting in auditory impairments, respiratory health issues, and psychological distress, especially among children and elderly residents;

Concerned that continuous ground vibrations from quarry explosions have weakened buildings and infrastructure in the area, creating the potential for structural collapse and severe property damage, endangering lives;

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- (b) the Environmental Impact Assessment Act (1992), which mandates that any industrial activity likely to affect public health among others must undergo proper and relevant assessment and mitigation planning;

Alarmed that despite clear violations of environmental and public health laws, no substantial regulatory action has been taken to protect affected residents;

Resolved to:

- (i) call on the Federal Ministry of Works and the FCTA to commence urgent rehabilitation of roads degraded by quarry operations to restore safe mobility for residents;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Solid Minerals to —
 - (a) recommend the immediate revocation of ZEBERCED Quarry's operating license if found guilty of violating health and safety regulations;
 - (b) summon the management of ZEBERCED Quarry, the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development and other relevant Agencies for an investigative hearing to assess the extent of damage in their operations, among others,
 - (c) review all impact assessment report for all mining and quarry sites;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 108/03/2025**).
- (v) ***Need to Investigate Allegations of Abuse of Tax Incentives, Tax Breaks and Tax Waivers by Public Institutions Granting Same and By Companies Benefitting from Tax Incentives:*** Hon. Oke Busari Oluwole (*Obokun/Oriade 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.

Need to Investigate Allegations of Abuse of Tax Incentives, Tax Breaks and Tax Waivers by Public Institutions Granting Same and by Companies Benefitting from Tax Incentives:

The House:

Notes that it is within the ambits of the powers of the Federal Government to exercise executive and legislative jurisdiction over items in the exclusive legislative list as detailed in the Second Schedule to the Constitution. Items like taxation of incomes, profits and capital gains, export and imports are exclusively within the control of the Federal Government;

Also notes that in line with the above, the Federal Government of Nigeria exercise monetary and fiscal controls over the economy to stabilize both micro and macro-economic conditions and fundamentals. Some of the tools available to monetary and fiscal policy authorities to tinker with the economy and stimulate economic activities in some sectors of the economy are tax waivers, tax breaks, tax exemptions and tax incentives; hence, when the government needs to attract investments and activities in a sector of the economy, it grants incentives in that sector;

Recalls that historically, the Executive Arm of Government had issued policy documents in line with its fiscal goals and strategy, for example, the annual issuance for the Fiscal Policy Measures by the Ministry of Finance, the periodic issuance of the Value Added Tax Modification Order, etc. Some of these policy interventions had been effective in the past in achieving part of its objectives;

Further notes that available data also shows that while the Executive Arm of Government has good intentions, these practices have and continues to create a major black hold in the purse of the Government of the Federation; and these losses are occasioned and driven primarily by abuses by Companies that have been granted tax based waivers and incentives;

Still notes that based on available data, Nigeria continues to lose about 8 Trillion Naira annually to tax incentives and waivers; about 6 Trillion Naira is lost to companies that abuse the system, while 2 Trillion worth of waiver achieves the objective of the Federal Government. Most of the abuses arise from fiscal items like capital allowances, Investment Allowances, Pioneer Status Incentives, Free Trade Zone exemptions, Value Added Tax Exemptions, etc.;

Observes that these gaps have negatively affected the Nigeria Tax to GDP ratio of Nigeria, which stands at 10.6%, being one of the lowest in Africa. The gap created in the revenue profile of the Government of the Federation has also contributed to the Federal Government seeking loans, grants and aides to fund our budget deficit;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to investigate these situations, Nigeria may not only be hanging on a fiscal cliff, it may fall off the cliff and be heading to Venezuela, which is a situation where a country has huge resources but is in deep economic crisis, recession and depression;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Finance, Industry, and Commerce to investigate the above allegations and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Oke Busari Oluwole — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

(HR. 109/03/2025).

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2235).
- (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2236).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2237).
- (4) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2238).
- (5) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (Creation of Additional Local Government Areas, Enugu State) (HB. 2217).
- (6) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2241).
- (7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2239).

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Obio Akpa, Oruk Anam, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (SB.675) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Obioakpa Orukanam, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (SB.675) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Tallase, Gombe State and for Related Matters (SB.297) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Tallase,

Gombe State and for Related Matters (SB.297) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Okeho, Oyo State and for Related Matters (SB.720) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Okeho, Oyo State and for Related Matters (SB.720) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kabo, Kano State to make Provision for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 691) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kabo, Kano State to make Provision for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 691) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment Kano, Kano State to Provide Treatment and Research for Cardiovascular Cases and for Related Matters (HB. 868) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment Kano, Kano State to Provide Treatment and Research for Cardiovascular Cases and for Related Matters (HB. 868) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 396) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 396) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Education, Zaria, Kaduna State for the Promotion and Development of Teacher's Education, make Comprehensive Provision for Management and Administration of the University and for Related Matters (HB. 2229) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Education, Zaria, Kaduna State for the Promotion and Development of Teacher's Education, make Comprehensive Provision for Management and Administration of the University and for Related Matters (HB. 2229) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi — Kanke/Pankshin/Kanam Federal Constituency and One other.*

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on University Education.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Yusuf Maitama Sule Federal University of Education, Kano, Kano State for the Promotion and Development of Teacher's Education, make Comprehensive Provision for Management and Administration of the University and for Related Matters (HB. 2232) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Yusuf Maitama Sule Federal University of Education, Kano, Kano State for the Promotion and Development of Teacher's Education, make Comprehensive Provision for Management and Administration of the University and for Related Matters (HB. 2232) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Isa Bello Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa 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 University Education.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Imo for the Promotion and Development of Teacher's Education, Owerri, Imo State make Comprehensive Provision for Management and Administration of the University and for Related Matters (HB. 2233) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Imo for the Promotion and Development of Teacher's Education Owerri, Imo State, make Comprehensive Provision for Management and Administration of the University and for Related Matters (HB. 2233) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ikweagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency, and 1 other.*

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on University Education.

17. **A Bill for An Act to Repeal the National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act, Cap. N50, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Provisions for the Establishment of the University of Nigerian Languages, Aba, Abia State to Make Comprehensive Provisions of its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 692 and HB. 1753) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for An Act to Repeal the National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act, Cap. N50, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Provisions for the Establishment of the University of Nigerian Languages, Aba, Abia State to Make Comprehensive Provisions of its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (and fifteen others) (HB. 692 and HB. 1753) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Isiaka Ayokunle Ibrahim — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*), and 15 others.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on University Education.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Sports Development Fund for the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Provide a Dedicated Fund for the Financing Support for Sporting Activities in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2184) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Sports Development Fund for the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Provide a Dedicated Fund for the Financing Support for Sporting Activities in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2184) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke — Ikeja Federal Constituency*) and 49 others.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Sports.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Management Hospitals Board Act Cap. 010 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of National Orthopaedic Hospital, Shinkafi, Zamfara State and for Related Matters (HB. 2159) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Management Hospitals Board Act Cap. 010 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of National Orthopaedic Hospital, Shinkafi, Zamfara State and for Related Matters (HB. 2159) be read a Second Time” (*Hon Bello Hassan Shinkafi — Shinkafi/Zurmi 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 Specialty Healthcare.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10**

Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the establishment of the Orthopaedic Hospital, Yauri, Kebbi State under the control of the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board, affiliated to the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi Teaching Hospital and for Related Matters — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the establishment of the Orthopaedic Hospital, Yauri, Kebbi State under the control of the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board, affiliated to the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi Teaching Hospital and for Related Matters be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Garba Umar Uba — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*), and 1 other.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Specialty Healthcare.

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do enable Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere (*House Leader*) to take all the Second Reading Bills on Constitution Review, pursuant to Order One, Rule 1 (2)” — *Agreed to.*

21. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Specific Seats for Women in the National and State Houses of Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 1383) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Specific Seats for Women in the National and State Houses of Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 1383) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ogbara Adeola Kafilat — Kosofe 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.

22. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the Inclusion of Youths and Persons Living with Disabilities in Political Appointments and for Related Matters (HB. 536) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the Inclusion of Youths and Persons Living with Disabilities in Political Appointments and for Related Matters (HB. 536) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato 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 Constitution Review.

23. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to completely Eliminate the Discrimination against Women in the Nationality Law, by allowing for Wives to be able to pass on their Nationality to their Foreign Husbands and for Related Matters (HB.1763) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to completely Eliminate the Discrimination against Women in the Nationality Law, by allowing for Wives to be able to pass on their Nationality to their Foreign Husbands and for Related Matters (HB.1763) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Akinola Alabi — Egbeda/Ona-Ara 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.

24. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Involvement of the National Assembly in the Process of Negotiation for and Entering into Treaties with Other Countries and for Related Matters (HB. 1482) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Involvement of the National Assembly in the Process of Negotiation for and Entering into Treaties with Other Countries and for Related Matters (HB. 1482) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende 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 Committee on Constitution Review.

25. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for the listing of the National Assembly Service Commission and State House of Assembly Service Commission as Independent Bodies Under Sections 158 and 197 Respectively; to Enhance the Independence of the National Assembly Service Commission and State House of Assembly Service Commission, to Clearly Designate the Clerk of the National Assembly and Clerks of State Houses of Assembly as Heads of Legislative Service at the National and Sub-national Levels and for Related Matters (HB.2196) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for the listing of the National Assembly Service Commission and State House of Assembly Service Commission as Independent Bodies Under Sections 158 and 197 Respectively; to Enhance the Independence of the National Assembly Service Commission and State House of Assembly Service Commission, to Clearly Designate the Clerk of the National Assembly and Clerks of State Houses of Assembly as Heads of Legislative Service at the National and Sub-national Levels and for Related Matters (HB.2196) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*), and 6 others.

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.

26. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Foster Autonomy of State Houses of Assembly over Local Governments within their Jurisdiction and for Related Matters (HB.1580) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Foster Autonomy of State Houses of Assembly over Local Governments within their Jurisdiction and for Related Matters (HB.1580) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Hammed Adewale Waheed — Agege 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.

27. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Set Time Within Which Civil and Criminal Causes and Matters Are Heard and Determined at Trials and Appellate Courts in Order to Eliminate Unnecessary Delays in Justice Administration and Delivery; and for Related Matters (HB.618) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Set Time Within Which Civil and Criminal Causes and Matters Are Heard and Determined at Trials and Appellate Courts in Order to Eliminate Unnecessary Delays in Justice Administration and Delivery; and for Related Matters (HB.618) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency), and 6 others.

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.

28. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) by increasing the Numbers of the Justices of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.682) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) by increasing the Numbers of the Justices of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.682) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Bello Ka’oje — Bagudo/Suru 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.

29. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Establish the Local Government Election Tribunals to Hear and Determine Election Petitions for the Offices of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Councilors of Local Government Councils and for Related Matters (HB. 1907) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Establish the Local Government Election Tribunals to Hear and Determine Election Petitions for the Offices of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Councilors of Local Government Councils and for Related Matters (HB. 1907) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adebayo Olusegun Balogun — Ibeju Lekki 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.

30. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Create a New State in the North Central Region of Nigeria known as Wan State and for Related Matters (HB.2180) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Create a New State in the North Central Region of Nigeria known as Wan State and for Related Matters (HB.2180) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Jeremiah Umaru — Akwanga/Nasarawa Eggon/Wamba 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.

31. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Create a New State in the Northwest Region of Nigeria Known as Gobir State and For Related Matters (HB. 2226) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Create a New State in the Northwest Region of Nigeria Known as Gobir State and For Related Matters (HB. 2226) be read a Second Time” (*Hon Bargaja Muhammed — Isa/Sabon Birnin 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.

32. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for Mandatory Periodic Conduct of Census; and for Other Related Matters (HB.2058) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for Mandatory Periodic Conduct of Census; and for Other Related Matters (HB.2058) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*), and 6 others.

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.

33. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to include Civil Defence in the Second Schedule to the Constitution and for Related Matters (HB.1291) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to include Civil Defence in the Second Schedule to the Constitution and for Related Matters (HB.1291) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo 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.

34. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Creation of Bende North Local Government Area Out of the Present Bende Local Government Area of Abia State, to Rename Bende Local Government Area as Bende South Local Government Area of Abia State and for Other Related Matters (HB. 2231) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Creation of Bende North Local Government Area Out of the Present Bende Local Government Area of Abia State, to Rename Bende Local Government Area as Bende South Local Government Area of Abia State and for Other Related Matters (HB. 2231) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*), and 6 others.

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.

35. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to make Provisions for the Creation of Ughievwen Local Government Area in Delta State and for Related Matters (HB.2234) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to make Provisions for the Creation of Ughievwen Local Government Area in Delta State and for Related Matters (HB.2234) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu 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.

36. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), to Provide for the Creation of Additional Local Government Areas in Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB. 2217) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), to Provide for the Creation of Additional Local Government Areas in Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB. 2217) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Paul Nnamchi Sunday — Enugu East/Isi-Uzo Federal Constituency*) and 2 others.

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.

37. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, (as amended) to Create an Additional Local Government Area in Imo State to be known as Ideato West Local Government Area and for Related Matters (HB.205) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, (as amended) to Create an Additional Local Government Area in Imo State to be known as Ideato West Local Government Area and for Related Matters (HB.205) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato 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 Constitution Review.

38. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Creation of Moriki Local Government Area from the present Zurmi Local Government, Zamfara State and for Related Matters (HB. 2238) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Creation of Moriki Local Government Area from the present Zurmi Local Government, Zamfara State and for Related Matters (HB. 2238) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*), and 1 others.

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.

39. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to enhance Interstate Commerce by Moving Trade and Commerce between**

the States to the Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB.199) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to enhance Interstate Commerce by Moving Trade and Commerce between the States to the Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB.199) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*), and 33 others.

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.

40. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Mode of Electing the State Governors, Deputy Governors, and the Appointment of the Commissioners of States and for Related Matters (HB.1116) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Mode of Electing the State Governors, Deputy Governors, and the Appointment of the Commissioners of States and for Related Matters (HB.1116) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*), and 59 others.

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.

41. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Means of Election into the Offices of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Local Government Councils in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1117) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Means of Election into the Offices of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Local Government Councils in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1117) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*), and 59 others.

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.

42. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the Office of the Prime Minister as Head of Government and the Office of President as Head of State and to provide for a Framework for the Mode of Election to the said Offices and for Related Matters (HB.1115) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the Office of the Prime Minister as Head of Government and the Office of President as Head of State and to provide for a Framework for the Mode of Election to the said Offices and for Related Matters (HB.1115) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*), and 59 others.

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.

43. **A Bill an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Remove from Independent National Electoral Commission, the Powers of Registration and Regulation of Political Parties in Nigeria and Transfer same to the Office of the Registrar General of Political Parties and for Related Matters — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

44. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Reduce the Lengthy Period for Determination of Pre-election Petition Matters and provide for the Establishment of Pre-Election Tribunals for Pre-Election Matters and Regulate the Process of Suspending a Member of the National Assembly from Legislative Duties and for Related Matters (HB. 1152, HB.1570, HB.1583 and HB.1596) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Reduce the Lengthy Period for Determination of Pre-election Petition Matters and provide for the Establishment of Pre-Election Tribunals for Pre-Election Matters and Regulate the Process of Suspending a Member of the National Assembly from Legislative Duties and for Related Matters (HB. 1152, HB.1570, HB.1583 and HB.1596) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Igariway Iduma Enwo — Afikpo North/Afikpo South Federal Constituency*), and 3 others.

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.

45. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Change of Simple Majority in Elections of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the State Governors and for Related Matters (HB. 877) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Change of Simple Majority in Elections of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the State Governors and for Related Matters (HB. 877) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie — Andoni/Opobo Nkoro 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.

46. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Requirements that Qualifies a Persons to be Elected as President and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Governors and Deputy Governor of a State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.202) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Requirements that Qualifies a Persons to be Elected as President and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Governors and Deputy Governor of a State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.202) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal*).

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.

47. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Set Timelines for Presentation of the Appropriations Bill and for Related Matters (HB. 1278) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Set Timelines for Presentation of the Appropriations Bill and for Related Matters (HB. 1278) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ali Isa JC — Balanga/Billiri 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.

48. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Status of the Federal Capital Territory as regards the Election of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.869) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Status of the Federal Capital Territory as regards the Election of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.869) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Peter Akpatason — Akoko Edo 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.

49. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to amongst other Provisions, Establish State Police Force, Change the name of the Police Service Commission to the Federal Police Service Commission, Establish the State Police Service Commission and Amend the Second and Third Schedules to the 1999 Constitution and for Related Matters (HB.871) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to amongst other Provisions, Establish State Police Force, Change the name of the Police Service Commission to the Federal Police Service Commission, Establish the State Police Service Commission and Amend the Second and Third Schedules to the 1999 Constitution and for Related Matters (HB.871) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mohammed Bello El-Rufai — Kaduna North 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.

50. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Related Matters (HB.928) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

51. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Strengthen Transparency and Regulate the Issuance of Waivers to Federal Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Parastatals, Extra Ministerial Departments, Public Companies and Corporations and for Related Matters (HB.963) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Strengthen Transparency and Regulate the Issuance of Waivers to Federal Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Parastatals, Extra Ministerial Departments, Public Companies and Corporations and for Related Matters (HB.963) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa 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.

52. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the Designation of a Special Account for Borrowed Funds, Credits and Grants and the Publication of Detailed Progress Report on the Implementation of Projects financed by Funds other than Revenues of the Federal Government and for Related Matters (HB.964) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the Designation of a Special Account for Borrowed Funds, Credits and Grants and the Publication of Detailed Progress Report on the Implementation of Projects financed by Funds other than Revenues of the Federal Government

and for Related Matters (HB.964) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa 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.

53. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Grant to the two Chambers of the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, Powers to Summon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Governors of States respectively, to Answer Questions on Issues of National Security or Any Matters Whatsoever, over which the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, have Powers to make Laws and for Related Matters (HB.204) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Grant to the two Chambers of the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, Powers to Summon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Governors of States respectively, to Answer Questions on Issues of National Security or Any Matters Whatsoever, over which the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, have Powers to make Laws and for Related Matters (HB.204) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato 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 Constitution Review.

54. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Related Matters (HB.397) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

55. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to provide for a Comprehensive Compensation in the Land Use Act and for Related Matters (HB. 1808) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to provide for a Comprehensive Compensation in the Land Use Act and for Related Matters (HB. 1808) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi Oluwaseun — Ikole/Oye 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.

56. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Address some Intricacies embedded in Sections, 7(3), 14(3, 36 (1) 162 (5) &(6), 197 (b), 243(2) and Third**

Schedule Part 1(15) in the 1999 Constitution and for Related Matters (HB. 2208) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

57. Rescission of the Resolution of the House on (HB. 1664 and HB. 2120) pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the debate on the General Principles on the under listed Constitutional Alteration Bills were debated and referred to the Committee on Constitution Review for further legislative action:

- (i) A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Qualify the Immunity Conferred on the President, Remove the Immunity Conferred on the Vice President, the Governors and their Deputies, in Order to Curb Corruption, Eradicate Impunity and Enhance Accountability in Public Office and for Related Matters (HB.1664), and
- (ii) A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Penalties for Certain Capital Offences in Alignment with Relevant International Best Practices and for Related Matters (HB. 2120);

Also aware that the provisions of the Bills offend natural justice and good conscience;

Cognizant of the need to rescind its decision on the Bills;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decisions on the Bills (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

58. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework for the Establishment of the Training Institutions of the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters (SB.470) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework for the Establishment of the Training Institutions of the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters (SB.470)” (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 PROVIDE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS OF THE
NIGERIA POLICE FORCE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS THERETO

Clause 1: Objective of Bill.

The objectives of this Bill include —

- (a) enhancing the professionalism, efficiency and effectiveness of the Nigeria Police Force through structured and continuous training programs;
- (b) fostering a uniform training curriculum that aligns with international best practices and the specific needs of Nigeria's diverse law enforcement landscape;
- (c) strengthening the capacity of police officers to effectively prevent and combat crime, uphold the rule of law and ensure public safety;
- (d) facilitating inter-agency collaboration and integration in police training efforts across various jurisdictions and levels;
- (e) promoting transparency and accountability in the management and implementation of police training initiatives;
- (f) providing a legal framework and establishing a coordinating Committee for the establishment and regulation of all police training institutions in Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Establishment of The Nigeria Police Force Training Institutions.

- (1) There is established the Nigeria Police Force Training Institutions (in this Bill referred to as "the Training Institutions") as set out in the First Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) The Training Institutions —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and
 - (b) may sue or be sued in their corporate names (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: The Powers and Functions of The Training Institutions.

Powers and functions of the Training Institutions include —

- (a) providing training for persons admitted into the Nigeria Police Force (in this Bill referred to as "the Force");
- (b) retraining serving police officers;
- (c) encouraging the advancement of learning and availing officers with the opportunity of acquiring higher education without discrimination on grounds of race, ethnicity, creed, sex, political conviction or religious persuasion;
- (d) providing courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit of

teaching and learning in all the courses relevant and related to the advancement of the Force;

- (e) nurturing, equipping and producing globally competitive officers with requisite knowledge, skills and attitudes suitable for leadership, scholarship, policing and community service;
- (f) developing in officer, a commitment to moral qualities, standards and patriotism required for leadership that are defined by the ideals of unity, honor and service to the country in the performance of policing and security obligation in accordance to Nigeria Police Act and Regulations;
- (g) aligning their activities to the dictates of global security, social, political, cultural and economic needs of the people of Nigeria;
- (h) encouraging and promoting scholarship and conducting research in relevant fields of learning and human endeavor in the overall security of Nigeria;
- (i) establishing such teaching and research units in the Training Institutions as may be necessary or desirable to develop the officers of the Force and other law enforcement officers or agents;
- (j) instituting and awarding scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes, distinctions, awards and other forms of recognition or title to deserving officers, subject to the approval of the Inspector General of Police;
- (k) handling matters relating to the discipline of officers in the training institutions in accordance with the prescribed procedures of the Force;
- (l) conducting examinations, to persons pursuing approved courses of studies and have satisfied the requirements prescribed by the Training Institutions;
- (m) conducting research in relevant fields of learning and other human endeavors;
- (n) doing such other things as consultancy courses that are considered necessary for the development, maintenance and sustenance of the Training Institutions to rank amongst the best Police Institutions in the world in support of the attainment of the highest standard of professionalism for the Force;
- (o) recommending to the Inspector General of Police for the withdrawal of any officer from the Training Institutions, for good cause, diploma, certificate, fellowship, studentship, bursary, medal, prize or other academic titles as deemed appropriate by the Training Institutions;
- (p) accepting gifts, legacies and donations, provided that the terms and conditions attached to such gifts, legacies or donations are consistent with the objects of the training institutions;
- (q) erecting, providing, equipping and maintaining libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings as are necessary for attaining the objects of the training institutions;
- (r) holding public and inaugural lectures, symposia and seminars;

- (s) investing any money belonging to the training institutions by way of endowment, whether for general or special purposes or such other money as may not be immediately required for current expenditure in any investment or securities in the purchase or improvement of land, with power to vary any such investment and to deposit any money for the time being not invested with any approved bank on deposit or current account, subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by any statute;
- (t) borrowing, whether on interest or not and if need be on the security of any of the property, moveable or immovable of the training institutions, such money as the Management Committee may require or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;
- (u) undertaking such other activities and doing such other things as maybe expedient for the effective implementation of this Bill, smooth running of the training institutions;
- (v) providing courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit of law enforcement training in all the various institutions, and to make those facilities available on proper terms to such trainees as are equipped to benefit from them;
- (w) providing training for members of the armed forces, security agencies, law enforcement agencies, other government agencies, members of private security companies and organized private sectors on approval by the Inspector General of Police;
- (x) undertaking other activities appropriate for a law enforcement training of the highest standard;
- (y) undertaking training on courses for professional and licensed private detectives approved by the Inspector General of Police under section 4 (i) of the Nigeria Police Act;
- (z) collaborating with national and international professional bodies to enhance capacity and capabilities of the personnel; and.
- (aa) undertake other activities appropriate for the training institutions of higher learning (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Establishment of the Nigeria Police Force Colleges and its Functions.

- (1) This Section of this Bill shall apply to the Nigeria Police Colleges (in this Bill referred to as "the Police Colleges") listed in Part I of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) Subject to Section 2 of this Bill, the Nigeria Police Colleges (in this Bill referred to as "the Police Colleges") shall have power to-
 - (a) provide fundamental training for newly recruited officers in law enforcement principles, ethics, and police procedures;
 - (b) offer further specialized training for senior officers to enhance leadership and management skills;

- (c) engage in research aimed at operational effectiveness;
- (d) facilitate ongoing education and seminars to keep personnel updated on new laws, techniques, and methodologies;
- (e) award diplomas and certificates to officers and individuals in accordance with the academic and professional standards as may be prescribed by appropriate authorities;
- (f) acquire, hold, purchase, mortgage and deal howsoever with property, movable or immovable, real or personal;
- (g) provide basic law enforcement training, refresher and basic operation simulation courses on police duties to persons recruited into the Nigeria Force;
- (h) provide advance training programs to serving officers;
- (i) encourage the advancement of higher law enforcement training;
- (j) provide advance courses to serving officers;
- (k) provide pioneering programs or training to serving officers; and
- (l) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Management Committee may serve to promote the objectives of the Police Colleges (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 5: Establishment and Functions of The Nigeria Police Force Training Schools.

- (1) This Section shall apply to the Nigeria Police Force Training Schools (in this Bill referred to as "the Police Training Schools") listed in Article 2 of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) Subject to Section 2 of this Bill, the Police Training Schools shall have power to —
 - (a) conduct initial training for recruits, focusing on practical skills such as investigations, crime laws, and community policing;
 - (b) offer courses in specific areas such as traffic management, cybercrime, and domestic violence;
 - (c) provide in-service training for serving officers to enhance their skills and knowledge;
 - (d) evaluate the performance of recruits and serving officers through various assessments techniques;
 - (e) provide basic training to persons newly absorbed into the Force;
 - (f) award its own diplomas and certificates to officers and interested individuals in accordance with the highest academic and professional standards as may be prescribed by appropriate authorities;

- (g) provide basic law enforcement training to recruits;
- (h) provide the refresher courses to serving officers;
- (i) encourage advancement of learning and law enforcement training;
- (j) provide 'Train the Trainer' programmes to serving officers;
- (k) provide training to other security agencies or private security companies on the approval of the Inspector General of Police; and
- (l) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Management Committee may serve to promote the objectives of Training School
(*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 6: Establishment and Functions of The Nigeria Police Force Tactical Training Schools.

- (1) This Section shall apply to the Nigeria Police Force Tactical Training Schools (in this Bill referred to as "the Police Tactical Training Schools") listed in Article 3 of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) Subject to Section 2 of this Bill, the Police Tactical Training Schools shall have power to —
 - (a) train officers in advanced tactical operations, crises management and response strategies for high-risk situations, such as hostage situations and terrorism;
 - (b) provide comprehensive training on the handling of firearms and other tactical equipment;
 - (c) prepare officers for specialized operations focused on counter-terrorism measures, and managing armed robbery incidents;
 - (d) emphasize physical fitness and mental reliance required for tactical operations;
 - (e) provide basic tactical law enforcement training to serving officers;
 - (f) provide the refresher courses to serving officers;
 - (g) encourage the assembling, repairs and manufacture of lethal weapons according to the learning curriculum;
 - (h) provide 'Train the Trainer' programmes to serving officers;
 - (i) provide training to other security agencies or private security companies on the approval of the Inspector General of Police;
 - (j) provide training in technology, applied science, commerce and management, and in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the development of Nigeria in the area of security, law enforcement and public order, as the Inspector General of Police may determine;

- (k) arrange workshops, conferences, seminars and study groups relative to its fields of learning; and
- (l) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Management Committee may serve to promote the objectives of the Tactical Training Schools (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 7: Establishment and Functions of The Nigeria Police Force Technical Training Schools.

- (1) This Section shall apply to the Nigeria Police Force Technical Training School (in this Bill referred to as "the Police Technical Training Schools") listed in Article 4 of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) Subject to Section 2 of this Bill, the Technical Training Schools shall have powers to —
 - (a) offer fundamental and advanced training programs in various aspects of policing, including criminal law, investigation techniques, crowd control, and community policing;
 - (b) foster skills in areas such as firearms handling, self-defense, first aid, and emergency response;
 - (c) provide specialized training in fields like cybercrime, narcotics, forensic science, and traffic management;
 - (d) engage in research to develop new training methodologies and technologies to enhance policing practices;
 - (e) work with other law enforcement agencies, local communities, and academic institutions to share knowledge and best practices;
 - (f) assess the performance of officers through examinations, simulations and practical assessments to ensure readiness and competency;
 - (g) help implement national and local policing policies through appropriate training aligned with current law enforcement standards;
 - (h) enhance the capacity of officers to effectively deal with contemporary challenges in policing, such as terrorism and organized crime;
 - (i) promote community-oriented policing strategies and educating officers on the importance building trust and collaboration with the community;
 - (j) provide basic and standard law enforcement training to serving officers;
 - (k) provide and impact advanced skill-based training in relevant fields to serving officers;
 - (l) engage in exchange programs with other institutions and professional

bodies in relevant fields for the purpose of advancing the objectives of the Technical Training Schools;

- (m) develop curriculum in tune with technological advancements necessary to maintain required levels of expertise in relevant fields of interest;
- (n) award certificates, diplomas and all relevant accolades for completion of trainings imparted in relevant fields by the Police Technical Training Schools;
- (o) arrange workshops, conferences, seminars, field studies, study tours both locally and internationally for learning and advancements in related areas of interest;
- (p) engage in the training of other personnel of law enforcement, security or professional bodies in Nigeria as well as countries with bilateral relations with Nigeria provided that such must be first approved by the Inspector General of Police; and
- (q) perform such other functions, engage in other developmental or expansive initiatives that may be necessary for its growth as may be directed by the Inspector General of Police (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 8: Establishment and Functions of The Other Police Institutions.

- (1) This Section shall apply to the other Police Training Institutions (in this Bill referred to as "the other Police Training Institutions") listed in Article 5 of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) Subject to Section 2 of this Bill, the other police Institutions shall have powers to —
 - (a) provide general knowledge on local and international matters commensurate with such offered in tertiary institutions of equivalent status across the world;
 - (b) provide specialized and competency training, both academic and technical, on related fields in accordance with the objectives of each Training institution;
 - (c) provide advanced and professional training for serving officers in relevant fields of endeavors;
 - (d) provide professional training in relevant fields for personnel of other law enforcement, security and professional agencies in Nigeria as well as other qualified Nigerians as may be approved by the Inspector General of Police;
 - (e) provide professional training in relevant fields for qualified non-Nigerians provided that such persons meet established admission or immigration requirements or other international or locally established procedures necessary in the circumstance;

- (f) develop curriculum, establish programmes required to uphold and sustain academic and professional standards for each training institution;
- (g) engage in exchange programmes with other academic and professional organizations both locally and internationally for the purpose of enriching its programmes and advancement of the training institution;
- (h) award certificates, diplomas, and other accolades for successful completion of established programmes of the training institution;
- (i) organize inaugural lectures, workshops, conferences, seminars, field studies as may be relevant to the training institution;
- (j) establish academic and professional partnerships both locally and internationally as may be relevant for the advancement of the training institution;
- (k) establish administrative structures, academic and professional departments as well as relevant protocols necessary for proper functioning of the training institution with necessary adjustments to reflect police ownership and foundation;
- (l) institute honorary chairs, foundations and endowments, award diploma, certificates and recognitions, establish alumni schemes, staff cooperatives, provide scholarship and other corporate social responsibility initiatives as well as other positive endeavors targeted at advancing the institutions;
- (m) obtain relevant accreditations for all programmes of the institutions as may be required; and
- (n) engage in other developmental and expansive initiatives for the institutions as may be directed by the Inspector General of Police (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART II — ADMISSIONS INTO THE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Clause 9: Requirements for Admission into the Colleges and Schools.

Applicants desiring to be recruited into the force or trained in any of the Training Institutions established under this Bill shall —

- (a) be a Nigerian and possess National Identity Number (NIN);
- (b) possess a minimum of five credits in not more than two sittings in WASSCE, GCE, NECO or NABTEB with not less than credit passes in English and Mathematics or an equivalent of such qualifications from other jurisdictions;
- (c) be of the age of 18 - 25 years;
- (d) be medically, physically, and psychologically fit and must not be less than 1.67mtrs tall for males and 1.64 mtrs tall for females;

- (e) not be less than 86cm (34 inches) expanded chest measurement, for men only;
- (f) be free from any pecuniary embarrassment;
- (g) if a female applicant, must not be pregnant at the time of recruitment and throughout the duration of the training;
- (h) present in writing of his sojourn, where about and engagements after obtaining the required certificate;
- (i) present a recommendation of good character from parents or guardian or community leader; and
- (j) be for fresh intakes and recruits of the Force only, not applicable to serving Force officers or non-personnel of the Nigeria Police Force (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Clause 9 (d), and *insert* as follows:
“be medically, physically and psychologically fit to be recruited into the College ” (*Hon. Terseer Ugbor — Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Leave out* Clause 9 (e) (*Hon. Terseer Ugbor — Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

PART III — ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING
INSTITUTIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Clause 10: Establishment of The Training Institutions Management Committee.

- (1) There is established Nigeria Police Force Training Institutions Management Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the Management Committee").
- (2) The Management Committee shall be appointed by the Inspector General of Police.
- (3) The functions of the Management Committee include —
 - (a) developing and maintaining a comprehensive and standardized training curriculum for all categories of police personnel , ensuring alignment with national and international policing standard;
 - (b) overseeing the scheduling, implementation, and evaluation of training programs across various training institutions of the Force;
 - (c) organizing contentious professional development and capacity building initiatives for police trainers and instructors to enhance their effectiveness in delivering trainings;
 - (d) establishing criteria for accreditation of all the training institutions established under this Bill and ensuring compliance with established

training standards;

- (e) implementing monitoring and evaluating mechanisms to assess the effectiveness and impact of training programs on police performance and public safety;
- (f) facilitating collaboration with local and international law enforcement agencies, academic institutions, and civil society organizations to share best practices and resources in police training
- (g) managing and allocating resources including funding, and materials appropriate for the effective delivery of training programmes;
- (h) providing regular reports to the relevant authorities on the states of police trainings, challenges faces, and recommendations for improvements; and
- (i) exercising all such powers as may be conferred on the Management Committee by this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 11: Exclusive Powers of the Nigeria Police Training Institutions Management Committee.

(1) The Management Committee shall have powers to -

- (a) exercise control and supervise the policy, finances and property of the training institutions;
- (b) consider and approve the annual budget or estimates, external auditor's report of the training institutions and any variation therein;
- (c) appoint bankers, auditors for the training institutions;
- (d) approve the Statutes of the training institutions as may be required under this Bill;
- (e) ensure that income and expenditure accounts and any other account of the training institutions are kept and audited annually. by auditors appointed by the Management Committee with the audit report submitted to the Management Committee;
- (f) exercise all such powers as may be conferred on the Management Committee by this Bill;
- (g) appoint any qualified person to fill a vacancy whenever it occurs in the membership of the Management Committee, to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor and the successor shall represent the same interest as that member whose exit created the vacancy; and
- (h) perform other functions as are necessary or expedient to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the training institutions under this Bill;

- (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Management Committee (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: The Structure of The Nigeria Police Training Institutions Management Committee.

- (1) The Management Committee shall consist of —
- (a) the Inspector General of Police as Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy-Inspector General of Police, Department of Training and Development as Deputy Chairman;
 - (c) the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Department of Training and Development as member;
 - (d) the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Accounts and Budget as member;
 - (e) a representative not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police of —
 - (i) Legal Service Department of the Force, and
 - (ii) the Commandants of all the Training Institutions established under this Bill; and
 - (f) at least two retired Police Officers not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police and a retired Police Legal Practitioner with proven professional competence as members.
- (2) The members of the Management Committee shall not be entitled to monthly remuneration, but shall be entitled to —
- (a) sitting allowance;
 - (b) hotel accommodation; and
 - (c) transport fares.
- (3) The members of the Management Committee other than *ex-officio* members shall —
- (a) be appointed by the Inspector General of Police from other relevant departments of the force as he thinks fit;
 - (b) hold office for a term of three years; and
 - (c) be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years and no more.
- (4) The Management Committee may, on the recommendation of the Inspector General of Police, co-opt any person to attend and participate at any of its meetings provided that the person so co-opted shall only be in attendance and

shall not count towards a quorum or vote at the meeting.

- (5) The office of a member of the Management Committee shall become vacant if —
- (a) his term of office expires;
 - (b) he resigns his office by a notice in writing, under his hand, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee;
 - (c) he dies or becomes of unsound mind or incapable of discharging his duties as a result of any illness;
 - (d) he has been declared bankrupt or he makes compromise with his creditors;
 - (e) has been convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty;
 - (f) he is guilty of gross misconduct relating to his duties;
 - (g) he is voted out by a simple majority of the Management Committee following a complaint and investigation that determines his character or conduct is not in the best interest of the training institutions, the Management Committee, or in public interest, making it unsuitable for the person to continue serving as a member of the Management Committee; or
 - (h) in the case of an *ex-officio* member, he ceases to hold the office on the basis of which he became a member of the Management Committee (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — APPOINTMENT OF COMMANDANT AND
DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Clause 13: Appointment of Commandant and Deputy Commandant for The Nigeria Police Training Institutions.

- (1) The Inspector General of Police shall appoint a Commandant (in this Bill referred to as "the Commandant") for the —
- (a) police staff college Jos who shall be a serving officer of the rank of an Assistant Inspector General of Police,
 - (b) police colleges, except the Staff College, Jos, an officer who shall be a serving officer of the rank of Commissioners of Police, and
 - (c) the Police Tactical Training Schools, the Police Technical Training Schools, and other Police Training Schools established under this Bill, who shall be a serving officer either of the rank of an Assistant Commissioner of Police or a Deputy Commissioner of Police.
- (2) The Commandant of any of the Training Institutions appointed under this Section shall possess at least a first degree from a recognized university.
- (3) Each Commandant shall be accountable to the Inspector General of Police

through the Deputy Inspector General on Training on all matters relating to the administration of the Training institution under his care.

- (4) Each Commandant shall hold office for a single term of three years or at the discretion of the Inspector General of Police and shall discharge the following duties —
 - (a) have command and control over the officers and men in the Training Institution he is assigned to;
 - (b) exercise powers and perform the functions necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the Institution; and
 - (c) discharge any duty delegated to him by the Inspector General of Police.
- (5) The Inspector General of Police, shall —
 - (a) appoint a Deputy Commandant for each of the Training Institutions, who shall be a serving officer of the Force and shall not be below the rank of a Deputy Commissioner of Police for the Police Staff College, Jos and the Police Training Colleges,
 - (b) appoint a Deputy Commandant for the Police Training Schools, Police Tactical Training School, Police Technical Training Schools, and Other Police Training Institutions, who shall be of the rank of an Assistant Commissioner of Police or any rank as may be determined by the Inspector General of Police.
- (6) A Deputy Commandant appointed under this Section, shall have a minimum qualification of at least first degree from any recognized university or higher institution or its equivalent.
- (7) The Deputy Commandant shall assist the Commandant in the administration of the training institutions and in all matters relating to —
 - (a) professional training of recruits and officers in the training institutions, or the supervision of instructors or discipline of trainees; and
 - (b) any other responsibility as may be assigned to him by the Commandant or by this Bill.
- (8) In the absence of the Commandant, the Deputy Commandant shall act in his stead and be accountable to the Commandant (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART V — APPOINTMENT OF A CAMP COMMANDANT AND A MATRON
FOR THE NIGERIA POLICE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND COLLEGES

Clause 14: Appointment of a Camp Commandant and a Matron for the Nigeria Police Training Institutions and Colleges.

- (1) The Commandant of each Institution shall appoint a Camp Commandant and

a Matron.

- (2) The Camp Commandant appointed under subsection (1) shall hold office for a term of two years, and may be reappointed by the Commandant for another term of one year.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Camp Commandant of a college and training institution, shall be —
 - (a) a serving police officer not below the rank of Chief Superintendent of Police for police colleges and Superintendent of Police for training school or as may be directed by the Inspector General of Police;
 - (b) responsible for directing and coordinating the security and general discipline of the recruits or officers and others on training;
 - (c) ensure the general cleanliness of the colleges and training schools; and
 - (d) discharge other duties that may be assigned by the Commandant.
- (4) The Matron shall be a female officer responsible for the discipline and general welfare of female trainees (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART X — ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF THE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Clause 15: Administrative Officers of the Training Institutions.

- (1) There shall be for each of the training institutions, an officer in charge of administration (in this Bill referred to as "the Head of Administration"), who shall be responsible for the administration of the affairs of each training institution, other than its financial affairs.
- (2) The Head of Administration shall —
 - (a) be an officer of the Force and not below the rank of a Chief Superintendent of Police or any other rank as may be determined by the Inspector General of Police;
 - (b) by virtue of his office be the Secretary to —
 - (i) Sub-Committee on Management of the Training Institution,
 - (ii) the Police Curriculum Sub-Committee, and
 - (iii) all other statutory bodies and other Sub-Committees of the Institution; and
 - (c) perform any function as may be assigned to him under this Bill or by the Commandant.
- (3) There shall be for each training institutions, an officer in charge of finances (in this Bill referred to as "the Officer in-Charge of Finance") who shall be

a police officer not below the rank of Chief Superintendent of Police with requisite qualification.

- (4) The Officer in-Charge of Finance shall, in addition to the required qualification in accounting and related field, also be a member of a professional accounting body.
- (5) There shall be for each of the training institutions, a Librarian in this Bill (referred to as "the Officer in-Charge of the Library") who shall be responsible to the Commandant of the Institution for the administration of the library and coordination of all library services and other teaching and research units under the training institutions.
- (6) The Officer in-Charge of the Library shall be an officer of the Force of either rank of a Deputy Superintendent or Superintendent of Police with additional required qualification in library science and be a professional librarian.
- (7) There shall be for each of the Training Institutions a spokesperson (referred to in this Bill as the "Police Public Relations Officer") who shall be responsible to the Commandant for general image management of the Training Institutions and for information dissemination and other related duties
- (8) The principal officers specified under this section shall be appointed for the training institutions by the Inspector General of Police for a term which may not exceed three years.
- (9) The principal officers specified under this section shall be deployed in accordance with Force orders and directives or as may be determined by the Management Committee.
- (10) There shall be appointed by the Inspector General of Police for the training institutions other police officers, to be responsible for coordination and the administration of the following —
 - (a) Academic Planning, Examination and Records;
 - (b) Works and Physical Planning;
 - (c) Health Services;
 - (d) Recruits, Police Trainees Affairs;
 - (e) Matron;
 - (f) Legal Services;
 - (g) Officers in charge of Basic and Advance Training Wings;
 - (h) Information Communication;
 - (i) Field Studies;
 - (j) Tactical Simulation and Drills, Group Dynamics and Individual Obstacles;

- (k) Library Studies;
 - (l) Police and Law Enforcement Studies; and
 - (m) any other aspect as may be determined by the Management Committee.
- (11) There shall be appointed by the Inspector General of Police on the recommendation of the Commandant of each of the training institutions, officers as coordinators in charge of all courses and other teaching and research units of the training Institutions as may be specified by the Management Committee.
- (12) The Inspector General of Police may appoint such other staff as he may deem necessary, to assist the Commandant of the training institutions in the performance of their functions under this Bill.
- (13) The staff of the training institutions appointed under this section shall be appointed on such terms and conditions of service as the Management Committee of the training institutions may determine in accordance with the approved government policy (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS, ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

Clause 16: Financial Provisions, Accounts and Records.

- (1) There is established for each of the Training Institutions a fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Fund") into which shall be paid -
 - (a) take off grants, annual subventions and budgetary allocation received from the Government of the Federation;
 - (b) such money as may be appropriated to each Training Institutions, by the National Assembly;
 - (c) such money as may be lent, deposited with or granted to the Training Institutions, by the Government of the Federation, States or Local Governments;
 - (d) grants, gifts or donations from international organizations and donor agencies;
 - (e) fees charged in accordance with the provisions of this Bill; and
 - (f) all other funds which may accrue to the training Institutions from any legitimate running of courses and lawful source allowed by any extant law or regulation for the time being in effect.
- (2) The Fund established under subsection (1) shall be managed in accordance with extant financial regulations applicable in the Public Service of the Federation.
- (3) The training Institutions may accept gift of land, money or other property if they are not proceed of crime and the organization making such gift are not

linked to any unlawful organization.

- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), Training Institutions shall not accept any gift, if the terms or conditions attached by the individual or organization offering the gift is inconsistent with national interest, national security, or the provisions of this Bill.
- (5) All property, money or funds donated for any specified purpose shall be applied and administered in accordance with the purpose for which they were donated and shall be accounted for separately.
- (6) Any money withdrawn from the fund established under subsection (1) shall be applied for the purposes for each of the training Institutions.
- (7) Each Training Institution shall prepare annually a budget showing the estimate of income and expenditure of the training Institution for the ensuing financial year and shall submit the estimate to the Management Committee not later than three calendar months preceding the financial year, or such earlier date as the Management Committee may approve.
- (8) The financial year of the training Institutions shall commence on the 1 January of each year and end on the 31 day of December of the same year or any such time as may be prescribed by Financial Regulations issued by the Federal Government of Nigeria.
- (9) The training Institutions shall keep proper accounts and records of all receipts, payments, assets and liabilities in respect of each year manually and electronically and shall —
 - (a) cause the accounts to be audited, within three months from the end of each financial year, by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation; and
 - (b) prepare a statement of account in respect of each year in such form and manner as may be approved by the Federal Government.
- (10) An auditor appointed under subsection (9) shall have access to all accounts and other records, relating to such accounts as are kept by each of the Training Institution and shall have the power to require from any concerned staff of the training Institutions such information and explanation as in the auditor's opinion are necessary for the purpose of the audit.
- (11) The audited accounts and records of the training Institutions shall be submitted to the Management Committee for consideration and forwarded to the Auditor-General for the Federation, on the approval of the Inspector General of Police.
- (12) The Finance and General Purpose Committee shall prepare an annual report, which shall include the audited accounts of the training Institutions for the previous financial year and a statement of the assets and liabilities as at the last day of the financial year.
- (13) The Commandant shall forward the annual report to the Inspector General of Police who shall upon receiving it prepare annual report, and submit it to the National Assembly (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House*

Leader).

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

PART VII — COMPOSITION OF CONSTITUENT BODIES
OF THE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Clause 17: Composition of Constituent Bodies of the Training Institutions.

- (1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee shall be constituted by the Inspector General of Police and shall exercise control over the property and expenditure of the training institutions.
- (2) The powers and functions of the Finance and General Purpose Committee shall be to —
 - (a) consider and make recommendation to the Management Committee on the draft annual estimate of income and expenditure for each financial year;
 - (b) advise the Management Committee on deposits and investments of money belonging to the training institutions;
 - (c) recommend to the Management Committee means and procedures, Financial Regulations, for the control of expenditure and administration of finances for the training institutions;
 - (d) consider and decide on request for variation within the approved annual estimate from any unit of the training institutions subject to the approval of the Management Committee;
 - (e) advise the Management Committee on any matter relating to the development of the training institutions sites as may be referred to it by the Management Committee; and
 - (f) perform any other function as may be directed to it by the Management Committee.
- (3) The quorum of the Finance and General Purpose Committee shall be five including the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman or their representatives.
- (4) Subject to any directions given by the Management Committee, the Finance and General Purpose Committee may regulate its procedures.
- (5) For the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this Bill, each of the training institutions shall have the following standing sub-committees to be constituted by the Commandant —
 - (a) Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee;
 - (b) Academic Sub-Committee;
 - (c) Tenders Board;
 - (d) Information and Publications Sub-Committee;
 - (e) Security Sub-Committee; and

- (f) Admission and Selection Sub-Committee from the Department of Training and Development.
- (6) Provisions shall be made by the Management Committee for the constitution and terms of reference of the Admission and Selection sub-Committee as deemed appropriate by the Inspector General of Police, as part of the Standing Sub-Committee.
- (7) The Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee shall, subject to the direction of the Management Committee, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the training institutions.
- (8) The powers and functions of the Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee shall be to —
 - (a) consider and make recommendation to the Management Committee on the draft annual estimate of income and expenditure for each financial year;
 - (b) advise the Management Committee on deposits and investments of money belonging to the training institutions;
 - (c) recommend to the Management Committee, means and procedures, Financial Regulations, for the control of expenditure and administration of finances of the training institutions;
 - (d) consider and decide on request for variation within the approved annual estimate from any unit of the training institutions subject to the approval of the Inspector General of Police;
 - (e) advise the Management Committee on any matter relating to the development of the colleges and training institutions sites as may be referred to it by the Inspector General of Police; and
 - (f) perform any other function as may be delegated to it by the Inspector General of Police.
- (9) The quorum of the Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee shall be five including the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, the Commandant, subject to any directions by the Management Committee, the Committee may regulate its procedures.
- (10) The Academic Sub-Committee shall consist of —
 - (a) Academic and Practical Police Training and Curriculum;
 - (b) Operational Simulation and Development;
 - (c) Library and Publications;
 - (d) Passing out Parade or Ceremonies;
 - (e) Research Grant;
 - (f) Trainees' Welfare; and

- (g) Sports Committee.
- (11) The powers and functions of the Academic Sub-Committee of the Police Staff College shall include —
 - (a) assessing research projects submitted by trainees and approve same with merit for support or research grant where necessary;
 - (b) administering research funds of the training institutions;
 - (c) recommending development proposals to the Management Committee and ensure compliance when approved;
 - (d) formulating regulations governing the conduct of examinations in the training institutions;
 - (e) reviewing the existing regulation for appropriate recommendation to the Management Committee;
 - (f) considering matters on examinations as may be referred to it by the Management Committee;
 - (g) assisting and advising the training institutions on the development of the library as the centre of learning and research;
 - (h) formulating regulations for the use of the library and its facilities;
 - (i) helping to prepare the library budget;
 - (j) selecting and recommending manuscripts for publications by the training institutions;
 - (k) supervising the production of official publications that will bear the emblem of the colleges and training institutions;
 - (l) regulating the development and the use of e-library; and
 - (m) undertaking other related tasks that may be assigned to it by the Inspector General of Police and the Management Committee as the case may be.
- (12) The quorum of the Academic Sub-Committee shall be simple majority of the members including the Chairman of the Committee.
- (13) The Academic Sub-Committee shall provide for the constitution and terms of reference of the units established under this subsection creating same (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART VIII — TENDERS BOARD AND EXTRAORDINARY COMMITTEES

Clause 18: Tenders Board and Extraordinary Committees.

- (1) There shall be a Tenders Board whose membership shall consist of —
 - (a) the Commandant who shall be the Chairman;

- (b) the Deputy Commandant;
 - (c) a representative of the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Department of Training and Development; and
 - (d) two other members to be appointed by the Inspector General of Police.
- (2) The powers and functions of the Tenders Board shall include —
 - (a) advising the Management Committee on projects, construction of buildings and supply of goods and services;
 - (b) considering and accepting tenders from contractors;
 - (c) initiating action on the production of the tender's documents; and
 - (d) considering tenders submitted by contractors wishing to execute.
- (3) There shall be for the training institutions an Academic and Instructional Sub-Committee which shall consist of —
 - (a) Deputy Inspector General of Police, Department of Training and Development who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) Assistant Inspector General of Police, Training as member;
 - (c) the Commandant as member;
 - (d) the Commissioner of Police, Training as member;
 - (e) the Deputy Commandant;
 - (f) the Assistant Commissioner of Police Administration, in the Department of Training and Development who shall serve as the Secretary; and
 - (g) the colleges and training institutions Librarian.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Management Committee shall organize, control teaching, research activities in the Training Institutions, the admission and discipline of officers on training and other academic matters, subject to the approval of the Inspector General of Police.
- (5) Without prejudice to this section, the Management Committee shall regulate the —
 - (a) organization and control of courses of study and approve the conduct of examinations on such courses;
 - (b) award of diploma, certificates and other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examinations under this Bill for the Police Staff College Jos, Plateau State;
 - (c) participation in the selection of persons for admission as trainee at the training institutions; and

- (d) recommendation of the award of scholarship, prize and similar awards within the control of the colleges and training institutions.
- (6) The quorum of the Management Committee shall be one-third.
- (7) In the absence of the Chairman of the Management Sub-Committee, the Deputy Commandant if present at the meeting shall preside over the meeting.
- (8) The Management Sub-Committee shall meet once in a month or at any time at the request of the Commandant or at the written request of one-third of its members addressed to the Chairman of the Management Sub-Committee, who shall within two weeks convey a meeting in response to the request, and the members making such request shall clearly state the business of the meeting on which the request is being made.
- (9) The Chairman of the Management Sub-Committee shall have one vote as any other member but in the event of equality of vote, the Chairman shall exercise in addition, a casting vote.
- (10) Subject to the provision of this Bill, the Management Sub-Committee shall regulate its proceedings at the meeting.
- (11) The Management Sub-Committee may, subject to the approval of the Inspector General of Police, make regulations for the purpose of performing any function conferred on it by the provisions of this Bill.
- (12) The regulations made by the Management Sub-Committee shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the external examiners at each examination held in conjunction with any course of study, not professional police studies is not an instructor at the training institution concerned, but a lecturer of a branch of learning to which the course relates at another training institution or other degree awarding institution of high repute.
- (13) The Management Committee may withdraw from any person any diploma, certificate or other awards of the training institutions who has been found guilty of dishonorable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the training institution or obtaining that award.
- (14) Without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Management Committee all decision or resolutions made by the Management Committee shall be subject to the approval and confirmation of the Inspector General of Police.
- (15) There shall be a Passing Out Parade, Graduation and Convocation Committee of at least 15 persons, which shall be constituted by the Inspector General of Police and shall have —
 - (a) a committee with representation from all the Police Colleges across the Federation;
 - (b) a quorum of the Passing Out Parade, Graduation and Convocation Committee shall be 40% of members including the Chairman;
 - (c) powers to organize public events of all the Police Colleges;
 - (d) powers to recommend to the Academic Sub-Committee persons to

be considered for the awards of special recognition for services; and

- (e) powers to advise the Inspector General of Police on ceremonial matters generally (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

PART IX — POWERS OF BODIES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS BILL

Clause 19: Powers of Bodies Established Under this Bill.

- (1) Bodies established under this Bill, shall have power to constitute sub-committees consisting of members of that body and authorize such Sub-Committee established by it to perform on its behalf, such functions as may be delegated to the Committees subject to the approval of the Inspector General of Police.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1), any two or more of the bodies established by this Bill, may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of sub-committees consisting of members of those bodies for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.
- (3) Except as may be otherwise provided under this Bill, statute or regulations, the quorum and procedure of any committee or subcommittee established under this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body.
- (4) Nothing in subsections (1), (2) and (3) shall be construed as enabling —
 - (a) the Inspector General of Police to empower any other body to make statute; or
 - (b) the Commandant to empower any other body to make regulations (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

PART X — GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO STATUTES AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Clause 20: General Provisions Relating to Statutes and Legal Proceedings.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Inspector General of Police may recommend to the Management Committee to —
 - (a) expand other mini unit, campus or institute;
 - (b) regulate the activities and programs of the training institutions, authority or any matter connected with the colleges and training institutions;
 - (c) put measures or policies for the effective implementation of any of the provisions of this Bill;
 - (d) make provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority, and mini schools and training institutions;

- (e) specify and regulate the powers and duties of any authority of the training institutions, and regulating any other matter connected with the training institutions or any of its authorities;
 - (f) regulate the admission of trainee's where it is done by the training institutions, and their welfare; and
 - (g) make provision for other matters for which provision by statute is authorized or required by this Bill.
- (2) The Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any statute made under this Bill as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of that Bill.
- (3) The Inspector General of Police shall have power to recommend the amendment of this Bill subject to the approval of the National Assembly.
- (4) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of this Bill, the matter may be referred to the Inspector General of Police, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he thinks fit.
- (5) The decision of the Inspector General of Police on any matter referred to him under this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and trainees of the training institutions and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Inspector General of Police under this section, an aggrieved party may resort to further interpretation by the Federal High Court of Nigeria.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply to any suit or action instituted against any of the training institutions, principal officers, an officer or employee of the training institutions (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART XI — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 21: Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (1) The Minister responsible for police affairs or the Permanent Secretary may, as circumstances require, not being less than once in every year, conduct a visitation to the training institutions to look into any of the affairs of the training institutions where the need arises.
- (2) The training institutions shall —
 - (a) make available to the Minister or the Permanent Secretary or to other persons conducting a visitation under this section, such facilities and assistance as may be reasonably required for the purposes of a visitation; and
 - (b) comply with any instruction or direction which may be given by the Minister or the Permanent Secretary in consequence of a visitation subject to the provisions of this Bill.
- (3) A commissioned trainee from the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) and above who has first degree from the Police Academy or any

recognized university shall be awarded a certificate after the successful completion of his course and professional training at any of the Colleges.

- (4) A trainee below the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) shall be awarded a certificate after the successful completion of his course and professional training.
- (5) The said certificate under subsection (5) shall be equivalent to either a diploma or a post-diploma certificate depending on the entry requirement or rank, as the case may be.
- (6) The seal of the training institutions shall be such as may be administered by the management and the fixing of the seal of the training institutions shall be signed by the Commandant.
- (7) Certificates issued by the training institutions shall have that training institution's seal fixed and signed by the Commandant and the Registrar of the respective Training Institution.
- (8) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the training institutions by any authorized person (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 22: Transitions and Savings.

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the training institutions by any provisional authority, planning and implementation committee or any interim body by whatsoever name called, shall by virtue of this section vest in that respective training institutions.
- (2) Where any person has, before the commencement of this Bill, been appointed and purported to act under powers, however conferred, incidental to the acquisition of land for, or incidental to the erection, supervision or control of any institution established under this Bill, such persons shall be deemed always to have been lawfully appointed, or to have validly exercised the powers, as the case may be (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 23: Acquisition and Disposal of Property.

- (1) The landed property of the training institutions shall not be disposed of or charged except by the resolution of the Management Committee which shall be subject to the approval of the Inspector General of Police.
- (2) Any acquisition of land or any immovable property by the training institutions shall be deemed to be for public purpose under the Land Use Act (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 24: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Administrative Officers" of the Training Institutions include the Head of Administration, the Officer in-Charge of Finance and a Librarian (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Camp Commandant" means an officer appointed by the Commandant not below the rank of Chief Superintendent of Police responsible for directing and coordinating the security and general discipline of recruits or others in Training Institutions including any other duties that he may be assigned by the Commandant (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Commandant" means the Commandant of a Police College, Police Training School, Police Tactical School, Police Technical Training School, Police Staff Colleges and other Police Training Institutions, so appointed by the Inspector General of Police (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Deputy Commandant" means the Deputy Commandant of a Police College, Police Training School, Police Tactical School, Police Technical Training School and other Police Institutions so appointed by the Inspector General of Police or Commandant acting in that behalf (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Force" means the Nigeria Police Force (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Inspector-General of Police" means the Inspector-General of Police established under Section 215 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for police affairs (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"the Librarian" means the office responsible to the Commandant of the Institution for the administration of the Library and coordination of all library services and other teaching and research units under the Colleges and Training Schools (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"the Head of Administration" means an officer of the rank of an Assistant Commissioner of Police in case of Colleges and within the Superintendent Cadre in case of other Institutions (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words “the Head of Administrative” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"the Management Committee" means the Nigeria Police Training Institutions Management Committee established under section 10 of this Act (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words “the Management Committee” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"the Officer in-Charge of Finance" means a Police officer not below the rank of Chief Superintendent of Police with requisite qualifications in accounting and he shall be responsible for the general financial matter of the Training Institution (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words “the Officer in-Charge of Finance” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Permanent Secretary" means the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Police Affairs; and (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Permanent Secretary” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Training Institutions" means Police Colleges, Police Training Schools, Police Tactical Schools, Police Technical Training Schools and other Police Training Institutions (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Training Institutions” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

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

Clause 25: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Police Force Training Institutions (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 2 (1)

1. Colleges include —

(a) Police College, Ikeja, Lagos State;

- (b) Police College, Kaduna, Kaduna State;
- (c) Police College, Maiduguri, Borno State;
- (d) Police College, Oji River, Enugu State;
- (e) Police Staff College, Jos, Plateau State;
- (f) Police Detective College, Enugu, Enugu State.

2. Police Training Schools include —

- (a) Police Training School, Bauchi, Bauchi State;
- (b) Police Training School, Minna, Niger State;
- (c) Police Training School, Sokoto, Sokoto State;
- (d) Police Training School, Ikeja, Lagos State;
- (e) Police Training School, Benin, Edo State;
- (f) Police Training School, Wanune, Benue State;
- (g) Police Training School, Odukpani - Calabar, Cross River State;
- (h) Police Training School, Ilorin, Kwara State;
- (i) Police Training School, Ibadan, Oyo State
- (j) Police Training School, Iperu, Ogun State
- (k) Police Training School, Jos, Plateau State;
- (l) Police Training School, Nekede - Owerri, Imo State;
- (m) Police Training School, Nonwa-Tai, Port Harcourt, Rivers State;
- (n) Police Training School, Oyin-Akoko, Ondo State;
- (o) EOD International Training School, Maiduguri, Borno State;
- (p) Police Training School, Ekiti, Ekiti State; and
- (q) Police Training School, Gwaram, Jigawa State.
- (r) Police Training School, Malabu, Fufure, Adamawa State
- (s) Police Detective College, Bende, Abia State

3. Police Tactical Schools include —

- (a) Police Mobile Training School, Gwoza, Borno State;
- (b) Police Mobile Training School, Ila-Orangun, Osun State

- (c) Police Mobile Training School, Ende-Hill, Nasarawa State
 - (d) Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) Training School, Nonwa-Tai, Port Harcourt, Rivers State;
 - (e) Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) Training School, Gombe, Gombe State
 - (f) Special Protection Unit (SPU) Training School, Kafin Hausa, Jigawa State;
 - (g) K9 Training School, Bukuru-Jos, Plateau State;
 - (h) Mounted Troop Training School, Jos, Plateau State;
 - (i) Marine Training School, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State;
 - (j) Nigeria Police Pre-Retirement Training School, Kudan, Kaduna State
4. Police Technical Training Schools include —
- (a) Police Public Relations School, Main Campus, Lafia, Nasarawa State;
 - (b) Police Public Relations School, Abuja Campus;
 - (c) Central Planning and Training Unit (CPTU), Jos, Plateau State
 - (d) Police School of Intelligence, Shere, Kwara State;
 - (e) School of Communication, Kudan, Kaduna State;
 - (f) School of Communication, Ikeja, Lagos State;
 - (g) School of Music, Ikeja, Lagos State;
 - (h) Police Driving School, Ikeja, Lagos State;
 - (i) Police Veterinary Training School, Abuja.
5. Other Training Police Institutions —
- (a) Police Institute of Digital Studies and Cyber Security, Abeokuta, Ogun State;
 - (b) Police School of Nursing and Midwifery, Ezimo, Enugu State;
 - (c) National Institute of Police Studies, Life Camp, Abuja;
 - (d) Police Specialist Training Institute, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State;
 - (e) Police School of Finance and Administration, Umueri, Anambra State (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. The Management Committee may make Standing Orders regulating the proceedings of the Management Committee or any Committee of it.
2. The quorum of meeting of the Management Committee shall not be less than one-third of the total number of the members of the Management Committee at the date of meeting and the quorum of meeting of any Committee of the Management Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee.
3. The Management Committee shall operate in Standing Committees and meet in at least once a month.
4. The Standing Committees shall perform such functions as may be assigned to them by the Management Committee.
5. The decision of a Standing Committee is subject to the ratification of the Management Committee.
6. A meeting of the Standing Committee shall be presided over by the Chairman appointed by the Management Committee, or Vice-Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and in the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the members present shall nominate one of their members to preside.
7. A meeting of the Management Committee shall be presided over by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is unable to attend the meeting, the Chairman shall nominate a member to preside at the meeting.
8.
 - (1) Subject to the provisions of any applicable Standing Orders, the Management Committee shall meet whenever summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than one-third of the members, the Chairman shall summon the meeting of the Management Committee to be held within 21 days from the date on which the notice was given.
 - (2) Where the Management Committee wishes to obtain the services of any person on a particular matter, the Management Committee may engage such person on such terms and conditions as it may determine.
 - (3) The affixing of the seal of the Management Committee shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or any person authorized generally or specifically by the Management Committee to act for that purpose (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework for the Establishment of the Training Institutions of the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters Thereto (SB.470) (*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 Provide the Legal Framework for the Establishment of the Training Institutions of the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters (SB.470) and approved Clauses 1 - 8, approved Clause 9 as amended, approved Clauses 10 - 25, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do resume the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, 2007 to Empower the Federal Road Safety Commission with the Responsibility for Road Traffic Administration and Safety Management, Preventing and Minimizing Road Traffic Crashes on Public Roads, the Supervision of Users of such Public Roads, the Regulation of Traffic thereon and clearing of obstruction on any part of the Public Roads and for Educating Drivers, Motorists and other Members of the Public generally on the proper use of Public Roads and Matters Related to Safety on the Public Roads and for Related Matters (HB. 1604 and HB. 1401)” (*Hon. Abiodun Aderin Adesida — Akure North/Akure 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIA ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION ACT, 2007 TO EMPOWER THE NIGERIAN ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROAD TRAFFIC ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT, PREVENTING AND MINIMIZING ROAD TRAFFIC CRASHES ON PUBLIC ROADS, THE SUPERVISION OF USERS OF SUCH PUBLIC ROADS, THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC THEREON AND CLEARING OF OBSTRUCTION ON ANY PART OF THE PUBLIC ROADS AND FOR EDUCATING DRIVERS, MOTORISTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY ON THE PROPER USE OF PUBLIC ROADS AND MATTERS RELATED TO SAFETY ON THE PUBLIC ROADS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB 1604 & HB.1401)

Consideration deferred.

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 of the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, 2007 to Empower the Federal Road Safety Commission with the Responsibility for Road Traffic Administration and Safety Management, Preventing and Minimizing Road Traffic Crashes on Public Roads, the Supervision of Users of such Public Roads, the Regulation of Traffic thereon and clearing of obstruction on any part of the Public Roads and for Educating Drivers, Motorists and other Members of the Public generally on the proper use of Public Roads and Matters Related to Safety on the Public Roads and for Related Matters (HB. 1604 and HB. 1401).

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

(iii) **Committee on University Education:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on University Education on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Badagry, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 1500)” (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BADAGRY, LAGOS STATE;
AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 1500)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BADAGRY, LAGOS STATE

Committee's Recommendation:

- Clause 1:**
- (1) There is established Federal University of Technology, Badagry Lagos State, hereafter referred to as "the university").
 - (2) The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.
 - (3) The University shall be a training institution for the development of Technologists in the country.
 - (4) The University shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry of Education through the National Universities Commission (NUC) who shall be responsible for approving and regulating all academic programmes run in the University, to ensure quality compliance.
 - (5) The objects of the University shall be
 - (a) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction;
 - (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate research, and higher degrees with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in technology, applied science, social science, management and allied professional disciplines;
 - (c) to produce socially mature technologists with capabilities not to only understand the technology need of Nigeria as a nation, but also to exploit existing technological infrastructure and improve on it to develop new ones;
 - (d) to act as agents and catalysts for effective technology system,

through postgraduate training, research and innovation, for effective economic utilization and conservation of the country's human resources;

- (e) to bring quality change in Technology Education by focusing on practical teaching and learning innovations;
- (f) to collaborate with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of Technology with a view to promoting governance, leadership and management skills among Technologists;
- (g) to identify Technology needs of the society with a view to finding solutions to them within the context of overall national development;
- (h) to provide and promote sound basic technology training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity;
- (i) to provide higher Education and foster a systematic advancement of the science and Technology Education;
- (j) to provide for instruction in such branches of Technological education as it may deem necessary to make provision for research advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;
- (k) to provide students with operational competence for applying knowledge in the society as well as making technological changes in the society;
- (l) to undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a University of Technology of the highest standard (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Constitution and principal officers of the University.

(1) The University shall consist of:

- (a) a Chancellor;
- (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;
- (c) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;
- (d) a body to be called Congregation;
- (e) a body to be called Convocation;
- (f) the campuses and colleges of the University;
- (g) the colleges, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;

- (h) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subclause;
 - (i) all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and
 - (j) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf.
- (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the principal officers of the University.
- (3) Subject to Clause 5 of this Bill provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Powers of the Federal University of Technology, Badagry, and its exercise.

- (a) To offer courses of instruction, training and research in Technology and allied areas for the production of quality and skilled technologists required at lower, middle and higher levels of manpower in Nigeria in particular and the world at large.
- (b) To establish such colleges, campuses, institutes, schools, departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of National Universities Commission.
- (c) To institute professorships, readerships or associate professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto.
- (d) To institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance.
- (e) To provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University;
- (f) To hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down.
- (g) To grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles.
- (h) To demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purposes of instruction, such fees as the University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives of the Minister.
- (i) Subject to Clause 20 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever it is situate.
- (j) To accept gifts legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions

attached thereto.

- (k) To enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents.
- (l) To erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, workshops, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University.
- (m) To hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and book selling.
- (n) Subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment it, not being immediately required for current expenditure in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time, to vary any such investments to deposit any moneys for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;
- (o) To borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the security of any or all of the property, movable or immovable, of the University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find it necessary or expedient to borrow of to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities.
- (p) To make gifts for any charitable purpose.
- (q) To do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by statute to do.
- (r) To do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Functions of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.

- (1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present, shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring degrees.
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of Congregation or Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the chairman at all meetings of the councils (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 5: Composition tenure and powers of the council of the University.

- (1) The Council of the University shall consist of —

- (a) the Pro-Chancellor who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister of Education;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
 - (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for Education;
 - (e) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation to be appointed from —
 - (i) Tertiary Education Trust Fund, and
 - (ii) two other persons, one of whom shall be a representative of the University host community;
 - (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
 - (g) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members;
 - (h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members;
 - (i) two persons representing the community appointed by the President.
- (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the University.
- (3) The Council so constituted shall have a tenure of four years from the date of its inauguration provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the Visitor and a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University.
- (4) The powers of the Council shall be exercised, as in this Bill and to that extent establishment circulars that are inconsistent with this Bill' shall not apply to the University.
- (5) The Council shall be free in the discharge of its functions and exercise of its responsibilities for the good management, growth and development of the University.
- (6) The Council in the discharge of its functions shall ensure that disbursement of funds of the University complies with the approved budgetary ratio for —
 - (a) personnel cost;
 - (b) overhead cost;
 - (c) research and development;
 - (d) library developments; and
 - (e) the balance in expenditure between academic vis-a-vis non-academic activities (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 6: Functions of the council and its finance and general purposes.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University.
- (2) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the Finance, and General purposes committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
- (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (6) Rules made under sub-clause (5) of this section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that Committee conflict with any direction given by the Council, whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the Council shall prevail.
- (7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.
- (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least three times in every year.
- (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council.
- (10) Any request made under sub-clause (9) of this clause shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 7: Functions of the Senate of the University.

- (1) Subject to section 6 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of this section and the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organize and control the teaching by University, the admission of student where no other enactment provides to the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the University.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section and subject as therein mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the Senate to make provision for:
 - (a) the establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;
 - (b) the organization and control of courses of study at the University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;
 - (c) the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;
 - (d) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus;
 - (e) the establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and similar institutions at the University;
 - (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and the regulation of their conduct;
 - (g) the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and
 - (h) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.
- (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school, department, institute or other teaching and research units of the University, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council "and the National Universities Commission.
- (4) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorized or required by this Bill or by statute.
- (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study at the University is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other University of high repute or a person engaged in practicing the

profession in a reputable organization or institution.

- (6) Subject to right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this sub-section, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred upon him if after due enquiry he is found to have been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Functions of the Vice Chancellor.

- (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and subject to clause 4 of this Bill except the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.
- (2) Subject to clauses 6, 7 and 14 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise of directing the activities of the University and shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the University and *ex-officio* Chairman of the Senate.
- (3) The Vice Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the University Tenders' Board, which is saddled with the responsibility of approving the conduct of public procurement of goods, works and services within the approved threshold from time to time.
- (4) It shall be the responsibility of the Vice Chancellor to establish and appoint members of the Tenders' Board in line with the extant Public Procurement Rules and Regulations (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

**PART II — GENERAL FUND, TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, ETC. TO THE
UNIVERSITY AND CONDITION OF SERVICE OF EMPLOYEES**

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: General Fund of the University.

- (1) There shall be a general fund of the University which shall consist of the following —
- (a) grants-in-aid;
- (b) fees;
- (c) income derived from investments;
- (d) gifts, legacies, endowments and donations not accepted for a particular purpose;

- (e) income derived from the exercise of any functions conferred or imposed on the University by this Bill;
 - (f) any other amounts, charges or dues recoverable by the University;
 - (g) revenue, from time to time, accruing to the University by way of subvention;
 - (h) interests on investments;
 - (i) donations and legacies accruing to the University from any source for the general or special purposes of the University; and
 - (j) from the Federal Government interventions.
- (2) The general fund shall be applied for the purposes of the University (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Transfer of property, etc.

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council of the University shall, by virtue of this sub-clause and without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.
- (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by this clause and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 11: Power of the University to make statutes.

- (1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make statutes for any of the following purposes, that is to say —
 - (a) making provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority of the University;
 - (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the University or any of its authorities;
 - (c) regulating the admission of students (where no other enactment provides to the contrary), and their discipline and welfare;
 - (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any statute, regulation or other instrument made thereunder: or
 - (e) making provision for any other matter for which provision by statute

is authorized or required by this Bill.

- (2) Subject to Clause 25 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of Clause 28 (1) of that Bill.

Third Scheduled.

- (3) The statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this clause by the University.
- (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent statute (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Mode of exercising power to make statute.

- (1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this clause and not otherwise.
- (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been approved:
 - (a) at a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting; and
 - (b) at a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting.
- (3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Council, and may be approved as required by sub-section (2) of this section by either one of those bodies or the other.
- (4) A statute which:
 - (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or
 - (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any statute.
- (5) For the purpose of clause 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within sub clause (4) of this clause, on the date on which it is approved by the President.
- (6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time:
 - (a) as to the meaning of any provision of a statute; or

- (b) as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he shall think fit.
- (7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under sub-clause (6) of this clause shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the University and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that sub-clause, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria.
- (8) Nothing in sub-clause (7) of this clause shall affect any power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 13: Proof of statutes, Mode of exercising power to make statutes.

A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Secretary to the Council to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the University (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: The Visitor.

- (1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.
- (2) The Visitor shall cause a visitation to the University when necessary, at least every five years, or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or persons as the Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University to make available to the Visitor and to any other person conducting a visitation in pursuance of this clause, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purposes of a visitation.
- (4) The Visitor shall make the report of such visitations and white paper thereon available to the Council which shall implement same (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Removal of certain members of the Council.

- (1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from

office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the President, and the President, after making such enquiries (if any) as he may consider appropriate approves the recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in question from office.

- (2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under sub clause (1) of this clause to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Removal and discipline of academic, administrative and professional staff.

- (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on the ground of misconduct or of professional inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall:
- (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter by the Council; and
 - (c) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.
- (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and for the purposes of this sub-clause "good cause" means:
- (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office;
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;

- (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service;
 - (e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the University.
- (4) Any person suspended pursuant to sub clause (2) or (3) of this clause shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as:
 - (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
 - (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;
 - (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case such a person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine.
- (5) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this clause, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.
- (6) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of sub clause (1) of this clause to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this clause shall:
 - (a) apply to any directive given by the Visitor in consequence of any visitation; or
 - (b) prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 17: Removal of the examiner.

- (1) If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, except in such cases as may be prescribed by the Vice-Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of clause 7(5) of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed in pursuance of sub clause (1) of this clause.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor on signing an instrument of removal pursuance to this clause, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it is related (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 18: Participation and discipline of Students.

- (1) The Students shall be:
 - (a) represented in the University's Students Welfare Board and other committees that deal with the affairs of students;
 - (b) participate in various aspects of curriculum development;
 - (c) participate in the process of assessing academic staff in respect of teaching; and
 - (d) be encouraged to be more self-assured as part of the national development process.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this clause, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct:
 - (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the directions, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facilities of the University, as may be so specified;
 - (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
 - (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) that the student be expelled from the University.
- (3) Where a direction is given under sub clause (1) (c) or (d) of this clause in respect of any student, that student may, within the prescribed period and

in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just either confirm. or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.

- (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance to sub clause (2) of his clause shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this clause to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate;
 - (b) nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of students' activities at the University otherwise than on the ground of misconduct;
 - (c) a direction under sub clause (2) (a) of this clause may be combined with a direction under sub clause (2) (b) of this clause (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 19: Exclusion of discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.

No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, account of race, place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the University, the holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment or employment at the University, or a member of anybody established by virtue of this Bill; and no person shall be subject to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 20: Restriction on disposal of land by University.

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

Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a track -rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the university for residential purpose (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 21: Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Bill.

Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of anybody of persons established by this Bill shall be as determined by that body (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 22: Appointment of the committees, etc.

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

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 23: Retiring age of academic staff.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pension Act, the compulsory retiring age of the following categories of staff shall be as follows:
 - (a) Academic staff of the University in the non-Professorial cadre shall be 65 years;

- (b) Academic staff of the University in the Professorial Cadre shall be 70 years;
 - (c) Non-academic staff of the University shall be 65 years.
- (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for 35 years shall not apply to an academic staff of the University (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 24: Special provisions relating to pensions of Professors.

An academic staff of the University who retires as a Professor in the University shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that the Professor has served continuously in the University up to the retirement age (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 25: Miscellaneous administrative provisions.

- (1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-Chancellor, Secretary to the Council or any other person authorized by statute.
- (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
- (3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorized to do so by the Council.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of any body established in pursuance of this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceeding.
- (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose his interest to the body and shall vote on any question relating to that matter.
- (6) Nothing in clause 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made in pursuance of this Bill.
- (7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make statutes or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Bill) or any regulation by a

subsequent statute or as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances.

- (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of clause 8 or clause 18 of this Bill or the Second Schedule to this Bill.
- (9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 26: Restriction of suits and execution.

(1) Pre-Action Notice:

- (a) No legal proceeding shall be instituted and/or commenced against University or any of its agents in the course of their official duties unless a 3 months' Pre-Action Notice of such intention is served on the University by an aggrieved party.
- (b) The Notice shall state the reason and the cause of action intended to be taken against the University, the particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that no suit shall be commenced against an officer or servant of the University, in any case where the University is vicariously liable for any alleged act, neglect or default of the officer or servant in the performance or intended performances of his duties, unless three months at least has elapsed after written notice of intention to commence the same shall have been served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent;
- (d) In any suit against this University, no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the University, but any sums of money which may be judgment of the court be awarded against the University shall, subject to any direction given by the court where notice of appeal has been given by the University in respect of the said judgment, be paid by the University from its general fund.

Service of Notices:

- (2) Service upon the University of any notice, order or other document may be effected by delivering the same or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Registrar and Secretary of the Council (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 26 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 27: Interpretation,

- (1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Campus" means any campus which may be established by the University (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means the College established pursuant to clause 2 (1) (b) of this Bill for the University (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the University established by clause 5 of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

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

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

"Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree, has been conferred by the University and any other person as may be designated as a graduate by the Council, acting in accordance with the recommendation of the Senate (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

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

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

"Notice" means notice in writing (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"Officer" does not include the Visitor (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “Prescribed” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Professor" means a person designated as a Professor of the University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word “Professor” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word “Property” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Provisional Council" means the provisional council appointed for the University (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

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

"Regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or the Council (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word “Regulations” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Senate" means the Senate of the University (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

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

"School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word “School” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Statute" means a statute made by each University under clause 10 of this Bill and in accordance with the provisions of clause 11 of this Bill (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

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

"the statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words “the statutes” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “Teacher” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Undergraduate" means a person registered as a student undergoing a course of study for a first degree of the University or such other course in the University as may be approved by the Senate as qualifying a student undergoing it for the status of an under-graduate (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

"University" means Federal University of Technology, Badagry established and incorporated by section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Question that Clause 27 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee’s Recommendation:

Clause 28: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Technology, Badagry, Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 28 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Chancellor

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

The Pro-Chancellor

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

The Vice-Chancellor

3. (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall:
 - (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying —
 - (i) the qualities of the persons who may apply for the post, and
 - (ii) the terms of conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for consideration;
 - (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of:
 - (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as chairman,
 - (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor,
 - (iii) two members of Congregation who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor, to identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post on their own volition because they felt that it is not proper to do so.
- (3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of;
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;
 - (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;
 - (c) two members of the Senate who are Professors, but who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons in the shortlist drawn up under sub paragraph (2) of this paragraph through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and recommend to the Council three candidates for further consideration.
- (4) The Council shall select and appoint as the Vice-Chancellor one candidate from among the three candidates recommended to it under sub paragraph (3) of this paragraph and thereafter inform the Visitor.
- (5) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five years only on such

terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

- (6) The Vice Chancellor may be removed from office by the Council on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind, at the initiative of the Council, Senate or the Congregation after due process.
- (7) When the proposal for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Senate consisting of:
 - (i) three members of the Council, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the committee, and
 - (ii) two members of the Senate:

Provided that where the ground for removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.
- (8) The committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Vice-Chancellor and shall report its findings to the Council.
- (9) The Council may where the allegations are proved remove the Vice-Chancellor or apply any other disciplinary action it may deem fit and notify the Visitor accordingly provided that a Vice-Chancellor who is removed shall have right of appeal to the Visitor.
- (10) There shall be no sole administrator in the University.
- (11) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall appoint an acting Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of the Senate.
- (12) An acting Vice Chancellor in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

4. (1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellors as Council may from time to time deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for each post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant.
- (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from each list forwarded to it under sub paragraph (2) of this paragraph and forward his name to the Council for confirmation.
- (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:
 - (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) act in the place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and

- (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.
- (5) Deputy Vice-Chancellor:
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;
 - (b) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no more;
 - (c) may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor and Senate. and
 - (d) "Good cause" for the purpose of this paragraph means gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office arising from infirmity of the body or mind.

Office of the Registrar

- 5.
 - (1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with paragraph 6(2) of this Schedule.
 - (2) The person holding the office of the Registrar shall by virtue of that office be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

Other Principal Officers of the University

- 6.
 - (1) There shall be for the University the following principal officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is:
 - (a) the Bursar; and
 - (b) the University Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the ' Selection Board constituted under paragraph 7 of this Schedule.
 - (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.
 - (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-ordination of the library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or research units.
 - (4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

Selection Board for other Principal Officers

- 7.
 - (1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of:

- (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Senate; and
 - (d) two members of the Senate.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under sub paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine.
- (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of their appointments and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.
- (4) Notwithstanding sub paragraph (3) of this paragraph, the Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar, Bursar or Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter such principal officer shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University.

Resignation and Re-appointment

8. (1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule may resign his office;
- (a) in the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the Visitor;
 - (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall, in the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the Visitor.
- (2) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, a person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re- appointment to that office (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

Transfer of Property to University

1. Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 9 (1) of this Bill:
- (a) the reference in that subclause to property held by the Provisional Council shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the Provisional Council;
 - (b) all debts and liabilities of the Provisional Council outstanding shall become debts or liabilities of the University.
2. (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the Provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as the University had been a party thereto in place of the

Provisional Council.

- (2) Documents not failing within sub paragraph (1) of this paragraph, including enactment which refer, whether specially or generally, to the Provisional Council, shall be construed in accordance with the sub- paragraph so far as applicable.
- (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against provisional Council may be continued by or against the University.

Registration of Transfers

3. (1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situate provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of less or any other matter) apply with necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.,

Transfer of Functions, etc.

4. (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
- (2) The persons who were members of the Provisional Council shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
- (3) The first meeting of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
- (4) The persons who were members of the Academic Board immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
- (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Bill is made, the schools, school board and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on that day become schools, school board and students of the University as constituted by this Bill.
- (6) Persons who were Deans of schools and Head of Academic Department shall continue to be Deans on HODs of the corresponding School/Department, until new appointment are made in pursuance of the statutes.
- (7) Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as established or was otherwise employed by the Provisional Council shall become the holder of an appointment at the University with the status designation and functions which correspond a nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as member of that staff or as such employee (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BADAGRY STATUTE NO. 1

ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

Articles:

1. The Council.
2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee
3. The Senate
4. The Congregation
5. Convocation
6. Division of Colleges
7. College/School Boards
8. Dean of the College
9. Selection of certain Principal Officers
10. Creation of academic posts
11. Appointment of academic staff
12. Appointment of administrative and professional staff
13. Interpretation.
14. Short Title

The Council

1. (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in Clause 5 of this Bill.
(2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of clause 5 (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council, resign his office.
(3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of clause 5 (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years beginning with effect from 1 August in the year which he was appointed.
(4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of clause 5 (a), (b), (g), or (h) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his predecessor.
(5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further period or four years.
(6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to clause 5 (d) or (e) of this Bill.
(7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and subject to clause 4 of this Bill and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.
(8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled

to vote.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee

2. (1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of:
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he is present;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by Congregation
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be five.
- (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

Annual budget and estimates, etc.

3. (i) The estimates of income and expenditure for a financial year shall be presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the Council and may be approved by the Council before the beginning of that financial year:

Provided that the Vice-Chancellor may during any financial year present and the Council may approve supplementary estimates of income or expenditure.
- (ii) The annual and supplementary estimates shall be prepared in such form and shall contain such information as the Council may direct.

Gifts, donations, etc.

4. (i) The Council may on behalf of the University accept by way of grants, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, property and money in aid of the finances of the University on such conditions as it may approve;
- (ii) Registers shall be kept of all donations to the University including the names of donors and any special conditions under which any donation may have been given:

Provided that the University shall not be obliged to accept a donation for a particular purpose unless it approves of the terms and conditions attaching to such donation.
- (4) All property money or funds donated for any specific purposes shall be applied and administered in accordance with the purposes for which they are donated and shall be accounted for separately.

Payment into bank

5. (1) All sums of money received on account of the University shall be paid into such bank as may be approved by the Council for the credit of the University's general, current or deposit account:

Provided that the Council may invest, as it deems fit, any money not required for immediate use other than donations of money referred to in sub paragraph (1) of this

paragraph.

Audit

6. (1) The Council shall cause the accounts of the University to be audited by auditors appointed by the Council as soon as may be after the end of each financial year or for any such other period as the Council may require.
- (2) The appointment and other matters relative to the auditors, their continuance in office and their functions, as the case may be, shall, subject to the provisions of this paragraph, be prescribed by statute.

The Senate

7. (1) The Senate shall consist of:
 - (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (ii) Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (iii) the Deans of respective Colleges;
 - (iv) the Professors in the University;
 - (v) Heads of Academic Departments and Units;
 - (vi) the University Librarian;
 - (vii) one elected representative of each College;
 - (viii) two members of Academic Staff elected by the Congregation;
 - (ix) one elected representative of each department;
 - (x) two members representing a variety of interests of the professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (xi) Registrar — Secretary.
- (2) The procedure for election of members of Senate to the Council shall be prescribed by Regulations.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present, and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (4) The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest whole number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph (3) of this Article, the Senate may regulate its own procedure.
- (5) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his office.
- (6) Subject to paragraph (8) of this article, there shall be elections for the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner on such day in the

month of May or June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor may from time to time determine.

- (7) An elected member shall hold office for the period of two years beginning with 1st August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at any election held in pursuance to paragraph (6) of this article in the year in which his period of office expires, so however that no person shall be such a candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office as an elected member for a continuous period of six years or would have so held office if he had not resigned it.
- (8) No election shall be held in pursuance of this article in any year if the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance to paragraph (11) of this article does not exceed by more than one the figure which is thrice the number of those elected members holding office on the date of the certificate who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of paragraph (7) of this article.
- (9) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no person shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member by reason only of reduction in the after 30th April in any year in which he is to continue in or take office as all elected member.
- (10) If so requested in writing by any fifteen members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor or in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.
- (11) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respect any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-chancellor on 30 April of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of the Senate on that day otherwise than aselected members.

Congregation

8. (1) Congregation shall consist of:
 - (i) Vice Chancellor;
 - (ii) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (iii) the full-time members of the academic staff;
 - (iv) the Registrar;
 - (v) the Librarian; and
 - (vi) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree, other than honorary degree, of any University recognized for the purposes of this statute by the Vice- Chancellor.
- (2) Subject to clause 4 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice Chancellors present at the meeting as Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one third or the whole number nearest to one

third of the total number of members of Congregation of fifty, whichever is less.

- (4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:
 - (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purpose of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or
 - (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation during a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or, as the case may be, of the names of those persons.
- (5) The procedure for election of members of Congregation to the Council and the Senate shall be prescribed by Regulations.
- (6) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.
- (7) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolutions or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions, in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

Convocation

9. (1) Convocation shall consist of:
 - (i) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to this Bill;
 - (ii) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill;
 - (iii) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph (2) of this article.
- (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of convocation if:
 - (a) he is either a graduate of a University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
 - (b) he applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pay the prescribed fees.
- (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and subject to paragraph (4) of this article may provide for the payment, from time to time, of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.
- (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of the Convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a) or (b) of this article are entered and retained on the register.
- (5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register or a copy of the register at the principal times of the University at all reasonable times.

- (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is not, a member of Convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.
- (7) The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third or the whole number nearest to one third or the whole number of members of Convocation whichever is less.
- (8) Subject to clause 4 of the Act, the Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

Division of Colleges

10. Each College shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.

College Boards

11. (1) There shall be established in respect of each College, a Board of Studies which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:
 - (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the college;
 - (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and
 - (c) advise the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate.
- (2) Each College Board of Studies shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Dean;
 - (c) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;
 - (d) the College Examination Officer;
 - (e) such of the teachers assigned to the college and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and
 - (f) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.
- (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one quarter, whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the board; and subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

Deans of the Colleges

12. (1) The Board of each College shall, at a meeting in the last term of any academic year which the term of office of the Dean expires, nominate one of its members, being one of the Professors assigned to that teaching unit, for appointment by the Senate as Dean of the College.
- (2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this Article shall act as Dean of the College and chairman of all meetings of the College Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the College.
- (3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.
- (4) The Dean of a College shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the College.
- (5) It shall be the function of the Dean to present to Convocation for the conferment of degrees to persons who have qualified for the degrees of the University at examination held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that College.
- (6) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several Colleges and that Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the University by the Senate.
- (7) The Dean of a College may be removed from office for good cause by the College Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor:
- Provided that at the next College Board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.
- (7) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in clause 15(3) of the Bill.

Departmental Board of Studies

13. (1) There shall be a Departmental Board of Studies whose membership shall be made of all academic staff of the Department.
- (2) It shall be headed by a Professor who shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor and in the absence of a Professor, a senior academic staff shall be appointed in acting capacity.
- (3) For a Professor the term is for 3 years while 1 year is for acting capacity.
- (4) The Board shall superintend over all teachings and examinations in the Department.
- (5) The Board shall handle all disciplinary matters in the Department and make recommendations to the College where necessary.
- (6) Allocation of courses in the department shall be done by the Departmental Board on recommendation of the Head of Department.

*Selection of Directors of Physical Planning and
Development, Works and Services and Health*

14. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Directors of Physical Planning and Development, Works and Services and Health, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of:
- (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of the Senate;
 - (d) two members appointed by the Senate.
- (2) The Selection Board after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office; and after considering the recommendation of the board the Council may make an appointment to that office.

Tenure of Directors

15. A Director shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment subject to the extant Regulations.

Creation of Academic Posts

16. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff

17. (1) The Administrative and professional staff of the University other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council on its behalf by the Vice Chancellor in accordance with delegation of powers made by the Council on its behalf.
- (2) A Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
- (i) Vice Chancellor;
 - (ii) Deputy Vice Chancellor;
 - (iii) Registrar;
 - (iv) Bursar;
 - (v) University Librarian;
 - (vi) the Head of Department concerned; and
 - (vii) Establishment and Human Resources Officer who shall serve as Secretary
- Quorum shall be three (3) including) the Chairman.
- (5) For a Professor the term is for 3 years while 1 year is for acting capacity.
- (6) The Board shall superintend over all teachings and examinations in the Department.

- (7) The Board shall handle all disciplinary matters in the Department and make recommendations to the College where necessary.
- (8) Allocation of courses in the department shall be done by the Departmental Board or recommendation of the Head of Department.

*Selection of Directors of Physical Planning and
Development, Works and Services and Health*

- 18. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Directors of Physical Planning and Development, Works and Services and Health, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of the Senate;
 - (d) two members appointed by the Senate.
- (2) The Selection Board after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office; and after considering the recommendation of the board the Council may make an appointment to that office.

Tenure of Directors

- 19. A Director shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment subject to the extant Regulations.

Creation of Academic Posts

- 20. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff the Chairman

- 21. (1) The administrative and professional staff of the University other than principal officers shall appointed by the Council on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with delegation of powers made by the Council on its behalf.
- (2) A Selection Board, with power to appoint shall consist of:
 - (i) Vice Chancellor;
 - (ii) Deputy Vice Chancellor;
 - (iii) Registrar;
 - (iv) Bursar;
 - (v) University Librarian;
 - (vi) the Head of Department concerned; and
 - (vii) Establishment and Human Resources Officer who shall serve as Secretary

Quorum shall be three (3) including the Chairman.

Interpretation

22. In this Bill, the expression "the Act" means the federal University of Technology, Badagry Bill and any word or expression defined in the Bill has the same meaning in this Statute (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish federal University of Technology, Badagry, Lagos State (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Badagry, Lagos State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1500) (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on University Education on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Badagry, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 1500) and approved Clauses 1 - 28, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (iv) ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do Consider the Report on the Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) and the FCT Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board over the shoddy treatment of Nigerian Pilgrims during the 2024 Hajj Exercise (**HR.23/07/2024**)" (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"That the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria should:

- (i) publish a transparent and detailed breakdown of all Hajj charges, justifying each cost to prevent hidden fees and financial mismanagement;

- (ii) ensure that all pilgrims have a uniform fee structure, with clear and justified cost variations, where applicable;
- (iii) carry out an upward review of the \$500 PTA to a more reasonable amount that can adequately supports pilgrims during the pilgrimage;
- (iv) decentralize accommodation management and allow State Pilgrims Welfare Boards and private tour operators (PTOs) to be part of negotiating benchmark prices for pilgrims' accommodation;
- (v) establish a service rating system for accommodation providers; thereby ensuring that providers meet set standards before being contracted;
- (vi) ensure timely fund disbursements for accommodation to preventing last-minute reallocations that force pilgrims into substandard hotels;
- (vii) implement an effective refund mechanism for refunding pilgrims if accommodations or services fall below agreed standards;
- (viii) impose penalties for poor performance for service providers who fail to meet their obligations;
- (ix) establish an effective Pilgrim Complaints and Resolution Unit to handle grievances related to accommodation, feeding, transportation, and other services;
- (x) establish a transparent system for the issuance of official Hajj visas to registered tour operators, ensuring that they receive visas proportionate to the number of pilgrims they manage, and maintain a publicly accessible records of all visa distributions to prevent corruption and manipulation;
- (xi) engage tour operators, airlines, state pilgrims welfare boards, and regulatory agencies in decision-making processes, rather than making unilateral decisions;
- (xii) strengthen its enforcement capacity to ensure that service providers, tour operators, and state boards comply with set Hajj standards;
- (xiii) contract Nigerian food caterers to prepare culturally appropriate meals for pilgrims;
- (xiv) introduce rigorous quality control checks for catering services, to ensure that pilgrims' food is hygienic, nutritious, and served on time;
- (xv) implement a transparent and competitive bidding process for airline contracts, ensuring cost-effectiveness and efficiency in the airlift of pilgrims;
- (xvi) establish a structured coordination framework where airlines, NAHCON, tour operators, State Pilgrims Welfare Boards and aviation authorities meet regularly to address logistical challenges before and during the Hajj;
- (xvii) introduce flexible, transparent and staggered flight scheduling to prevent delays and overcrowding at airports during the peak return period;
- (xviii) secure Tent A slots earlier, publish clear guidelines on the cost, and ensure that only pilgrims

who officially paid for VIP tent services are allocated spaces;

- (xix) implement a strict enforcement of tent access and prevent unauthorized upgrades through informal means, ensuring only those with valid allocations can access Tent A” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“FCT Pilgrims Welfare Board should:

- (i) improve communication with FCT pilgrims by providing timely updates on accommodation, transportation and on-site assistance to address complaints promptly;
- (ii) implement transparent financial reporting for all payments collected from pilgrims ensuring clear documentation of fees, services provided, and refund processes for unfulfilled services;
- (iii) set up a Pilgrims Welfare and feedback Committee to gather input from past pilgrims in order to identify areas of improvement and ensure better service delivery;
- (iv) conduct annual post-hajj reviews to assess service quality and prevent recurrence of challenges;
- (v) take a proactive role in negotiating and securing quality accommodation for its pilgrims rather than relying solely on NAHCON's centralized arrangements” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

“That the Executive Arm of Government deploys independent Hajj monitoring teams during pilgrimages to ensure real-time assessment of services and address emerging issues promptly” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

“That the Auditor General of the Federation conducts a comprehensive external audit of NAHCON's financial records, including the ₦90 billion Federal subsidy, to ensure accountability and proper fund utilization” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

“That the Anti-corruption agencies investigate NAHCON's claim that it sponsored 1000 officials from the subsidy, as the Committee is unable to verify the authenticity of the list provided” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):

“That the House of Representatives amends the NAHCON Act to (i) separate its regulatory and operational functions, ensuring that it focuses solely on oversight and policy enforcement while allowing stakeholders to handle service delivery, and (ii) create a Hajj Tribunal to handle complaints related to financial disputes, contract breaches, and service failures involving NAHCON, tour operators and Pilgrims” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):

“That the Executive Arm of Government carries out a review and renegotiation of the questionable Bilateral Air Agreement that allows Saudi-owned airlines to airlift 50% of Nigerian pilgrims to the detriment of domestic airlines who have consistently shown capacity in pilgrims airlift” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation(viii):

“Mandate the Committee on Muslims Pilgrimage Affairs to monitor NAHCON's compliance with the above recommendations before and during subsequent hajj operations” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ix):

“That the House should provide adequate funds for the Committee on Muslims Pilgrimage Affairs to enable it carry-out the above monitoring and compliance without having to resort to third party assistance” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Investigation of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) and the FCT Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board over the shoddy treatment of Nigerian Pilgrims during the 2024 Hajj Exercise (**HR.23/07/2024**) and approved Recommendations (i) - (ix) of the Report.

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

59. Adjournment of First Sitting

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 3.40 p.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.05 p.m.

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 12 December, 2025, item No. 32, pages 2307-2308, leave out all the words and insert as follows:

“32. A Bill for an Act Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provisions for

Establishment of the National Highland Crops and Vegetable Research Institute, Bokkos, Plateau State, for the Research and Development in Highland Crops and vegetable Production, Improve crop yields, disease resistance and Climate Resilience for enhanced Food Security and Social Economic Development in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1876) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provisions for Establishment of the National Highland Crops and Vegetable Research Institute, Bokkos, Plateau State, for the Research and Development in Highland Crops and vegetable Production, Improve crop yields, disease resistance and Climate Resilience for enhanced Food Security and Social Economic Development in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1876) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ishaya David Lalu — Bokkos/Mangu 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions”.

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker