



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2 July, 2024

1. The House met at 11.09 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**  
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 27 June, 2024.  
  
*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*
4. **Second Session of the 10th House of Representatives:**  
Mr Deputy Speaker read the following remarks from Mr Speaker:

***Protocols:***

*Honourable colleagues, it is with immense joy and excitement that I welcome you all back to the People's House as we mark the commencement of the Second Session of the 10th House of Representatives. I hope that we all enjoyed a meaningful Eid Al Adha celebration with our families, constituents, and friends.*

*On the 13th of June, 2023, we were inaugurated into this House with a shared commitment to be the strong voice and champions of our constituents. We made a solemn pledge to uphold the principles of democracy, justice, and progress. Today, as we reflect on our First Session, I am proud to say that we have not only honoured that pledge but have exceeded all expectations. Let me join all of you in offering our deepest gratitude to Almighty God for preserving our lives and sustaining us in this legislative journey. I congratulate and commend each and every one of you for the hard work, commitment, unity, forthrightness, and patriotism with which you have served our nation in the past year. Together, we have faced national challenges head-on, debated passionately, legislated wisely, and upheld the values that define us as a democratic society.*

*Over the past year, we have regrettably bid farewell to some of our beloved colleagues, **Hon. Abdulkadir Danbuga** (representing Isa-Sabon-Birni in Sokoto State) and **Hon. Isah Dogonyaro** (Garki/Babura in Jigawa State). Their absence is deeply felt within these hallowed halls. May we*

*pause to remember their dedication to public service, their commitment to their constituents, and their contributions to shaping our nation's future. We sincerely acknowledge and appreciate their services to the nation. Once again, we extend our heartfelt condolences to their families, their constituents, and indeed, to the entire nation. May their departed souls find eternal rest.*

*At the heart of this democratic journey has been the legislature, an institution that epitomizes the participatory character of our democracy. The National Assembly, comprising the Senate and the House of Representatives, has played a pivotal role in ensuring that the aspirations and interests of Nigerians are represented, laws are made for the peace and progress of the country, and the executive is held accountable.*

*The 10th House, in its First Session, has continued to uphold these tenets and the legacy of previous sessions before us. Throughout our first session, each one of you has demonstrated unwavering dedication and integrity in carrying out our duties. We have engaged in robust debates, passed crucial legislation, conducted thorough oversight, and stood firm in representing the diverse voices of our nation. Together, we have shown what true public service looks like - selfless, principled, and committed to the common good.*

*We have passed numerous laws that have shaped our economic landscape, reformed key sectors, and strengthened our democratic institutions. The House introduced **1,351 Bills**, the highest number in any first session since 1999. Out of this impressive number, **89 Bills** were passed, reflecting the House's commitment to legislative efficiency and effectiveness. Key bills include the Access to Higher Education Act, 2024, popularly known as the Students Loan Bill, and the Electricity Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which aims to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of Nigeria's electricity sector by promoting investment in renewable energy sources. Furthermore, the Federal Audit Service Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023, strengthens financial oversight and transparency, ensuring better management of public funds and reducing corruption. Additionally, **679 Motions** were introduced, setting a record for the number of motions in the first session.*

*One of the core functions of the legislature is oversight. Through public hearings, investigative committees, and rigorous debates, we have held the executive accountable, ensuring that public funds are used judiciously and that government policies are aligned with the needs of the people. Our oversight activities have led to significant outcomes, including recovering misappropriated funds and rectifying administrative inefficiencies.*

*We have rigorously engaged citizens in our various activities out of the firm understanding that we are here at the people's instance. We have considered a good number of public petitions, prioritized constituency engagements, and held productive citizens' town halls on budget considerations, electoral reforms, and the articulation of legislative agendas. We couldn't have done otherwise given our appellation as the People's House.*

*As we begin this second session, we must acknowledge that there are challenges ahead. Despite our efforts, Nigeria continues to grapple with issues of poverty, unemployment, and inequality. The expectations of our constituents remain high, and they look up to us to address pressing issues such as security, economy, healthcare, education, and infrastructure. The gains of democracy must translate into tangible improvements in the lives of our citizens. As legislators, we are aware that our work is far from complete. We must continue to enact laws that promote economic growth, social justice, and environmental sustainability.*

*In this regard, it is imperative that we strengthen our institutions and enhance our legislative processes. We must invest in capacity building for legislators and staff, improve our data collection and analysis capabilities, and foster greater collaboration with civil society and the private sector. Transparency, accountability, and public participation must remain the cornerstones of our legislative agenda.*

*As I noted in my July 4, 2023 speech, this House has been called upon to serve at one of the most challenging times in our nation's history. However, it is a privilege to serve as members of this esteemed House at such a critical juncture in Nigeria's history. Our nation faces numerous challenges. Yet, it is precisely during times like these that strong leadership and decisive actions are needed most. We have been entrusted with the responsibility to steer our country towards a brighter future, and I have full confidence in our collective ability to rise to the occasion.*

*Let me at this juncture renew my pledge as your Speaker to remain fair and open to all, irrespective of our political views and affiliations. I serve you as a servant-leader, committed to upholding the principles of democracy and ensuring that every voice is heard in this hallowed chamber. I humbly acknowledge that my role as Speaker places me as the first among equals in this august assembly. I do not see myself as a boss but rather as a facilitator of dialogue, a preserver of order, and a champion of democratic ideals. We are all colleagues here, united by our shared commitment to serving the people who have entrusted us with their hopes and aspirations. Each one of us brings unique perspectives and experiences to this House, and it is through collaboration and mutual respect that we can truly serve the interests of our nation. I pledge to uphold the values of inclusivity, transparency, accountability, and respect for all in all our deliberations and actions.*

*Together, let us demonstrate to our constituents that their trust in us is not misplaced and that we are worthy stewards of their hopes and aspirations. On this note, I am pleased to announce, as most of us are already aware, that from the 3rd to 5th of July, 2024, we will be hosting the 2024 'House Open Week' as part of the activities marking the conclusion of our First Session and the commencement of the Second Session of this 10th House. The event will kick off with the presentation of the House's scorecard detailing our achievements and challenges over the past year. We will also have the honour of hosting prominent Nigerians and former presiding officers who will share their perspectives on our performance during this period. This reflective session will provide valuable insights into our strengths and areas for improvement.*

*Various engagements have been planned over three days to discuss the strategic legislative priorities outlined in our Legislative Agenda. These sessions are designed to facilitate discussions, debates, reflections on our deliberations, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm our commitment to serving with integrity and diligence. It is my hope that this event will not only strengthen our bonds as colleagues but also reinforce our dedication to fulfilling our legislative duties with excellence.*

*I urge each and every Member to actively participate in this event over the three days. It is for this reason that we have decided suspend sitting for Wednesday and Thursday to allow for more robust engagement with our constituents. Your engagement, input, and commitment are crucial in ensuring that we collectively chart a course that aligns with the interests of those we represent. Let us seize this opportunity to engage meaningfully with our people, exchange ideas, and work towards common goals for the betterment of our nation.*

*Let me use this opportunity to register the appreciation of the House to our development and technical partners who have supported the House during the first session and have continued to do so. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN-Women, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women Nigerian Office (UN-CEDAW), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation (KAS), Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC), YIAGA Africa, Nigerian Economic Summit Group, Ford Foundation, PERL, CISLAC, and many others. As we commence the second session of the House, we look forward to more robust partnerships.*

*May God continue to bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria and guide us in all our endeavours.*

*Thank you.*

## 5. Announcement

### **Conference Committee on the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Bill, 2024:**

Mr Deputy Speaker announced membership of the Committee as follows:

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| (i)   | Hon. Abass Agboworin         | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (ii)  | Hon. Ginger Onwusibe         | — | <i>Member</i>   |
| (iii) | Hon. Iliyasu Aliyu Abubakar  | — | <i>Member</i>   |
| (iv)  | Hon. Ibe Osonwa              | — | <i>Member</i>   |
| (v)   | Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegoke | — | <i>Member</i>   |

## 6. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Uhunoma Ikpoo Samuel & 6 Others, on behalf of Indigenes of Eyaen Community, Edo State, on alleged marginalization of Eyaen Indigenes by Nigerian Bottling Company (NBC), was presented and laid by Hon. Billy Osawaru (*Orhionmwon/Uhunmwode Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from U-Peters Associates (Architects & Allied Construction Services) on alleged non-payment of outstanding consultancy fees for the services rendered by Maritime Academy of Nigeria, was presented and laid by Hon. Paul Asuquo Ekpo (*Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) The following Petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Peter Aniekwe Udogalanya (*Anambra East/Anambra West Federal Constituency*):
  - (a) Jachol Engineering Company Nigeria Limited, on alleged environmental degradation and neglect of Corporate Social Responsibility by Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC),
  - (b) Jachol Engineering Company Nigeria Limited, on non-payment of overdue Rent/Lease hold for Ashaka I Stand by Camp 0.16HA & Ashaka I Access Road 2.6HA in the sum of Five Hundred Million Naira (₦500,000,000.00) by Nigeria Agip Oil Company,
  - (c) Network Against Corruption and Trafficking Foundation, on alleged money laundering and abuse of office by Abba Goni Yerema, Director of Finance, Federal Ministry of Finance,
  - (d) Whistle Blowers Network, on alleged kidnapping and detention of Major General Umaru Mohammed at Kuje Prison by Minister of Interior and Comptroller-General of Nigerian Correctional Service;
- (iv) The following petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onakalusi (*Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*):
  - (a) Abolade Ishmael Olufemi and 191 others, on alleged non-payment of insurance policy maturation claims, annuities and pension benefits by Standard Alliance Insurance Plc,
  - (b) Hon. Bashir Aliyu and 7 other Members of Zamfara State House of Assembly on alleged violation of Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, illegal suspension of eight (8) members and hoodlum attacks on the State House of Assembly by the Speaker of Zamfara State Assembly;
- (v) A petition from Olubayo Kehinde & Partners (Estate Surveyors & Valuers), on alleged refusal to pay up contractual obligation for services rendered by AITEO Eastern Exploration & Production Company, was presented and laid by Hon. Gana Joshua Audu (*Lavun/Mokwa/Edati Federal Constituency*);

- (vi) A petition from Mutiu Adesina Oyelatin on alleged misplacement of his parcel by DHL Express, was presented and laid by Hon. Ganiyu Adele Ayuba (*Alimosho Federal Constituency*);
- (vii) A petition from Etim Udoh Nsot, on alleged stoppage of his pension payment by Nigeria Police Force Pension Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Patrick Umoh (*Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

*Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

**7. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**

**(i) *Recent Outbreak of Cholera in Lagos and Other Parts of the Country:***

Hon. Kingsley Ogundu Chinda (*Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency and Two Others*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 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.*

**Recent Outbreak of Cholera in Lagos and Other Parts of the Country:**

The House:

*Notes* with very serious concern the recent outbreak of cholera in Lagos State as well as several other parts of the country;

Also notes that the latest outbreak of the disease in the country which has been reported and confirmed by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) raises very serious public health concern for the government and the citizenry alike;

*Also notes* that the outbreak of the disease which was first widely reported in Lagos State is now reported to have spread to other parts of the country, with several casualties and deaths reported;

*Aware* that health is of utmost importance and one of the key areas that the Government ought to give priority attention to in order to enhance the well-being and overall welfare of the people;

*Also aware* of the provision of Section 17 (3) (c) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) that "*the State shall direct its policy towards ensuring that the health, safety and welfare of all persons are safeguarded and not endangered or abused*";

*Further aware* of the provisions of Section 1 (3) (d) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 which states that "*the State shall direct its policy towards ensuring that there are adequate medical and health facilities for all persons*";

*Still aware* that according to the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), while the latest outbreak of the disease continues have been reported in Lagos and 31 other States across the country, including Abia, Bayelsa, Bauchi, Cross River, Delta, Imo, Nasarawa, Katsina and Zamfara States, amongst others;

*Concerned* about the public and personal health of teeming Nigerians largely due to lack of access to clean water, poor sanitation, poor personal hygiene, etc.;

*Also concerned* about the rapid rate at which the disease has spread across Lagos and several other parts of the country within so short a time, especially against the backdrop of reports that the government has run out of vaccines to effectively tackle it, even as the death toll continues to escalate in those States;

*Worried* that there is an urgent need for quick action/intervention by the Federal and respective State governments to curb the disease from further spread across the country;

*Also worried* that unless urgent and proactive steps/measures are immediately adopted, the disease would spread to several other places and possibly escalate than imagined and this would not be good for the health of the citizenry and the country at large;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal and respective State Governments to urgently put in place measures to effectively check the outbreak of cholera in the country;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values oversee/oversight the rigorous public orientation, enlightenment and education of the citizenry on the need to maintain personal hygiene at all times by relevant Government Agencies;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to urgently liaise with relevant stakeholders in the health sector to investigate the root cause and solution to the outbreak and report within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Kingsley Ogundu Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency and Two Others*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* with very serious concern the recent outbreak of cholera in Lagos State as well as several other parts of the country;

*Also noted* that the latest outbreak of the disease in the country which has been reported and confirmed by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) raises very serious public health concern for the government and the citizenry alike;

*Also noted* that the outbreak of the disease which was first widely reported in Lagos State is now reported to have spread to other parts of the country, with several casualties and deaths reported;

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  - (iii) also mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to urgently liaise with relevant stakeholders in the health sector to investigate the root cause and solution to the outbreak and report within two (2) weeks (**HR. 01/07/2024**).
- (ii) ***Multiple and Twin Suicide Bombing in Gwoza, Borno State:***  
Hon. Ahmadu Usman Jaha (*Damboa/Gwoza/Chibok 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.*

### **Multiple and Twin Suicide Bombing in Gwoza, Borno State:**

The House:

*Notes* the recent bomb blast that occurred on Saturday, 29 June, 2024, targeted at a wedding, a funeral and a hospital in coordinated attacks in Gwoza, Borno State Nigeria;

*Also notes* that this heinous act of terror has resulted in the loss of not less than 30 innocent lives and caused immeasurable grief and suffering to the affected community with many battling with their lives at the various hospital;

*Further notes* that the despicable nature of these attacks underscores the ongoing threat posed by terrorism in our nation. It is imperative that we, as representatives of the people, stand united in condemning such acts of violence and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all citizens;

*Cognizant* that there is a pressing need for our security agencies to enhance their intelligence gathering capabilities and engage more effectively with local communities to prevent the reoccurrence of such tragic incidents in the future. Intelligence gathering is a critical tool in the fight against terrorism, and it is essential that our security forces have the necessary resources and support to gather timely and actionable intelligence to prevent attacks before they occur;

*Also cognizant* that community engagement plays a vital role in building trust and cooperation between security forces and local residents. By fostering strong relationships with communities, our security agencies can gather valuable information, identify potential threats, and disrupt terrorist activities before they escalate into violence;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) obverse a minute silence in honour of the departed souls;
- (ii) condemn the twin suicide bombings in Gwoza and urge our security agencies to intensify their efforts in intelligence gathering and community engagement;
- (iii) send a strong message that terrorism has no place in our society and that we are committed to taking all necessary measures to protect the lives and security of our citizens;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the matter and report within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Ahmadu Usman Jaha — Damboa/Gwoza/Chibok Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

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- (iii) send a strong message that terrorism has no place in our society and that we are committed to taking all necessary measures to protect the lives and security of our citizens;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the matter and report within two (2) weeks (**HR. 02/07/2024**).

*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

**(iii) Menace of Erosion and Flood at Fagge, Kano State:**

Hon. Muhammed Bello Shehu (*Fagge 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.*

**Menace of Erosion and Flood at Fagge, Kano State:**

The House:

*Notes* that there is an ongoing disaster of flood and erosion in Kano as predicted by The National Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) center of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Abuja, in which Kano was listed among locations likely to witness heavy rainfall that might lead to flood and erosion within the period of prediction. A motion was brought before this House on 25 July, 2023, on the ordeals suffered by Fagge Constituents and resolutions were made by the House, but unfortunately, action is yet to be taken to that effect;

*Aware* that Kwarin Gogau, Yanmata Gabas (Darerawa), Kwaciri (Sabon Birni, Alfa, Tudun Bojuwa, Alasawa, Jaba, Kwarin Akuya) and Kwakwaci all in Fagge Local Government Area of Kano State are facing severe and destructive environmental degradation and poverty as a result of erosion and floods occasioned in the said communities. Recent pictures of the areas are attached;

*Worried* that as a result of this erosion and flood, industrial developments have been shattered and sources of income have been wrecked which in effect has led to low food production, these environmental degradations need to be addressed and their effects need to be reduced on the populace;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological Fund Office to, as a matter of urgency intervene by assessing the erosion problems with a view to ensuring the execution of erosion control and remediation projects at all the affected communities;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), to supply relief materials to the affected areas;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works to rehabilitate and reconstruct the affected roads (*Hon. Muhammad Bello Shehu — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that there is an ongoing disaster of flood and erosion in Kano as predicted by The National Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) center of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Abuja, in which Kano was listed among locations likely to witness heavy rainfall that might lead to flood and erosion within the period of prediction. A motion was brought before this House on 25 July, 2023, on the ordeals suffered by Fagge Constituents and resolutions were made by the House, but unfortunately, action is yet to be taken to that effect;

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- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works to rehabilitate and reconstruct the affected roads (**HR. 03/07/2024**).

*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. Yusuf Umar Datti — Karu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(iv) Victims of Tragic Accident in Imawa Town Along Zaria-Kano Highway of Kura Local Government, Kano State:**

Hon. Yusuf Umar Datti Kura (*Kura/Madobi/Garun Malam 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.*

**Victims of Tragic Accident in Imawa Town Along Zaria-Kano Highway of Kura Local Government, Kano State:**

The House:

*Notes* that on Friday, June 28 2024, a tragic accident occurred in Imawa town, along Zaria - Kano highway in Kura Local Government Area of Kano State, when a truck with registration number MKA 537-XN lost control and ran into pedestrians who had just concluded Friday prayers, killing 14 people instantly, and leaving several others sustaining severe injuries;

*Also notes* that, while the departed souls have since been buried according to Islamic rites, the situation has left the injured victims and the families of the departed in a very difficult condition that requires urgent humanitarian intervention;

*Worried* that the alarming increase in incidents of reckless driving leading to tragic fatalities on our roads is becoming a serious threat to the safety and well-being of all residents along highways. These incidents, are often caused by drivers losing control of their vehicles due to over-speeding, dangerous overtaking or failure to adhere to driving regulations;

*Aware* that the loss of lives and the resultant grief for families and communities cannot be overstated. While, the frequency of these tragic incidents continues to rise, it is clear that immediate and decisive action is required to arrest and address this ugly incident;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the departed souls;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to provide immediate relief materials and other emergency supplies to the families of the affected victims;
- (iii) call on the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to intensify patrol activities on highways, particularly targeting reckless drivers and ensure that such offenders face appropriate penalties that reflect the severity of their actions (*Hon. Yusuf Umar Datti — Kura/Madobi/Garun Malam Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that on Friday, June 28 2024, a tragic accident occurred in Imawa town, along Zaria - Kano highway in Kura Local Government Area of Kano State, when a truck with registration number MKA 537-XN lost control and ran into pedestrians who had just concluded Friday prayers, killing 14 people instantly, and leaving several others sustaining severe injuries;

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- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the departed souls;
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- (iii) call on the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to intensify patrol activities on highways, particularly targeting reckless drivers and ensure that such offenders face appropriate penalties that reflect the severity of their actions (**HR. 04/07/2024**).

*A minute silence was observed in honour the deceased.*

(v) ***Food Insecurity Through Mechanised Agricultural Revolution Across the Country:***  
Hon. Clement Jimbo (*Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika 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.*

**Food Insecurity Through Mechanised Agricultural Revolution Across the Country:**

The House:

*Notes* that National Assembly is saddled with the task of making laws for the Peace, Order and Good governance of the Federation as enshrined in Section 4 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended;

*Cognizant* of Section 16 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended which states that the State shall within the context of the ideal and objectives for which provisions are made in this constitution harness the resources of the nation and promote national prosperity and an efficient, a dynamic and self-reliant economy;

*Also cognizant* that according to Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), agriculture remains the foundation of our country's economy, providing livelihoods for most Nigerians and generating millions of jobs;

*Acknowledges* the efforts of the Federal Government intervention strategies which includes: (a) release of fertilizers to farmers and grains to households, (b) activation of Land banks amongst others;

*Aware* that Nigeria has a total of 70.8 million hectares of agricultural land of which 34 million hectares are arable land which maize, rice, cassava, guinea corn, yam, palm oil, beans, etc. grow effectively with less soil improvements;

*Also aware* that the Bureau of Statistics with the support of World Bank and Food and Agricultural Organization recently released the National Agricultural Sample Census Report 2022 that captured a total 40.2 million agricultural households in Nigeria. The report further states and that "Agriculture remains a corner stone of Nigeria's economy, supporting millions of livelihoods and contributing significantly to the nation's GPD. Despite its importance, the sector has faced numerous challenges, including outdated and insufficient data which have hindered effective planning and resource allocation. *The National Agricultural sample census addresses this gap, offering a detailed and accurate picture of agricultural activities at the household level which is essential for driving growth and development*;

*Further aware* that millets, sorghum, maize, groundnuts, beans, rice, tomato, carrot, etc. grow very well in the north while cassava, yam, maize, palm oil, cucumber, maize, cotton, etc. do very well in the south;

*Concerned* that despite huge financial resources appropriated in the budget and implemented and human resources dissipated by 40.2 million households, they have not addressed the current food insecurity in the nation;

*Worried* that the current high cost of food products caused by insufficient food availability due to high demand but low supply can lead to malnutrition, psychological distressed and other outcomes including depression;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government in collaboration with State Governments to demarcate a minimum of 18,000 hectares of arable land in each of the six zones and name it Geo-Agricultural Zones;
- (ii) also urge the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to apportion these demarcated arable lands according to comparative advantage in crop cultivation;
- (iii) further urge the Ministry of Agriculture and Food security to appoint seasoned agriculturists in each zone and called them Geo-Agricultural Zone Project Managers (GaZPM) with the sole mandate to cultivate these lands using mechanization and proceed stored in National Food Bank of the nation;

- (iv) mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to ensure compliance (*Hon. Clement Jimbo — Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Prayer (iv), immediately after the word “Services”, *insert* the words “and Science Engineering” (*Hon. Inuwa Garba — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that National Assembly is saddled with the task of making laws for the Peace, Order and Good governance of the Federation as enshrined in Section 4 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended;

*Cognizant* of Section 16 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended which states that the State shall within the context of the ideal and objectives for which provisions are made in this constitution harness the resources of the nation and promote national prosperity and an efficient, a dynamic and self-reliant economy;

*Also cognizant* that according to Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), agriculture remains the foundation of our country's economy, providing livelihoods for most Nigerians and generating millions of jobs;

*Acknowledged* the efforts of the Federal Government intervention strategies which includes: (a) release of fertilizers to farmers and grains to households, (b) activation of Land banks amongst others;

*Aware* that Nigeria has a total of 70.8 million hectares of agricultural land of which 34 million hectares are arable land which maize, rice, cassava, guinea corn, yam, palm oil, beans, etc. grow effectively with less soil improvements;

*Also aware* that the Bureau of Statistics with the support of World Bank and Food and Agricultural Organization recently released the National Agricultural Sample Census Report 2022 that captured a total 40.2 million agricultural households in Nigeria. The report further states and that "Agriculture remains a corner stone of Nigeria's economy, supporting millions of livelihoods and contributing significantly to the nation's GPD. Despite its importance, the sector has faced numerous challenges, including outdated and insufficient data which have hindered effective planning and resource allocation. *The National Agricultural sample census addresses this gap, offering a detailed and accurate picture of agricultural activities at the household level which is essential for driving growth and development;*

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  - (iii) further urge the Ministry of Agriculture and Food security to appoint seasoned agriculturists in each zone and called them Geo-Agricultural Zone Project Managers (GaZPM) with the sole mandate to cultivate these lands using mechanization and proceed stored in National Food Bank of the nation;
  - (iv) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Science Engineering to ensure compliance (**HR. 05/07/2024**).
- (vi) ***Professor Humphrey Nwosu the Former NEC Chairman (1989 - 1993):***  
Hon. Peter Ifeanyi Uzokwe (*Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo 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.*

**Professor Humphrey Nwosu the Former NEC Chairman (1989 - 1993):**

The House:

*Notes* that Prof. Humphrey Nwosu was appointed the National Electoral Commission (NEC) Chairman from 1989 to 1993 by the Military President, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida;

*Cognizant* of various efforts made by the previous administrations to immortalize those that fought for the Democracy we all are beneficiaries;

*Also notes* that an edifice (the Abuja Stadium) was named after the winner of the June 12, 1993 Presidential Election Moshood K. O. Abiola by His Excellency Muhamadu Buhari (GCFR);

*Further notes* that His Excellency Muhamadu Buhari (GCFR) demonstrated an honest remorsefulness of the injustice of June 12, 1993, by changing Democracy Day from May 29 to June 12 which was celebrated with all sense of pride in 2024 by His Excellency Ahmed Bola Tinubu, GCFR who was part of the struggle of June 12, 1993;

*Worried* about the continued neglect of Prof. Humphrey Nwosu who put his life on the line to see that justice was not only done but seen to be done;

*Concerned* that the National Anthem was changed, and we all pray to God to help us to build a nation where no man is oppressed, yet Prof. Humphrey Nwosu is still not celebrated while he is alive;

*Aware* of many edifices were named after our Heroes past, like Louis Edet House for Police, Michael Imodu for Labour, Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport, Murtala Muhammed Airport and M.K.O. Abiola Stadium, etc.;

*Disturbed* that not even a road is named after this Hero of our Democracy till date;

*Resolves to:*

Urge the Executive Arm of Government to:

- (i) immortalize Prof. Humphrey Nwosu when he is still alive;
- (ii) give Prof. Humphrey Nwosu national honour;
- (iii) name the INEC Headquarters after Prof. Humphrey Nwosu; and
- (iv) invite Prof. Humphrey Nwosu to every Democracy Day celebrations (*Hon. Peter Ifeanyi Uzokwe — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency and One Other*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that Prof. Humphrey Nwosu was appointed the National Electoral Commission (NEC) Chairman from 1989 to 1993 by the Military President, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida;

*Cognizant* of various efforts made by the previous administrations to immortalize those that fought for the Democracy we all are beneficiaries;

*Also noted* that an edifice (the Abuja Stadium) was named after the winner of the June 12, 1993 Presidential Election Moshood K. O. Abiola by His Excellency Muhamadu Buhari (GCFR);

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- (i) immortalize Prof. Humphrey Nwosu when he is still alive;
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- (iii) name the INEC Headquarters after Prof. Humphrey Nwosu; and
- (iv) invite Prof. Humphrey Nwosu to every Democracy Day celebrations (**HR. 06/07/2024**).

## 8. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Ibagwa-Aka, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1493).
- (2) Agro-Industrial Park (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1494).
- (3) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1495).
- (4) Federal University of Agriculture, Nsit Ubium, Akwa Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1515).
- (5) Federal University of Health Sciences, Etinan, Akwa Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1516) .
- (6) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1521).
- (7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1522).
- (8) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1523).
- (9) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1524).
- (10) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1525).
- (11) Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1541).
- (12) Federal University of Aeronautics, Urue - Offong Uruko, Akwa Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1542).
- (13) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1555).

## 9. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Part 1 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), to change the name of Sabon Gari Local Government Area of Kaduna State to Zaria North Local Government Area, also to make Consequential Amendments by adding the word "South" to the name of the existing Zaria Local Government Area of Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB. 1442) — *Second Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Part 1 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), to change the name of Sabon Gari Local Government Area of Kaduna State to Zaria North Local Government Area, also to make

Consequential Amendments by adding the word "South" to the name of the existing Zaria Local Government Area of Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB. 1442) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sadiq Ango Abdullahi — Sabon Gari 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 Constitution Review.*

10. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Planning, Preparation, Passage and Execution of the Budget of the Government of the Federation and for Related Matters (HB. 23) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Planning, Preparation, Passage and Execution of the Budget of the Government of the Federation and for Related Matters (HB. 23) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio — Baruten/Kaiama 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 National Planning and Economic Development.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Chartered Institute of Project Managers of Nigeria Act, No. 3 of 2018 and Enact the Chartered Institute of Project Management of Nigeria Act charged with the Responsibility for Regulation of the Project Management Sector and the Registration, Licensing and Discipline of its Members and for Related Matters (HB. 1476) — Second Reading**

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Land Resources Technology, Rabah, Sokoto State to, among other things, Provide for Teaching, Research, Instruction and Training of Students to Produce Middle and High-Level Professionals in Land Resources Technology and for Related Matters (HB. 717) — Second Reading**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Solid Minerals Communities Development Commission and for Related Matters (HB.1379) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Solid Minerals Communities Development Commission and for Related Matters (HB.1379) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Anamero Sunday Dekeri — Etsako Central/Etsako East/Etsako West 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 Solid Minerals Development.*

**14. Need to Address the Deplorable State of Nigerian Roads**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

**15. Need to Investigate Exploitative and Predatory Pricing Practices against Nigerian Businesses by Their Foreign Counterparts Operating in Nigeria**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that Nigerian businesses operate in the International sphere and compete with similar business ventures operating in Nigeria;

*Also notes* that International Business ethics and standards like the United Nations Global Compact, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and for International Standard Organization (ISO) 26000 for social responsibility, among others, require businesses to operate in a fair, healthy, and efficient manner while ensuring competitive trade practices in the operation of their businesses at home and abroad;

*Further notes* that to ensure this practice, the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Act, 2018 was enacted to curb restrictive and unfair business practices capable of leading to distorted competition or flagrant abuse of dominant position of market power in Nigeria;

*Aware* that a fair and healthy competitive market promotes economic efficiency and protects the interest and welfare of consumers by providing wide options of high-quality products and services at competitive prices;

*Also aware* that some Nigerian businesses have suffered harsh and unfair competition and business relations with their foreign business counterparts;

*Cognizant* that prior to the commencement of the Lagos-London route by Air Peace Airlines below one million Naira, foreign airlines like British Airways, Ethiopian Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, etc. sold their one-way air tickets for as high as four million Naira;

*Also cognizant* that as soon as Air Peace Airlines commenced the sale of their tickets at a lower price, other airlines dropped their prices far below that of Air Peace Airlines, supposedly with the intention of frustrating Air Peace Airlines' London route operations;

*Further cognizant* that Dangote Oil Refinery and Petrochemicals Company is also currently being frustrated by International Oil Companies (IOCs) in Nigeria by denying them crude and other unfair business practices, thereby threatening its survival;

*Concerned* that whenever they agree to sell crude to Dangote Refinery, the IOCs sell at high premium prices far above the market price, thereby forcing Dangote to import crude from countries as far as the United States, with its attendant high costs;

*Also concerned* that apart from these predatory pricing practices and other unethical business practices adopted by the foreign airlines and IOCs, Nigerian businesses have also been subjected to other unfair treatment both home and abroad in an effort to disrupt their smooth operation;

*Further concerned* that it appears that the objective of these foreign multinationals is to ensure Nigeria remains at their mercy by patronizing only their services or exporting crude oil and importing refined petroleum products, thereby making Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa perpetually facing unemployment and poverty, while they create wealth for themselves at our expense;

*Worried* that these acts of unfair and unfavourable business have led to the closure of some erstwhile thriving businesses that provided better alternatives to Nigerian customers at cheaper prices;

*Also worried* that if this remains unchecked, Nigerian businesses like Air Peace Airlines will continue to suffer these unfair competitive practices that will adversely affect their operation and the ability of customers to get quality services at affordable prices;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC), to immediately halt the unfair business practices perpetrated by certain foreign businesses operating in Nigeria;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Aviation, Commerce, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the circumstances surrounding the predatory pricing practices and unethical business competitive behaviours by foreign airlines and IOCs and report within four (4) weeks;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegoke — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word “(Downstream)”, *insert* the words “and Foreign Affairs” (*Hon. Kabiru Amadu — Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that Nigerian businesses operate in the International sphere and compete with similar business ventures operating in Nigeria;

*Also noted* that International Business ethics and standards like the United Nations Global Compact, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and for International Standard Organization (ISO) 26000 for social responsibility, among others, require businesses to operate in a fair, healthy, and efficient manner while ensuring competitive trade practices in the operation of their businesses at home and abroad;

*Further noted* that to ensure this practice, the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Act, 2018 was enacted to curb restrictive and unfair business practices capable of leading to distorted competition or flagrant abuse of dominant position of market power in Nigeria;

*Aware* that a fair and healthy competitive market promotes economic efficiency and protects the interest and welfare of consumers by providing wide options of high-quality products and services at competitive prices;

*Also aware* that some Nigerian businesses have suffered harsh and unfair competition and business relations with their foreign business counterparts;

*Cognizant* that prior to the commencement of the Lagos-London route by Air Peace Airlines below

one million Naira, foreign airlines like British Airways, Ethiopian Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, etc. sold their one-way air tickets for as high as four million Naira;

*Also cognizant* that as soon as Air Peace Airlines commenced the sale of their tickets at a lower price, other airlines dropped their prices far below that of Air Peace Airlines, supposedly with the intention of frustrating Air Peace Airlines' London route operations;

*Further cognizant* that Dangote Oil Refinery and Petrochemicals Company is also currently being frustrated by International Oil Companies (IOCs) in Nigeria by denying them crude and other unfair business practices, thereby threatening its survival;

*Concerned* that whenever they agree to sell crude to Dangote Refinery, the IOCs sell at high premium prices far above the market price, thereby forcing Dangote to import crude from countries as far as the United States, with its attendant high costs;

*Also concerned* that apart from these predatory pricing practices and other unethical business practices adopted by the foreign airlines and IOCs, Nigerian businesses have also been subjected to other unfair treatment both home and abroad in an effort to disrupt their smooth operation;

*Further concerned* that it appears that the objective of these foreign multinationals is to ensure Nigeria remains at their mercy by patronizing only their services or exporting crude oil and importing refined petroleum products, thereby making Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa perpetually facing unemployment and poverty, while they create wealth for themselves at our expense;

*Worried* that these acts of unfair and unfavourable business have led to the closure of some erstwhile thriving businesses that provided better alternatives to Nigerian customers at cheaper prices;

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*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC), to immediately halt the unfair business practices perpetrated by certain foreign businesses operating in Nigeria;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Aviation, Commerce, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), and Foreign Affairs to investigate the circumstances surrounding the predatory pricing practices and unethical business competitive behaviours by foreign airlines and IOCs and report within four (4) weeks;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance **(HR. 07/07/2024)**.

## **16. Stagnation of Promotion in Federal Civil Service**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that Section 169 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), provides for the establishment of the Civil Service of the Federation, while Section 170 equally provides for establishment of the Federal Civil Service Commission;

*Aware* that the Civil Service is an organ of government headed by the Head of Service of the Federation, responsible for the leadership management and capacity development of the Federal Civil

Service which is the engine room of government and administrative machines for implementation of policies and programmes of the Federal Government of Nigeria;

*Also aware* that promotion are essential for the career progression of civil servants which serves as a motivational incentive for productivity and performance;

*Also notes* that over the years stagnation in promotions across Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government have resulted in loss of Service delivery, decline in highly specialized skills, low level of productivity and performance, employee unrest, corruption and dampened morale;

*Further aware* that the Civil Service, requires a comprehensive reform prioritize timely and fair promotions and remunerations to align with global best practices;

*Cognizant* that promotion stagnation in the Civil Service requires urgent intervention to achieve government policies and programs;

*Concerned* that Some Civil Servants who undergo mandatory examinations are promoted nominally but not financially, despite adequate recurrent expenditure in the annual appropriations budget for Ministries, Departments and Agencies;

*Disturbed* that promotion stagnation affects the career of an officer in service, as every Civil Servant is expected to reach his career peak within 35years in active service or by the retirement age of 60 years;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Public Service Matters, Public Sector and Institutional Reforms to investigate promotion stagnation in the Federal Civil Service from 2013-2023 with the intention of encouraging a more effective and efficient Civil Service and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Salman Idris — Ijumu/Kabba Bunu Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

In the Prayer, immediately after the words “Institutional Reforms”, *insert* the words “and Federal Character” (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that Section 169 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), provides for the establishment of the Civil Service of the Federation, while Section 170 equally provides for establishment of the Federal Civil Service Commission;

*Aware* that the Civil Service is an organ of government headed by the Head of Service of the Federation, responsible for the leadership management and capacity development of the Federal Civil Service which is the engine room of government and administrative machines for implementation of policies and programmes of the Federal Government of Nigeria;

*Also aware* that promotion are essential for the career progression of civil servants which serves as a motivational incentive for productivity and performance;

*Also noted* that over the years stagnation in promotions across Ministries, Departments and Agencies

of Government have resulted in loss of Service delivery, decline in highly specialized skills, low level of productivity and performance, employee unrest, corruption and dampened morale;

*Further aware* that the Civil Service, requires a comprehensive reform prioritize timely and fair promotions and remunerations to align with global best practices;

*Cognizant* that promotion stagnation in the Civil Service requires urgent intervention to achieve government policies and programs;

*Concerned* that Some Civil Servants who undergo mandatory examinations are promoted nominally but not financially, despite adequate recurrent expenditure in the annual appropriations budget for Ministries, Departments and Agencies;

*Disturbed* that promotion stagnation affects the career of an officer in service, as every Civil Servant is expected to reach his career peak within 35years in active service or by the retirement age of 60 years;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Committees on Public Service Matters, Public Sector, Institutional Reforms, and Federal Character to investigate promotion stagnation in the Federal Civil Service from 2013-2023 with the intention of encouraging a more effective and efficient Civil Service and report within four (4) weeks **(HR. 08/07/2024)**.

**17. Need to Constitute the National Council on Public Procurement (NCP) as Prescribed in the Public Procurement Act, 2007**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the Public Procurement Act was enacted to regulate government activities and ensure transparency, accountability, and efficiency in procurement processes;

*Also notes* Section 1 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 mandates the establishment of the National Council on Public Procurement;

*Further notes* that the National Council on Public Procurement is essential for oversight, regulation, and standardization of procurement practices across Government Agencies;

*Aware* that the composition of the NCP includes representatives from various interest groups in the country as contained in Section 1 (2) (a)-(g) of the Act to ensure inclusive stakeholders' participation in National Development;

*Concerned* that the absence of the National Council on Public Procurement undermines the objectives of the Act and hampers procurement processes.

*Worried* that the last administrations of Umaru Yar Adua, Goodluck Jonathan and Muhammadu Buhari have refused to inaugurate the National Council on Public Procurement as prescribed by the Act;

*Disturbed* that the Federal Executive Council has continued to usurp the most important functions of the National Council on Public Procurement;

*Cognizant* of the need to constitute the National Council on Public Procurement in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 which is crucial for transparency, accountability, and efficiency in government procurement processes

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the President and Commander-in- Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to constitute the National Council on Public Procurement in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Public Procurement to ensure compliance (*Hon. Murphy Osaro Omoreuyi — Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the Public Procurement Act was enacted to regulate government activities and ensure transparency, accountability, and efficiency in procurement processes;

*Also noted* Section 1 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 mandates the establishment of the National Council on Public Procurement;

*Further noted* that the National Council on Public Procurement is essential for oversight, regulation, and standardization of procurement practices across Government Agencies;

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*Concerned* that the absence of the National Council on Public Procurement undermines the objectives of the Act and hampers procurement processes.

*Worried* that the last administrations of Umaru Yar Adua, Goodluck Jonathan and Muhammadu Buhari have refused to inaugurate the National Council on Public Procurement as prescribed by the Act;

*Disturbed* that the Federal Executive Council has continued to usurp the most important functions of the National Council on Public Procurement;

*Cognizant* of the need to constitute the National Council on Public Procurement in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 which is crucial for transparency, accountability, and efficiency in government procurement processes

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the President and Commander-in- Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to constitute the National Council on Public Procurement in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Public Procurement to ensure compliance (**HR. 09/07/2024**).

## **18. Circulation of Fake Consumables in Nigeria**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that in the fourth quarter of 2023, Nigeria experienced an insurgency involving daily patronage



of fake consumables such as drinks, drugs, cooking spices, beverages, and baby food which caused health issues and discouraged local manufacturers and importers of genuine products in the country;

*Aware* that in December 2023, the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) intercepted counterfeiters involved in the production of consumables worth about seven hundred and fifty million Naira;

*Also aware* of a recent report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) which revealed that fake and substandard drugs kill about 500,000 persons in sub-Saharan Africa each year;

*Worried* about the potential health complications and economic impact of counterfeit products on Nigerians, heightened by contaminated consumables;

*Informed* by a global consultancy Price Waterhouse Coopers where it is estimated that Nigeria may lose approximately two hundred billion Naira annually to counterfeit medicines, excluding substandard ones;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge NAFDAC and Standards organization of Nigeria (SON) and Manufacturing Drugs Factories to:
  - (a) establish more efficient channels in every state and local government to verify and monitor products before circulation,
  - (b) identify and punishing individuals involved in the distribution or production of counterfeit goods,
  - (c) intensify efforts to identify culprits distributing or producing counterfeit goods and fully punish them according to the law,
  - (d) regularly engage and sensitize consumers on digital codes or icons that indicate the authenticity of their products;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (*Hon. Ahmed Sani Muhammad — Bakura/Maradun Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that in the fourth quarter of 2023, Nigeria experienced an insurgency involving daily patronage of fake consumables such as drinks, drugs, cooking spices, beverages, and baby food which caused health issues and discouraged local manufacturers and importers of genuine products in the country;

*Aware* that in December 2023, the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) intercepted counterfeiters involved in the production of consumables worth about seven hundred and fifty million Naira;

*Also aware* of a recent report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) which revealed that fake and substandard drugs kill about 500,000 persons in sub-Saharan Africa each year;

*Worried* about the potential health complications and economic impact of counterfeit products on Nigerians, heightened by contaminated consumables;

*Informed* by a global consultancy Price Waterhouse Coopers where it is estimated that Nigeria may lose approximately two hundred billion Naira annually to counterfeit medicines, excluding substandard ones;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge NAFDAC and Standards organization of Nigeria (SON) and Manufacturing Drugs Factories to:
  - (a) establish more efficient channels in every state and local government to verify and monitor products before circulation,
  - (b) identify and punishing individuals involved in the distribution or production of counterfeit goods,
  - (c) intensify efforts to identify culprits distributing or producing counterfeit goods and fully punish them according to the law,
  - (d) regularly engage and sensitize consumers on digital codes or icons that indicate the authenticity of their products;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (**HR. 10/07/2024**).

**19. Need to Address the Reoccurring Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Extortion of International Passengers at the Port Harcourt International Airport, Omagwa, Port Harcourt**  
*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that international airports throughout the globe are gateways into a country, the safety of travellers as well as cargo is the main responsibility of officers attached to airports, and across the country, airports have consistently displayed high security performance by the security officers on duty;

*Also notes* that some security personnel on duty at Nigeria's international airports constitute major setbacks to the country, especially in the case of the international wing of International Airport Port Harcourt, where passengers arriving are exposed to severe harassment, intimidation, and extortion of money by the security personnel at the airport;

*Observes* that international travellers in particular are frequently forced to provide receipts for any personal belongings in their luggage and are the targets of extortion, charges, and excessive searches;

*Concerned* that credible reports revealed that airport security personnel delay passengers, causing unreceipted payments and charges, especially for foreigners. Personal items are charged without receipts, bags are forcefully opened and searched, and valuables are stolen in broad daylight. Furthermore, the vile crime is committed in all the country's international airports;

*Also concerned* that if these actions of the security agents are not checked, they will impact the struggling economy very negatively, as the country's economic credibility will dim in the global market, thus discouraging foreigners and investors from coming into Nigeria to do legitimate business;

*Further concerned* about the possibility of a sharp decline in the revenue generated by foreign visits for business, tourism, and other purposes, given that Nigeria is currently facing severe economic difficulties and that foreign investments are essential to bolstering the faltering economy and creating jobs for young people without employment;

*Cognizant* of the fact that the country's monopolistic economy necessitates the participation of foreign investors to boost economic growth and increase the Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Ministry of Aviation to launch an investigation promptly in order to bring the perpetrators to justice, thereby acting as a deterrent and preserving the credibility of the country in the global community; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation within seven days to investigate the activities of the security personnel attached to the international wing of the airports nationwide, bring the culprits to face the law, and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Boniface Sunday Emerngwa — Emohua/Ikwerre Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendments Proposed:**

- (i) *Leave out* the Title and *insert* a new Title as follows:  
**“Need to Address the Reoccurring Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Extortion of International Passengers at International Airports, across the country”** (*Hon. Kabiru Amadu — Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

- (ii) In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word “Aviation”, *insert* the words “Interior, and Customs and Excise” (*Hon. Nnolin Nnaji John — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

**Need to Address the Reoccurring Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Extortion of International Passengers at International Airports, across the country:**

The House:

*Noted* that international airports throughout the globe are gateways into a country, the safety of travellers as well as cargo is the main responsibility of officers attached to airports, and across the country, airports have consistently displayed high security performance by the security officers on duty;

*Also noted* that some security personnel on duty at Nigeria's international airports constitute major setbacks to the country, especially in the case of the international wing of International Airport Port Harcourt, where passengers arriving are exposed to severe harassment, intimidation, and extortion of money by the security personnel at the airport;

*Observed* that international travellers in particular are frequently forced to provide receipts for any personal belongings in their luggage and are the targets of extortion, charges, and excessive searches;

*Concerned* that credible reports revealed that airport security personnel delay passengers, causing unreceipted payments and charges, especially for foreigners. Personal items are charged without receipts, bags are forcefully opened and searched, and valuables are stolen in broad daylight. Furthermore, the vile crime is committed in all the country's international airports;

*Also concerned* that if these actions of the security agents are not checked, they will impact the

struggling economy very negatively, as the country's economic credibility will dim in the global market, thus discouraging foreigners and investors from coming into Nigeria to do legitimate business;

*Further concerned* about the possibility of a sharp decline in the revenue generated by foreign visits for business, tourism, and other purposes, given that Nigeria is currently facing severe economic difficulties and that foreign investments are essential to bolstering the faltering economy and creating jobs for young people without employment;

*Cognizant* of the fact that the country's monopolistic economy necessitates the participation of foreign investors to boost economic growth and increase the Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Ministry of Aviation to launch an investigation promptly in order to bring the perpetrators to justice, thereby acting as a deterrent and preserving the credibility of the country in the global community; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Aviation, Interior, and Customs and Excise within seven days to investigate the activities of the security personnel attached to the international wing of the airports nationwide, bring the culprits to face the law, and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 11/07/2024**).

**20. Need to Clampdown on Private Universities and Organisations involved in Currency Substitution and Dollarization of the Economy**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

**21. Need to Investigate Administration of Public Revenues and Expenditures of the West African Examination Council from 2018 to 2023**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the West African Examination Council (WAEC) local is fully Treasury funded from the Federation Account;

*Also notes* that Section 80(4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) states that no monies shall be withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund or any other public fund of the Federation, except in the manner prescribed by the National Assembly, consequently, all funds received as examination fees from candidates for registration are considered public funds;

*Observes* that the Council, in addition to its statutory allocation, obtained a credit facility of 5 billion, Naira from First Bank Limited in 2022, though repaid the credit facility within the same year, but there was no full disclosure as to the purpose of the loan in its financial statement;

*Cognizant* that by virtue of Section 89 (1) (c) of the 1999 Constitution, for the purpose of any investigation, the Senate, House of Representatives, or a Committee appointed shall have the power to summon any person in Nigeria to give evidence at any place or produce any document or other thing in his possession or under his control;

*Worried* that as of January 12, 2019, WAEC has an investment of 2,974,510,000 units of shares worth ₦1,45,000,000 in Megatons W.A. Limited, a company that engages in the business of printing security and confidential documents. An additional investment of ₦32,255,000 was made in the same year, bringing the total value of the investment to ₦1,487,255,000 as of 31 December, 2019.

However, the company suddenly went into the liquidation process, and lots of provisions were made for impairment of the investment in line with Internal Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS);

*Aware* that ₦899,375,000 provisions for impairment were made on the total investment, and it represented 60% of the total investment. This is a huge loss that calls for questions as to why a proper investment decision was not made ab initio;

*Also aware* that the WAEC proposed expenditure for the year 2024 is 42.9 billion Naira whereas its IGR projection is 32 billion Naira;

*Cognizant* of the need for the National Assembly to thoroughly appropriate WAEC's Humongous IGR, scrutinize Council's past financial statements and debt collection from State Governments to avoid further wastage of public funds and contradict accountability and prudence stewardship;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committee on Basic Education Examination Bodies to do the needful for the West Africa Examination Council to subject its year 2024 IGR for appropriation and approval;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Basic Examination Bodies to investigate the annual IGR collected by the West African Examination Council from 2018-2024 and examine the financial books/records and financial statement of the council from 2018-2023 to ascertain compliance with existing laws governing the administration of public funds and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah — Isuikwuato/Umuneochi Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the West African Examination Council (WAEC) local is fully Treasury funded from the Federation Account;

*Also noted* that Section 80(4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) states that no monies shall be withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund or any other public fund of the Federation, except in the manner prescribed by the National Assembly, consequently, all funds received as examination fees from candidates for registration are considered public funds;

*Observed* that the Council, in addition to its statutory allocation, obtained a credit facility of 5 billion, Naira from First Bank Limited in 2022, though repaid the credit facility within the same year, but there was no full disclosure as to the purpose of the loan in its financial statement;

*Cognizant* that by virtue of Section 89 (1) (c) of the 1999 Constitution, for the purpose of any investigation, the Senate, House of Representatives, or a Committee appointed shall have the power to summon any person in Nigeria to give evidence at any place or produce any document or other thing in his possession or under his control;

*Worried* that as of January 12, 2019, WAEC has an investment of 2,974,510,000 units of shares worth ₦1,45,000,000 in Megatons W.A. Limited, a company that engages in the business of printing security and confidential documents. An additional investment of ₦32,255,000 was made in the same year, bringing the total value of the investment to ₦1,487,255,000 as of 31 December, 2019. However, the company suddenly went into the liquidation process, and lots of provisions were made for impairment of the investment in line with Internal Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS);

*Aware* that ₦899,375,000 provisions for impairment were made on the total investment, and it represented 60% of the total investment. This is a huge loss that calls for questions as to why a proper investment decision was not made ab initio;

*Also aware* that the WAEC proposed expenditure for the year 2024 is 42.9 billion Naira whereas its IGR projection is 32 billion Naira;

*Cognizant* of the need for the National Assembly to thoroughly appropriate WAEC's Humongous IGR, scrutinize Council's past financial statements and debt collection from State Governments to avoid further wastage of public funds and contradict accountability and prudence stewardship;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) mandate the Committee on Basic Education Examination Bodies to do the needful for the West Africa Examination Council to subject its year 2024 IGR for appropriation and approval;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Basic Examination Bodies to investigate the annual IGR collected by the West African Examination Council from 2018-2024 and examine the financial books/records and financial statement of the council from 2018-2023 to ascertain compliance with existing laws governing the administration of public funds and report within four (4) weeks (HR. 12/07/2024).

**22. Alleged Mismanagement of Government Agricultural Initiatives and Funding by Departments, Agencies, and Government Programs Outside the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* the growing food scarcity and malnutrition in Nigeria and the alleged mismanagement of agricultural funds intended for agricultural development in the country;

*Also notes* that the Federal Government, through various schemes and interventions in the last in eight years (8) have spent over two trillion Naira in funding agricultural interventions with the view of making food available for millions of Nigerians, but due to the alleged mismanagement, misapplication of funds and abuse of the programs, Nigeria is still experiencing food scarcity and malnutrition;

*Aware* of the reports and allegations of abuse, mismanagement, and misapplication of government intervention funds earmarked for agricultural development and food security initiatives in Nigeria through the:

- (a) Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) through the Anchor Borrowers Program (ABP) disbursed about 1.12 trillion Naira to 4.67 million farmers involved in either maize, rice or wheat farming through 563 (five hundred and sixty-three only) anchors,
- (b) Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) disbursed (two hundred and fifteen billion, sixty-six million, nine hundred and eighty thousand, two hundred and seventy-four Naira, fifty-two Kobo) so far to facilitate agriculture and agrobusinesses,
- (c) Bank of Industry (BOI) disbursed 3 billion Naira to twenty-two thousand, one hundred and twenty smallholder farmers through the Agriculture Value chain financing (AVCF) Programme. Additionally, the bank funded forty-nine agro and food processing businesses with 59.4 billion Naira in loans,

- (d) in 2023, the Federal Government of Nigeria unveiled a 5 billion Naira loan facility to the Bank of Agriculture (BOA) for Livestock farmers across the country,
- (e) National Agricultural Development Fund in March of 2024 inaugurated a ₦1.6 billion Recovery Fund for the Ginger Blight Epidemics Central Taskforce (GBECT) for the control of Blight disease in Ginger, among other interventions;

*Also aware* that funds advanced to end users of the Federal Government interventions were allegedly misused, misapplied and channeled to non-farming and nonagricultural purposes, hence the current acute scarcity of food;

*Worried* that the agricultural sector plays a crucial role in ensuring food security, improving nutrition, and supporting the livelihoods of millions of Nigerians, and any abuse on the programs and schemes of Government drastically affects millions of innocent citizens;

*Cognizant* of the need to investigate government agricultural interventions and funding allocated to Departments, Agencies, Schemes and Programs outside the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to ensure transparency, accountability, and effective resource utilization;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Nutrition and Food Security, Agricultural Production and Services; Agricultural Colleges and Institutions and Finance to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the alleged misuse of Government interventions and agricultural funding by Departments, Agencies, Schemes and Programmes of the Federal Government outside the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and report within four (4) legislative weeks (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite-Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* the growing food scarcity and malnutrition in Nigeria and the alleged mismanagement of agricultural funds intended for agricultural development in the country;

*Also noted* that the Federal Government, through various schemes and interventions in the last in eight years (8) have spent over two trillion Naira in funding agricultural interventions with the view of making food available for millions of Nigerians, but due to the alleged mismanagement, misapplication of funds and abuse of the programs, Nigeria is still experiencing food scarcity and malnutrition;

*Aware* of the reports and allegations of abuse, mismanagement, and misapplication of government intervention funds earmarked for agricultural development and food security initiatives in Nigeria through the:

- (a) Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) through the Anchor Borrowers Program (ABP) disbursed about 1.12 trillion Naira to 4.67 million farmers involved in either maize, rice or wheat farming through 563 (five hundred and sixty-three only) anchors,
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- (e) National Agricultural Development Fund in March of 2024 inaugurated a ₦1.6 billion Recovery Fund for the Ginger Blight Epidemics Central Taskforce (GBECT) for the control of Blight disease in Ginger, among other interventions;

*Also aware* that funds advanced to end users of the Federal Government interventions were allegedly misused, misapplied and channeled to non-farming and nonagricultural purposes, hence the current acute scarcity of food;

*Worried* that the agricultural sector plays a crucial role in ensuring food security, improving nutrition, and supporting the livelihoods of millions of Nigerians, and any abuse on the programs and schemes of Government drastically affects millions of innocent citizens;

*Cognizant* of the need to investigate government agricultural interventions and funding allocated to Departments, Agencies, Schemes and Programs outside the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to ensure transparency, accountability, and effective resource utilization;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Committees on Nutrition and Food Security, Agricultural Production and Services; Agricultural Colleges and Institutions and Finance to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the alleged misuse of Government interventions and agricultural funding by Departments, Agencies, Schemes and Programmes of the Federal Government outside the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and report within four (4) legislative weeks (**HR. 13/07/2024**).

**23. Need to Revoke the Contract for the Construction of Flooded Sections of the East-West Road Connecting Major Communities in Bayelsa State**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the East-West Road is one of the important roads in the Federation which has significantly contributed to the country's economic and social development, it connects major regions facilitating trade, commerce, and cultural exchange, thus improved access to markets, industries, and social services;

*Also aware* that the Federal Ministry of Works awarded the contract for the construction of the box culverts for the repairs of the flooded section of the East-West Road (Kaiama-Ahoda Section) to Rock Result Nigeria Limited, but the company has failed to execute the contract, causing traffic disruptions, loss of lives and fatalities;

*Recalled* that on 11 April, 2024 the current Minister of Works on an inspection tour at East-West Road praised Rock Result Nigeria Limited, but till date nothing has been achieved;

*Worried* that East-West road has been in a dilapidated state for years particularly at Iheke in Ahoda East Local Government of Rivers State, Aven in Patani and Umeh in Isoko South Local Government Areas of Delta State connecting Bayelsa State to Rivers and Delta States and other parts of the country;



*Also worried* that Executive Arm of Government is prioritizing the coastal road over the crucial east-west road, which is vital for the country's economic survival;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to immediately revoke the contract for the construction of flooded East-West Road to Rock Result Nigeria Limited and other contracts and re-award the same to a company with expertise and capacity; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance (*Hon. Obuku Abonsizibe Oforjil — Yenogoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 14/07/2024).**

*Motion referred to the Committee on Works, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

**24. Consideration of Reports**

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy Act, No. 8, 2017 and Enact the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences Act, 2024 to Make Comprehensive Provisions for Management and Administration of the University; and for Related Matters (HB. 249) (Committee of the Whole):***

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy Act, No. 8, 2017 and Enact the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences Act, 2024 to Make Comprehensive Provisions for Management and Administration of the University; and for Related Matters (HB. 249)" (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — House Leader).*

*Agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF DENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND THERAPY (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT, NO. 8, 2017 AND ENACT THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES, ENUGU ACT, 2024 TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 249)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION, AND FUNCTIONS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES, ENUGU

**Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences, Enugu.**

- (1) There is established the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences, Enugu (in this Bill referred to as "the University").
- (2) The University —
  - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and

- (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 2: Objects of the University.**

The objects of the University are to —

- (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the opportunity of acquiring higher and liberal education;
- (b) develop, offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate diploma and other higher degrees, which emphasises planning, adaptive, developmental and productive skills in education, technology, applied science, commerce, art, social science, humanities, management and allied professional disciplines;
- (c) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in restricted fields of learning and human endeavour and produce socially matured educated men and women with capability not only to understand the needs of Nigeria as a nation, but also to exploit existing educational infrastructures and improve on them to develop new ones;
- (d) relate its activities to the social, cultural and economic needs of the people of Nigeria; and
- (e) undertake other activities appropriate for a university of the highest standard (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 3: Membership of the University.**

(1) The University shall consist of —

- (a) the Chancellor;
- (b) the Pro-Chancellor and a Council;
- (c) the Vice Chancellor and a Senate;
- (d) the Deputy Vice Chancellors;
- (e) the Congregation;
- (f) the Convocation;
- (g) the campuses and colleges of the University;
- (h) the faculties, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;
- (i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c);
- (j) all graduates and undergraduates; and

- (k) 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 mentioned in it.
- (3) A provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution of the following bodies the —
  - (a) Council;
  - (b) Senate;
  - (c) Congregation; and
  - (d) Convocation (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 4: Powers of the University.**

- (1) For the achievement of its objects as specified in section 2 of this Bill, the University shall have power to —
  - (a) establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools, extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may seem necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;
  - (b) institute professorships, readerships, associate professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and to make appointments accordingly;
  - (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;
  - (d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of the University;
  - (e) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down;
  - (f) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;
  - (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purpose of instruction such fees as the University may determine, subject to the overall directives of the appropriate authority;
  - (h) subject to section 21 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate;
  - (i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching to them;

- (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, employ and act through agents;
  - (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;
  - (l) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and book selling;
  - (m) subject to any limitation or condition imposed by statute, to invest any money appertaining to the University by way of endowment, whether for general or special purposes, and such other money as may not be immediately required for current expenditure, in any investment or security or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power to vary any such investment and to deposit any money for the time being un-invested with any bank on deposit or current account;
  - (n) borrow, whether on interest or not, and if need be, upon the security of any or all of the property movable or immovable of the University, such money as the Council may in its discretion, find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advance or credit facility;
  - (o) make gifts for any charitable purpose;
  - (p) do anything which it is authorised or required by this Bill or by any other Statute to do; and
  - (q) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the powers, as may advance the objects of the University.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the Statutes made under it and without prejudice to section 9 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University by subsection (1) shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which may be authorised by this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 5: Chancellor to take precedence before other members.**

- (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 for 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 Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 6: Composition of the Council of the University.**

- (1) The Council of the University shall consist of —
  - (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
  - (d) one person from the Federal Ministry responsible for health;
  - (e) one person from the Federal Ministry responsible for education;
  - (f) six persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation to be appointed by the President;
  - (g) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
  - (h) two persons appointed by the Congregation from among its members; and
  - (i) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members.
- (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 7: Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University, including its public relations.
- (2) There shall be the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the Council as the Council may delegate to it.
- (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- (4) The Council shall ensure proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation, and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the accounts as audited.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (6) Rules made under subsection (5) by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into effect unless approved by the Council, and

where any rule so made by the Committee conflicts with any direction given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into effect of the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail.

- (7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, travelling allowances and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may be fixed by extant government circulars.
- (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill, and shall meet at least four times every year.
- (9) If required in writing by five members of the Council, the Chairman shall, within 28 days after the receipt of such request, call a meeting of the Council.
- (10) If after 28 days of the receipt or delivery to him of a request under subsection (9), the Chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar shall, within 14 days, cause a meeting of the Council to be convened for that purpose and the request shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 8: Functions of the Senate.**

- (1) Subject to section 5 of the Act, 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 organise and control teaching in the University, admission of students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the University.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (1), the Senate shall make provision for the —
  - (a) establishment, organisation and control of campuses, colleges, faculties, departments, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;
  - (b) organisation and control of courses of study in the University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;
  - (c) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the University;
  - (d) making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship, honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus;
  - (e) establishment, organisation and control of halls of residence and similar institutions in the University;

- (f) supervision of the welfare of students in the University and the regulation of their conduct;
  - (g) granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards that are within the control of the University; and
  - (h) determination of what description of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.
- (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, faculty, department, school, institute or other teaching and research units of the University, any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.
- (4) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Senate may —
  - (a) make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the provisions of this section or for the purpose of providing for any matter for which provision by regulation is authorised or required by this Bill or by Statute; and
  - (b) by regulation, provide that at least one of the persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study in the University is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course relates in some other University of high repute.
- (5) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred on him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of any dishonorable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 9: Vice-Chancellor to take precedence in the absence of 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 section 5 of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall have general function, in addition to any other function conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University, and shall, to the exclusion of any other person or authority, be the chief executive and academic officer of the University and ex-officio Chairman of the Senate (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

## PART II — TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

**Clause 10: Transfer of property.**

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council shall 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 shall have effect with respect to the transfer of property by this section and to matters arising therefrom and with respect to other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

## PART III — STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

**Clause 11: Powers of the University to make Statutes.**

- (1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make Statutes for —
  - (a) 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 any other matter connected with the University;
  - (c) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the University, and their discipline and welfare;
  - (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as academic or non-academic for the purposes of this Bill, any Statute, regulation or other instrument made under it; and
  - (e) making provision for other matters for which provision by Statute is authorised or required by this Bill.
- (2) Subject to section 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 section 27 (1) of that Act.
- (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into effect on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this section by the University.
- (4) The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent Statute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 12: Power to make Statutes.**

- (1) The power of the University to make Statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) A proposed Statute shall not come into effect until it has been approved at a meeting of the —
  - (a) Senate, by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present



and voting; and

- (b) Council by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.
- (3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) by both bodies in no particular order.
- (4) A Statute which —
  - (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University, or
  - (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is established,shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor.
- (5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a Statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the Council and the Senate in accordance with subsection (3) or in the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4), on the date on which it is approved by the President (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 13: Proof of Statutes.**

A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy of it bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of that University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 14: Visitor to decide the meaning of Statute.**

- (1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision on it as he deems fit.
- (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and 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 this section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any other authority in Nigeria.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (2) shall affect the power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a Statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution.
- (4) The provisions of this section shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is, for the purposes of this Bill, an academic or non-academic as they apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1) and accordingly the reference in subsection (2) to any question as to the meaning of any provision of the statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the purposes,

academic or non-academic (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

**Clause 15: The Visitor.**

- (1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.
- (2) The Visitor shall, as often as the circumstances may require not being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may deem fit in respect of any of the affairs of the University.
- (3) The bodies and persons comprising the University shall —
  - (a) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons conducting a visitation under this section, such facilities and assistance as may reasonably be required for the purposes of the visitation; and
  - (b) give effect to any instruction consistent with the provisions of this Bill which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 16: Removal of members.**

- (1) Where it appears to the Council that a member (other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Visitor and if the Visitor, after making enquiries, if any, as may be considered necessary and approves the recommendation, he may direct the removal of the member from office.
- (2) The Minister shall use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 17: Removal and discipline of academic, administrative and professional staff.**

- (1) Where 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 office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall —
  - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
  - (b) afford such person an opportunity of making representation in person on the matter to the Council; and
  - (c) take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the appointment.

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- (2) If the affected staff or any three members of the Council so request within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the notice of the Council's decision, the Council shall make arrangements for —
- (a) a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to review the matter and to report on it to the Council; and
  - (b) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear before and be heard by an 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, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the direction of the Council.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of gross misconduct by a member of staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall immediately be reported to the Council.
- (4) Any member of staff may be suspended from duty or his appointment may be terminated by the Council for a good cause and, for the purposes of this subsection, "good cause" means —
- (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to render the person concerned unfit for the performance of the functions of his office;
  - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office;
  - (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council considers to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office; or
  - (d) conduct which the Council considers to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to perform the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
- (5) Any person suspended under subsection (3) shall be on half pay and the Council shall, before the expiration of a period of three months from the date of such suspension, consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to whether to —
- (a) continue the person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
  - (b) reinstate the person in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension;
  - (c) terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which case the person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; and
  - (d) take such lesser disciplinary action against the person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have

been withheld) as the Council may determine.

- (6) Where the Council, under this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the person, the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from the decision, come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning the person.
- (7) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed under subsection (1) shall use his best endeavors, to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (8) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of staff and workers of the University as may be appropriate (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 18: Removal of examiner.**

- (1) Where, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, it appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an Examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, the Senate may, after affording the Examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter, direct the Vice-Chancellor to remove the Examiner by an instrument in writing signed by the Registrar.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of any regulation made under section 8 (4) of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of Senate, appoint an appropriate person as Examiner in the place of the Examiner removed.
- (3) The Registrar shall on signing an instrument of removal under this section, use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument to be served immediately on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 19: Disciplinary action on students.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student is guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the —
  - (a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the University or make use of such facilities of the University as may be so specified;
  - (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be specified;
  - (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
  - (d) student be expelled from the University.
- (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed

manner, appeal against the direction to the Senate.

- (3) Where an appeal is brought under subsection (2), the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in any manner as the Senate deems fit.
- (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought under subsection (2) shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (5) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of members of the University as he may nominate.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University for conduct which, in the opinion of Senate, is prejudicial to the interest of the University, to its corporate objective or image.
- (7) A direction under subsection (1) (a) may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Clause 20: Exclusion of discrimination.**

- (1) A person shall not be required to satisfy requirements as to race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth, family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition for becoming or continuing to be a —
  - (a) student in the University;
  - (b) holder of any degree, appointment or employment in the University; or
  - (c) member of any body established by virtue of this Bill.
- (2) A person shall not be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University by reference to any of the matters referred to in subsection (1).
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be construed as preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons specified in subsection (1), where such persons willfully refuse or fail on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 21: Transfer of land to the University.**

- (1) For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) any purpose of the University shall

be the same as that of the Federation.

- (2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Government under this section, the Government may, by a certificate under the hand and seal of the Chief Federal Lands Officer or any other person authorised in that behalf transfer it to the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 22: Consent of Visitor in land matters.**

- (1) 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.
- (2) The consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years of any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 23: Quorum.**

Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or regulation, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 24: Committees.**

- (1) Any body 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 authorise a committee established by it to —
  - (a) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine, and
  - (b) co-opt members and direct whether or not co-opted members shall be entitled to vote in that committee.
- (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them and either dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.
- (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or regulation, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held under this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.
- (4) 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.

- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as enabling —
- (a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 of this Bill; or
  - (b) the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 25: Seal of the University.**

- (1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor and the affixing of the seal shall —
- (a) in the case of certificates issued by the University, be authenticated by the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar; and
  - (b) in the case of any other document, be authenticated by any member of Council, the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar or any other person authorised by Statute.
- (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorised to do so by the Council without seal.
- (4) The validity of the proceedings of any body established under this Bill shall not be affected by —
- (a) any vacancy in the membership of the body;
  - (b) any defect in appointment of a member of the body; or
  - (c) reason that any person not entitled to do so, took part in the proceedings.
- (5) Any member of a body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.
- (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made under this Bill.
- (7) The power conferred by this Bill on any body to make statute or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any —
- (a) Statute (including the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this

Bill; or

- (b) Regulation by a subsequent Statute or Regulations as the case may be,

and that the Statutes and Regulations may have 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 sections 10, 21, and the Second Schedule to this Bill.
- (9) Any notice or other instrument authorised to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 26: Proposals and recommendation.**

Where in any of the provisions of this Bill, it is laid down that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, every such intermediate authority shall forward any proposal or recommendation received by it under that provision to the appropriate authority, but any such intermediate authority may, if it deems fit, forward its own comments on it (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 27: Repeal.**

The Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy (Establishment) Act, No. 8, 2017 is repealed (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 28: Savings and transitional provisions.**

- (1) All assets, rights, liabilities, interests, and obligations vested in Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy before the commencement of this Bill, shall after commencement of this Bill be vested in the University.
- (2) All Principal Officers, and Staff of Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy existing before the commencement of this Bill shall after commencement of this Bill continue to be staff of University, in accordance with the terms of appointment (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 29: Interpretation.**

In this Bill —

"appropriate authority" means any person, body or authority authorised by law to act in a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject matter (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "appropriate authority" be as defined in the*



*interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"campus" means any campus which may be established by the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"college" means any college which may be established by the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Government" means the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an honorary degree) has been conferred by the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behaviour that may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or regulation made under this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Health (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of the University or the discipline and proper administration of the business of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"notice" means notice in writing (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"prescribed" means prescribed by Statute or regulation made under this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"the Provisional Council" means the Provisional Council appointed for the University by the President with effect from September 2017 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Senate" means the Senate of the University established by this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Statute" means a Statute made by the University under section 11 of this Bill and in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 effect (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"undergraduate" means a person in statu pupilaris in the University, other than —

- (a) a graduate, and
- (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes of this definition; and (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"University" means the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences, Enugu as established by this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

*Question that Clause 29 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Clause 30: Citation.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences, Enugu (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that Clause 30 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### Section 3 (1) and (2)

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

##### *The Chancellor*

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

##### *The Pro-Chancellor*

2. (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office by the President.

- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of his appointment.

*The Vice Chancellor*

3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the University (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, No. 11, 1993.

*Deputy Vice Chancellor*

4. (1) There shall be for the University, two Deputy Vice-Chancellors or such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellors as the Council may deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.
- (2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the University (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, No. 11, 1993.
- (3) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall —
- (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;
- (b) act in place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and
- (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the Council may assign to him.

*Office of the Registrar, Bursar and University Librarian*

5. (1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the University and is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with paragraph 6 (2).
- (2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall, by virtue of that office, be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.
- (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only effective from the date of appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the appointment letter.
- (4) The Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar, Bursar or Librarian for a further term of one year only and thereafter the Registrar, Bursar or Librarian shall relinquish the post and be assigned to other duties in the University.

*Principal Officers of the University*

6. (1) There shall be for the University, the following principal officers in addition to the Registrar —
- (a) the Bursar; and

(b) the University Librarian.

- (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the 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 all library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, departments and institutes and other teaching or research units.
- (4) The Bursar and the University Librarian shall each hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in their letters of appointment.

*Other Officers of the University*

7. There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the Works Department, and is responsible for all works, services and maintenance of University facilities.

*Director of Health Services*

8. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services, who shall —
  - (a) be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the Health Centre;
  - (b) be the chief medical officer of the University; and
  - (c) coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

*Resignations and Appointment*

9. (1) Any officer mentioned in this Schedule may resign his office in —
  - (a) the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the Visitor; and
  - (b) the case of the Vice-Chancellor, by notice to the Council which shall immediately notify the Minister.
- (2) A person who has ceased to hold an office otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Sections 10 (2) and 25 (8)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY AND FUNCTIONS

*Transfer of Property to the University*

1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 10 (1) of this Bill —

- (a) the reference in the subsection to property held by the Provisional Council and the University shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grant or contribution which may have been voted or promised to the Provisional Council and the University; and
- (b) all outstanding debts and liabilities of the Provisional Council shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Bill.

#### *The Provisional Council*

- 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 modification, have effect as if the University established by this Bill had been a party to it in place of the Provisional Council.
- (2) Documents not falling within subparagraph (1), including enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the Provisional Council shall be construed in accordance with that subparagraph so far as applicable.
- (3) Any legal proceeding or application to any authority pending by or against the Provisional Council may be continued by or against the University established by this Bill.

#### *Registration of Transfers*

- 3. (1) If the law in effect at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees of any other matter) apply, with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property in question.
- (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.

#### *Meeting*

- 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 must 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 Senate immediately before the coming into effect 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 of this Bill must have been duly constituted.
- (5) Subject to any regulation which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Bill is made, the facilities, faculty boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into effect of this Bill shall on that day become

faculties, faculty boards and students of the University as established by this Bill.

- (6) Persons who were deans or associate deans of faculties or members of faculty boards shall continue to be deans or associate deans or become members of the corresponding faculty boards, until new appointments are made under the Statutes under this Bill.

#### *The Staff*

5. Any person who was a member of staff of the University as established or was otherwise employed by the Provisional Council shall be employed at the University on such designation, status and functions which correspond as nearly as possible to those which pertained to him as a member of that staff or as such an employee.

#### *The Scope of Responsibilities*

6. Questions as to the scope of the responsibilities of the officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

### THIRD SCHEDULE

Sections 11 (3), (4) and 25 (7)

## **Federal University of Allied Health Sciences**

### **Statute No. 1**

#### ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

##### *Articles:*

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#### *The Council*

1. (1) Any member of Council holding office under section 6 (1) (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council resign his office.
- (2) A member of Council holding office under section 6 (1) (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of a period of four years starting from 1 August in the year in which he was appointed.

- (3) Where a member of Council holding office under section 6 (1) (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of his tenure, the body that appointed him may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of his unexpired term.
- (4) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of Council otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further term of four years.
- (5) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member under section 6 (1) (d) and (e) of this Bill.
- (6) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, the members present at the meeting may appoint one of them to be the Chairman at that meeting, and subject to section 5 of this Bill and the provisions of this article, the Council may regulate its own procedure.
- (7) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.
- (8) The Council constituted by this Bill shall have a four years term 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.
- (9) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance with the laws and Statutes of the University, and to that extent, establishment circulars that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the University shall not apply to the University.

*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 a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among members of the Council appointed by the Congregation; and
  - (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry responsible for Health or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him.
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.
- (3) Subject to any direction given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.



*The Senate*

3. (1) There shall be a Senate for the University consisting of —
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) all Professors of the University;
  - (d) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic Units of the University;
  - (e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research Institutes of the University; and
  - (f) the University Librarian.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present and, in his absence, one of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors appointed by him shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter (or the nearest whole number less than one quarter), and subject to sub-article (2), the Senate may regulate its own procedure.
- (4) If so requested in writing by any 10 members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor or, in his absence a person duly appointed by him shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

*Congregation*

4. (1) Congregation shall consist of —
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (b) the full time members of the academic staff;
  - (c) the Registrar;
  - (d) the Bursar; and
  - (e) every member of the administrative and technical staff who holds a degree of any University recognised for the purpose of this Statute by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree.
- (2) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present, and, in his absence, one of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors appointed by him shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one-third (or the nearest whole number to one-third) of the total number of members of Congregation or 50, whichever is less.
- (4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying —
- (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purposes of any

particular meeting or meetings of Congregation, or

- (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation during a particular period,

shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the case may be of the names of those persons.

- (5) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.
- (6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by, resolution or otherwise, its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have other functions in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

#### *Convocation*

- 5. (1) Convocation shall consist of —
  - (a) the Officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to this Bill;
  - (b) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill; and
  - (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with sub article (2).
- (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of convocation if he —
  - (a) is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this article; and
  - (b) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pays the prescribed fee.
- (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of this article and, subject to sub article (3), may provide for the payment 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 fee, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of Convocation by virtue of sub article (1) (a) or (b) 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 offices of the University at all reasonable times.
- (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named in it is, and that any person not named in it 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 entry in, and deletion from, the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.

- (7) The quorum of Convocation shall be 50 or one-third (or the whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of Convocation whichever is less.
- (8) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Chancellor shall be Chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and, in his absence, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
- (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute.

*Organisation of Faculties and Branches of the University*

6. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.

*Faculty Board*

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

*The Dean of the Faculty*

8. (1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the Faculty Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years and may be eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he may not be elected again until a two years term has elapsed.
- (2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint an Acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer for the faculty, who shall

act for a period of one year in the first instance, renewable for another one year only.

- (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty.
- (4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty and shall present to the Convocation for the conferment of Degrees, persons who have qualified for the Degrees of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that faculty.
- (5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans which shall consist of all the Deans of the several faculties and that committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the Committee by the Senate.
- (6) The Dean of a faculty may be removed from office for a good cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of the Dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor provided that at the next Faculty Board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.
- (7) In this article, "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 17 (4) of this Bill.

*Selection of Certain Principal and Other Key Officers*

9. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Registrar, Bursar, the University Librarian, Director of Works or Director of Health Services, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of —
  - (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of Senate; and
  - (d) two members appointed by the Senate not being members of Council.
- (2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it deems fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board, the Council may make an appointment to that office.
- (3) A person appointed to the office of Director of Works or Director of Health Services shall hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

*Creation of Academic Post*

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

*Appointment of Academic Staff*

11. Subject to this Bill and the Statute made under it, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as prescribed by Statute.

*Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff*

12. (1) The administrative and technical staff of the University, other than those mentioned in article 9, shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that behalf.
- (2) In the case of administrative or technical staff that has close and important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate participation in the process of selection.

*Interpretation*

13. In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences, Enugu (Establishment) Act, 2022 and any word or expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this Statute.

*Citation*

14. This Statute may be cited as the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences, Enugu, Statute No.1 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to repeal the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy (Establishment) Act No. 8, 2017 and enact the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences, Enugu Act, 2024 as a training institution for the development of health, sciences and technology and makes comprehensive provisions for the management and administration of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy (Establishment) Act, No. 8, 2017 and Enact the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences, Enugu Act, 2024 to Make Comprehensive Provisions for Management and Administration of the University; and for Related Matters (HB. 249) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy Act, No. 8, 2017 and Enact the Federal University of Allied Health Sciences Act, 2024 to Make Comprehensive Provisions for Management and Administration of the University; and for Related Matters (HB. 249) and approved Clauses 1- 30, 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) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Auctioneers to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Auctioneers in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1046) (Committee of the Whole):***

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Auctioneers to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Auctioneers in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1046)" (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — House Leader).*

***Agreed to.***

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF  
AUCTIONEERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF ITS MEMBERSHIP  
AND TO PROMOTE THE PRACTICE OF AUCTIONEERS IN NIGERIA;  
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1046)

**PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF AUCTIONEERS OF NIGERIA**

**Clause 1: Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria.**

- (1) There shall be established a body to be known as the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as "Institute").
- (2) The Institute:
  - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession;
  - (b) shall have common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the council may, from time to time, authorize;
  - (c) may sue or be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 2: Functions of the Institute.**

The powers and objectives of the Institute shall be:

- (a) determining what standards of knowledge and skills are to be attained by persons seeking to become registered as Chartered Auctioneers and raising those standards from time to time as circumstances may permit;
- (b) securing in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of a register of members and the publication from time to time of the list of those persons; and
- (c) unite all holders of and/or foreign qualification(s) in auctioneering and related disciplines in the public and private sector.
- (d) ensure that the practice of Auctioneering is done professionally in Nigeria;

- (e) provide consultancy services on auctioneering and allied matters to the public as well as the private sector;
- (f) hold conferences, workshops, seminars and symposia on contemporary auctioneering issues; and
- (d) perform any other duties as the council may deem fit from time to time (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 3: Membership of the Institute.**

- (1) The Council may enroll qualified individuals as auctioneers in the following category of:
  - (a) Fellow;
  - (b) Full Member; or
  - (c) Associate Member.
- (2) Without prejudice to the last forgoing provision of subsection (1) of this Bill, persons registered as members of the Institute, shall be entitled to be enrolled —
  - (a) as Fellows, if they satisfy the council that for the period of not less than five years immediately preceding the date of their applications in that behalf that they:
    - (i) are fit and proper persons,
    - (ii) are holders of approved academic qualifications,
    - (iii) have satisfied the council in their dissertation, and
    - (iv) have satisfied the council of being continuously active in the practice of auctioneering in the public and private sector of the economy as member of the Institute;
  - (b) to be a full Member the individual must have been an associate for a period of not less than three years immediately preceding the date of their application in that behalf have been enrolled as a member of the Institute and also a fit and proper person.
  - (c) to be an associate member, the individual must satisfy the council that they have passed the mandatory examination conducted by the Institute or hold equivalent qualification from a recognized higher institution and the individual must be fit and proper person.
- (3) The following shall be the right and privileges of the membership cadre of the Institute:
  - (a) a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers shall have the right to use the designations of (FCIA) immediately after his/her name;

- (b) a Full Member of the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers shall have the right to use designations le of (MCIA) immediately after his names; and Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria shall have the right to use the designation of (ACIA) immediately after his name (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 4: Election of Principal Officers of the Institute.**

- (1) The Principal offices of the Institute shall be —
  - (a) the President;
  - (b) the Vice-Presidents; 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President;
  - (c) the Registrar/National Secretary;
  - (d) the Assistant National Secretary;
  - (e) the Public Relations Officer;
  - (f) National Welfare Officer;
  - (g) *Ex-officio* members.
- (2) The Principal officers listed under subsection (1) of this section shall be financial members of the Institute in the grades of fellows and full members and shall be elected to office bi-annually at the second Council meeting and be eligible for another term of two years, and no more.
- (3) The President shall be the Chairman of the meetings of the Institute, but in the event of his incapacity, death or inability to perform the duties reposed on him under this subsection, the first Vice-President shall perform such duties for the unexpired portion of the office of that president.
- (4) If any of the officers listed under subsection (1) of this section shall cease to hold any of the offices designated thereof (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 5: Establishment and Composition of the Governing Council.**

- (1) There shall be for the Institute, a governing body to be known as the Council" which shall have responsibility for the administration and General management of the institute.
- (2) The Council established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall consist of the following members, that is —
  - (a) the President of the Institute, who shall be the Chairman;
  - (b) the First Vice-president of the Institute who shall be the deputy Chairman;
  - (c) the Registrar who is also chief accounting officer of the Institute;



- (d) twelve members nominated by the Institute from the six geopolitical zones of the Federation;
- (e) two persons who shall be members of the Institute, to represent Institution of higher education in Nigeria offering courses leading to an approved qualification in auctioneering, to be appointed on rotation;
- (f) two representatives to be appointed by the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers;
- (g) two representatives from the Nigeria office Association of Auctioneers.
- (h) the Founding Directors of the Institute;
- (i) one person each not below the rank of a Director to represent the following Federal Ministries:
  - (i) Finance,
  - (ii) Trade and Investment,
  - (ii) Education.
- (3) The provision of the first schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the supplementary provision of the Council and the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and the matters therein mentioned (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 6: Appointment of Board of Fellows.**

- (1) There shall be appointed annually a Board of Fellows, to Coordinate the activities of fellows of the Institute and to recommend to the council on yearly basis, admission of full members into the fellowship grade.
- (2) The Board of Fellows shall consist of persons who have been duly elected as fellows of the Institute, and shall have a Chairman who shall preside over the activities of the Board subject to the approval of the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

**Clause 7: Establishment of the fund and expenditure.**

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund for the Institute, the management and control of which shall be under the authority of the Council, into which shall be paid:
  - (a) all monies received by the Council in pursuance of this Bill;
  - (b) all subscriptions, fees by members in pursuance of this Bill;
  - (c) such monies as may be provided by the Federal, State or Local

Government from time to time by way of grants and subventions or loans; and

- (d) all monies raised for the purposes of the institute by way of gifts, donations, grants-in-aid, testamentary dispositions from individuals, bodies corporation or philanthropic organizations, non- otherwise however.
- (2) The Council shall, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the funds of the Institute to:
  - (a) all expenditure incurred by the Institute in the course of the discharged of its functions under the Act;
  - (b) the remunerations and allowances of the Registrar and other staff of the Institute to;
  - (c) the maintenance of the premises and property owned and vested in the Institute;
  - (d) the payment of traveling allowance and such stipend for members of the council as may be approved by the Council; and
  - (e) the payment of such other charges as may be reasonably incurred in the performance of the functions of the Institute and the Council.
- (3) For the purpose of the Companies Income tax, any donation made by any company in Nigeria to the Institute shall be a deductible donation within" the meaning of the Act (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 8: Power to borrow.**

- (1) The Council, with the general consent of its members or in accordance with the general guidelines or authority given by the government of the federation, borrow, on behalf of the Institute, by way of loan or overdraft from any source, any monies' required by the Council to meet the obligations of the Institute in other to perform its functions under this Bill, so however, that such consent or authority shall be required where the sum or aggregate of the sums involved at any time does not exceed such amount as is for the time being projected in relation to the Institute in any particular year,
- (2) The Council may subject to the provisions of this Act and conditions of trust in respect of funds held or any property owned by the Institute, invest any but not all its funds with the consent of the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 9: Annual estimates, account and audit.**

- (1) The Chairman of the Council shall cause to be prepared not later than six months before the end of the year, estimates for the recurrent and capital expenditure (if any) and income of the Institute during the next succeeding financial year which shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the

Institute by the Council for approval.

- (2) The Council shall keep proper accounts and records in relation thereto, and shall prepare in respect of each financial year, a statement of account in such form as the chairman or the council shall direct.
- (3) The Council shall at the end of a financial year, cause the accounts of the Institute and those of the Council to be audited by qualified auditors appointed from the list of auditors and in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Auditor - General for the Federation.
- (4) The auditors appointed pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall, on completion of the audit of the accounts of the Institute and the Council for each financial year, prepare and submit to the Council two reports, that is to say:
  - (a) a general report setting out the observations and recommendations of the said auditors on the financial affairs of the Institute and the Council for the year, and on any important matters which the auditors may consider necessary to bring to the notice of the Council; and
  - (b) a detailed report containing the observations and recommendations of the auditors on all aspects of the operations of the Institute and the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

### PART III — THE REGISTRAR

**Clause 10: Appointment and Duties of the Registrar.**

- (1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registrar of the Institute.
- (2) The Registrar appointed in accordance with subsection (1) of this section shall be the head of Administration of the Institute and Secretary to the Council.
- (3) The membership register shall consist of three parts of which the first part shall be in respect of fellows, the second part shall be in respect of full members, and the third part shall be in respect of associates.
- (4) Subject to the following provisions of this subsection, the Council may make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the Register and making of entries therein and in particular:
  - (a) the making of application for enrolment or registration, as the case may be;
  - (b) providing for notification to the registrar, by the person to whom any registered particulars relate, of any change in those particulars.
  - (c) authorizing a registered person to have any qualification which is in relation to the relevant discipline of the profession for the purpose of the Act, registered in relation to his name in addition to, as he may elect, in substitution for other qualifications so registered;

- (d) specifying from time to time the fees including subscription to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names on the Register for the entry has been paid; and
  - (e) specifying anything failing to be specified under this section, but rules made for the purposes of paragraph (d) of this subsection shall not come into force until they are confirmed at a special meeting of the Institute convened for that purpose, or at the next annual general meeting of the Institute, as the case may be.
- (5) The Registrar shall:
  - (a) correct with accordance with the Council's directives, any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the Council's opinion an entry which was incorrectly made;
  - (b) remove from the Register the name of any registered person who had died;
  - (c) record the names of the members of the Institute who are in default in the payment of the annual subscription, dues or other charges for more than twelve months, and take such action in relation thereto (including removal of the names of the defaulters from the Registers) as the Council may determine or direct;
  - (d) make from time to time any necessary alteration in the registered particulars of registered persons;
  - (e) send by post to any registered persons a letter addressed to him at his address on the Register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within the period of six months from the date of posting; and
  - (f) upon the expiration of the period specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection, sends in like manner to the person in question a second similar letter and if no reply is received within three months from the posting the letter, then the Registrar, may remove the particular name of person in question from the register, and the council may direct the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the Register any particulars removed there from under this subsection (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 11: Publication of registers and list of corrections.**

- (1) The Registrar shall:
  - (a) cause the Register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public not later than two years from the commencement of this Bill;
  - (b) in each year to cause to be printed, published and put on sale as aforesaid, corrected edition of the Register since it was last printed; and
  - (c) cause a print of each of the Registers and of each list of correction

to be deposited at the principal offices of the Institute and the Council shall keep the Register and the list so deposited available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the Institute.

- (2) A document purporting to be print of an edition of the Register published, pursuant to this section by authority of the Registrar, or document purporting to be print of an edition so printed, shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceeding as evidence that any person specified in the document, or the documents read together, as being register was so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections, as the case may be, and that any person not so specified was not so registered.
- (3) Where in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, a person is, in any proceeding, shown to have been, or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proven, be taken for the purposes of these proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be, or not to be, so registered (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 12: Registration.**

- (1) Subject to the rules made by the Council pursuant to section 10(5) of this Bill, a person whether or not a member of a professional Auctioneers body recognized by an Act of National Assembly, shall be entitled to be enrolled or registered as a Member of Chartered Institute of Auctioneers Nigeria, if:
  - (a) he possesses a minimum of recognized diploma or its equivalence from a recognized higher institution in addition to:
  - (b) he passes the institute qualifying examinations for membership conducted by the Council under this Bill and complete the practical training prescribed; or
  - (c) he holds a qualification granted outside Nigeria and for the time being accepted by the Institute and, if the Council so requires, satisfies the Council that he has sufficient practical experience as an Auctioneer.
- (2) Subject to the rules made by the Council pursuant to section 10 (5) of this Bill, a person shall be entitled to be registered as an Auctioneer if he satisfies the Council that immediately before the appointed day he had not less than five years' experience as an inspector and internal auditor of the affairs of a company as defined under the provision of the Companies and Allied Matters Act.
- (3) An application for registration as a member shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council:
  - (a) that he is of good character;
  - (b) that he has attained the age of twenty-one years; and
  - (c) he has not been convicted of a criminal offence involving fraud or dishonesty in Nigeria or elsewhere.

- (4) The Council may in its discretion provisionally accept a qualification presented in respect of an application for registration under this section, or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.
- (5) Any entry directed to be made in the Register in terms of subsection (2) of this section shall indicate that the registration is provisional, and no entry made in consequence thereof shall be converted to, construed as, full registration without explicit consent of the Council made in writing in that behalf.
- (6) The Council shall from time to time publish the Federal Government Gazette particulars of qualifications for the time being accepted as aforesaid (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 13: Approval of qualification.**

- (1) The council may approve an institution for the purpose of this Bill and may for those purposes approve:
  - (a) any course of training at any institution which for persons who are seeking to become or are already auctioneer, and which the council considers as necessary to confer on persons completing the course, sufficient knowledge and skill for admission to the institute;
  - (b) any qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the council under this section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard of examination indicating sufficient knowledge and skill to practice as auctioneer.
- (2) The council may, if it deems fit withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing such an approval, the council shall:
  - (a) give notice that it proposes to do so to the person in Nigeria appearing to the council to be persons by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case, maybe;
  - (b) afford each such an opportunity of making representations to the council with regard to the proposal; and take into consideration any representation made in respect of the proposal in pursuance of paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- (3) Where the approval of the council under this section for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn; the course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section, but the withdrawal of any such approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who by virtue of the approval was registered or eligible for registration immediately before the approval was withdrawn.
- (4) The given or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument

signifying the given or withdrawal of the approval, as the council may specify in that instrument, and the council shall:

- (a) publish as soon as possible a copy of such instrument in the Federal Government Gazette; and
- (b) not later than seven days before its publication, send a copy of the instrument to the Minister (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 14: Supervision of instruction, etc. leading to approved qualifications.**

- (1) It shall be the duty of the members of the council of the institute to keep themselves informed of the nature of:
  - (a) the instructions given at approved institutions to persons attending approved training; and
  - (b) the examination as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and for the purpose of performing that duty, the Council of the institute may appoint, either from among its members or otherwise, person to visit approved institutions, or to attend such examination.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the visitor appointed in respect of subsection (1) of this section to report to the Council on:
  - (a) the sufficiency of the instructions given to persons attending approved courses of training at institutions visited by him;
  - (b) the conduct and the adequacy of the examination observed by him; and
  - (c) any other matters relating to the instructions or examinations on which the council may, either generally or in particular case, request him to report, but no visitor shall interfere with the given of any instruction or the conduct of any examination.
- (3) On receiving a report made in pursuance of this section, the Council may, if it thinks fit, and if so required by the Institution, send a copy of the report to the person appearing before the Council to be in charge of the institution or which the Disciplinary Tribunal has cognizance under the following provisions of the Act responsible for the examination of which the report relates requesting that person to make an observation on the report on the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not being less than one month beginning with the date of the request (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

**Clause 15: Establishment, composition, etc. of the Disciplinary Committee and of the investigating panel.**

- (1) There shall be a tribunal to be known as the Chartered Institute of

Auctioneers Disciplinary Committee (in the Act, referred to as "the Disciplinary Committee") which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the investigating the Panel established pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, and any other case of panel, which the Disciplinary Committee has organization under the following provisions of this Bill.

- (2) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and six other members of the Council.
- (3) There shall be a panel to be known as the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers Investigating Panel (in this Bill, referred to as "the Investigating panel") which shall be charged with the duties of:
  - (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member has misbehaved in his capacity as an auctioneer or for any other reason being the subject of proceeding before the Disciplinary Committee;
  - (b) deciding whether the case be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- (4) The Investigating Panel shall be appointed by the council and shall consist of four members of the council and one person who is not member of the council.
- (5) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as applicable to the Third Disciplinary Committee and Investigating Panel respectively, have effect with respect to the bodies (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 16: Penalties for Unprofessional conduct.**

- (1) Where:
  - (a) a member is judged by the Disciplinary Committee to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect;
  - (b) a member is convicted by any court or tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to award imprisonment of an offence or (whether or not punishable with imprisonment which in the opinion of the disciplinary Committee is incompatible with the status of a professional Auctioneer;
  - (c) the disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered, the Disciplinary Committee may, if it thinks fit, give a direction, reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the Registrar Register.
- (2) The Disciplinary Committee may, if it thinks fit, defer its decisions in respect of subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the disciplinary Tribunal but:
  - (a) no decision shall be deferred under this subsection for period exceeding two years on the aggregate; and



- (b) no person shall be a member of the Disciplinary Committee for purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred, unless he was present as a member of the Disciplinary Committee when the decision was deferred.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1) (b) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted as therein mentioned unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.
- (4) When the Disciplinary Committee gives a direction under subsection (1) of this section, the Disciplinary Committee shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.
- (5) A person whose name is struck off the Register in pursuance of a direction of the Disciplinary Committee under this section, shall not be entitled to be enrolled or registered again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Disciplinary Committee on the application of that person, and a direction under this section for the removal of a person's name from the Register may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application) as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

**Clause 17: Rules as to professional practices and fees.**

- (1) The Council may make rules for:
  - (a) the training of suitable persons in Auctioneering and its practice; and
  - (b) the supervision and regulation of the engagement, training and business of such persons.
- (2) The Council may also make rules:
  - (a) prescribing the amount payable as annual subscription, licensing fees and for such purpose, different amount may be prescribed by the rules according to whether the person is enrolled as a fellow, full member, associate member or student;
  - (b) prescribing the form of license to practice to be issued annually, and
  - (c) restricting the right to practice in default of payment of the amount of annual subscription where the default continues for longer than such period as may be prescribed by the rules.
- (3) Rules when made under this section shall, if the Chairman of the Council so directs, be published in the Federal Government Gazette (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 18: Provision of library facilities.**

The institute shall:

- (a) provide and maintain a Library, comprising books and publications for the advancement of knowledge of auctioneering and such other books and publications as the council may think necessary for that purpose;
- (b) encourage research into auctioneering and allied subjects to the extent that the council may from time to time consider necessary (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 19: Offences.**

- (1) If any person, for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, be qualification or other matter:
  - (a) make a statement which he believes is false in a material particular, or
  - (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, he shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) If on or after the relevant date, any person who is not a trained auctioneer and registered by a known auctioneering body member practices or holds himself out as an auctioneer for or in expectation of reward or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description, implying that he is practicing auctioneer, he shall be guilty of an offence, provided that, in the case of a person falling within section 17 of this Bill:
  - (a) this subsection shall not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of three months mentioned in that section; and
  - (b) if within that period his duty applies for membership of the Institute, then, unless within the period he is notified that his application has not been approved, this subsection shall not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is enrolled or registered or notified as aforesaid.
- (3) If the Registrar or any other person employed by or acting on behalf of the Institute willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the Register, he shall be guilty of an offence.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable:
  - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦50,000;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (5) Where an offence under this section has been committed by a body corporate or is proven to have been committed with the consent or connivance, or

attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished accordingly.

- (6) In this section, "the relevant date" means the third anniversary of the appointed date or such earlier date as may be prescribed for the purpose of this section by order of the Ministry published in the Federal Government Gazette (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 20: Regulations and rules.**

- (1) Any regulation made under this Bill shall be published in the Federal Government Gazette as soon as they are made and a copy of any such regulations shall be sent to the Ministry not later than twenty-one days they are so published.
- (2) Rules made for the purposes of this Bill shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at its next general meeting or at any special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose, and if then annulled, shall cause to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but with prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended pursuance of any such Rules (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 21: Dissolution of the institute of certified Institute of Auctioneers.**

- (1) The body known as the certified Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria is hereby dissolved.
- (2) Accordingly, all the property held by or on behalf of the former Institute shall by virtue of this section and without further assurance, vest in the Institute, and be held in for the purpose of the Institute.
- (3) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this section to the effect with to matters arising from the transfer by this section to the Institute of the property; directors and staff of the former institute, and with respect of the other matter mentioned in that schedule (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 22: Interpretation.**

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions have the meanings respectively assigned to them, that is:

"institute" means Chartered Institute of Auctioneers established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Council" means the Council established as the governing body of the institute under section 5 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Disciplinary Committee" means the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Disciplinary Committee" under section 15 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Enrolled" in relation to a Fellow, a Full Member, and Associate Member, as the case may be (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

"Investigating Panel" means "Chartered Institute of Auctioneers Investigating Panel" shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Ministry" means the ministry charged with the responsibility for matters relating to finance (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"President and Vice President" means respectively the office holders, under those names in the institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that the meaning of the words “President and Vice President” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"Profession" means the profession pursuant to section 10 (2) of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Register" means register maintained in pursuance of section 10 (2) of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that the meaning of the word “Register” be as defined in the interpretation*

*to this Bill — Agreed to.*

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

**Clause 23: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria Bill, 2024  
(*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### Section 5 (3)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

##### *Qualification and tenure of members*

- I.
- (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the Council shall hold office for a period of two years beginning with the date of his appointment or election.
  - (2) Any member of the Institute who ceases to be a member thereof shall, if he is also a member of the Council, cease to hold office in the council.
  - (3) Any elected member may by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President resign his office, and any appointed member may likewise resign appointment.
  - (4) A person who retires from or otherwise cease to be elected Member of the Council shall be eligible again to become a member of Council, and any appointed or elected, and longest in office to retire at that annual general meeting.
  - (5) Members of the Council shall at the meeting next before the annual general meeting of the Institute, arrange for five members of the Council appointed or elected, and longest in office to retire at that annual General meeting.
  - (6) Elections to the Institute shall be in such mam1ers as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and until so prescribed, they Shall be decided in a secret balloting process.
  - (7) If for any reason there is an vacation of office by a member and;
    - (a) such member was appointed by the minster or any other body Corporate, the Minster or any such body corporate shall appoint another fit Person to occupy the office in which the vacancy occurs; or
    - (b) such member was elected, the Council may if the period between the unexpired of the tenure of the next general meeting of the institute appears to warrant the prompt filling the vacancy Co-opt some person for such periods aforesaid

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

*Proceeding of the Council*

3.
  - (1) Subject to the provision of this section, the Council may in the name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute or of the Council, and in the exercise of its powers under this Bill, may set up committees in the general interest of the Institute, and make standing orders therefore.
  - (2) Standing order shall be provided for decision to be taken by a majority of the members, and, in the event of equality of votes, for the president or the Chairman as the case may be, a second or cast a vote.
  - (3) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide the committee report back to the Council on any matter not within its competence to be decided upon.
  - (4) The quorum of the Committee including the founding directors shall be nine, and the quorum of a committee of the Council shall be as fixed by the Council.

*Meeting of the Institute*

4.
  - (1) The Council shall convene the annual general meeting of the Institute on a day the Council may from time to time appoint any particular year, so however that if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous annual general meeting, not more than fifteen months, shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings
  - (2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council at any time, and if not less than thirty members of the Institute require it by notice in writing addressed to the General Secretary of the Institute setting out. The objects of the proposed meeting shall convene a special meeting of the Institute.
  - (3) The quorum of any general meeting of the Council shall be Fifteen members and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be Twenty-five members of the Council.

*Meeting of the Council*

6.
  - (1) Subject to the provision of any standing orders of the Council, the Council shall whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and by the Secretary whenever required, do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than seven other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from the date on which the notice is given.
  - (2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman or in his absence the deputy Chairman shall preside, but if both are absent the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their numbers to preside at that meeting.
  - (3) Where the Council desires to obtain advice of any person on a particular matter the Council may think fit, but a person who is member by virtue of the provision of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meet of the Council and shall not form part of the quorum.
  - (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provision of the paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the minister who may give such

directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting

*Committees*

7. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Institute of person determined by the Council, and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.
- (2) Any recommendations of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until is approved by the Council.

*Miscellaneous*

8. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the National President or Secretary to the Council or at least 2 founding Directors and some other members of the Council authorized generally by the Institute to act for that purpose.
- (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person no being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Council as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorized to act for the purpose by the Council.
- (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence, unless the contrary is proven to be deemed to be executed.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of the Institute or Council or of a committee of the Council shall not be affected by any vacancy in membership, or of any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or of the councilor of person to serve on committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
- (5) Any member of the Institute or the Council, and any person holding office on a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council, as the case may be and not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.
- (6) A person shall not be reason only of his membership of the Institute be required to disclose any interest relating solely to the audit to the accounts of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 15 (5)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE  
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE AND INVESTIGATING PANEL

*The Tribunal Committee*

1. The quorum of the Committee shall be three of whom at least two shall be professional practicing Auctioneer.

2. (1) The Council shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Committee for the purposes of any proceedings and as to the procedures to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Committee:
  - (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such time and at such manner as may be specified by the rules to the person who is subject of the proceeding;
  - (b) for determining who in addition to the aforesaid, shall be a party to the proceeding;
  - (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requires be entitled to be heard by the Committee;
  - (d) for enabling any party to the proceeding to be represented by a legal practitioner;
  - (e) subject to the provision of section 16 (5) of this Bill as to be cost of proceedings before the Committee;
  - (f) for requiring in a case where it is alleged that the person who is subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Committee adjudges that the allegation has not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matter to which the allegation relates; and
  - (g) for publishing in the media notice of any direction of the Committee that a person's name shall be struck off a register.
3. For the purposes of any proceedings before the Committee, any member of the Committee may administer oaths, on any party to the proceedings may through the Committee serve writs of *subpoena ad testandum* and *duces tecum*, but no person appearing before the Committee shall be compelled:
  - (a) to make any statement before the Committee tending of incriminate himself;
  - (b) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.
4. For the purposes of advising the Tribunal on question of law arising in proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the Tribunal who shall be
5. The council shall make rules as to the function of assessors appointed under this paragraph, and in particular such rules shall contain provisions for securing:
  - (a) that where an assessors' advises the Committee on any question of law as the evidence, procedure or any matters specified in rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person presenting a party to proceedings who appears thereat or, if the advises is tendered while the Committee is deliberating in private, that every such party or persons as aforesaid;
  - (b) that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the Committee does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question as aforesaid.
6. An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceedings or class of proceedings, and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the



instrument by which he is appointed.

*The Panel*

7. The quorum of the panel shall be two.
8.
  - (1) The Panel may, at any sitting attended by all members, make standing orders with respect to the Panel.
  - (2) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders, the Panel may regulate its procedure.

*Miscellaneous*

9.
  - (1) A person ceasing to be a member of the Committee or the Panel shall be eligible for reappointment as a member of that body.
  - (2) A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the Committee and the Panel, but no person who acted as a member of the Panel with respect to any case shall be a member of the Committee with respect to that case.
10. The Committee or the Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership, and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of that, or (subject to paragraph 8 (2) of this Schedule) by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the body.
11.
  - (1) Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Committee or the Panel shall be served on the Registrar appointed in pursuance of section 10 of this Bill.
  - (2) Any expenses of the Committee or the Panel shall be defrayed by the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 23 (3)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION AS TO PROPERTY, ETC.

1.
  - (1) Every agreement to which the former Institute was a party to before the appointment day, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such a nature that the right, liabilities and obligations thereunder could be assigned by the former Institute shall, unless its terms or subject matter make it impossible that it should have effect as modified in the manner provided by this subparagraph, have effect from the appointed day, so far as it relates to property transferred by this Bill to the Institute, as if:
    - (a) the Institute had been a party to the agreement;
    - (b) for any reference (however worded and whether expressed or implied) to the former Institute they were substituted, as respects anything failing to be done or after the appointed day, a reference to the Institute; and
    - (c) for any reference (however worded and whether expressed or implied) to a

member of the Council of the former Institute or an officer of the former Institute they were substituted, as respects anything falling to be done on or after the appointed day, a reference to members of the Council under this Art or the officers of the former Institute who corresponds as nearly as may be to the member or officer in question of the former Institute.

- (2) Other documents which refer, whether specially or generally, to the former Institute shall be constructed in accordance with sub-paragraph (!) of this paragraph so far as applicable.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this schedule, where, by the operation of any of them or of section 23 of this Bill, any right, liability or obligation vests in the Institute, the Institute and all other persons shall, as from the appointed day, have the same rights as to the making or resisting of legal proceedings or the making or resisting of applications to any authority for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have had if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the Institute.
- (4) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending on the appointed day by or against the former Institute and relating to property transferred by this Bill, the Institute may continue on or after that day by or against the Institute.
- (5) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situated (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provided for alterations of a Register (but not for avoidance of transfer, the payment of fees or any matter) apply with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the Council 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.*

2. (1) At its first meeting, the Council of the Institute shall fix a date (not later than six months after the appointed day) for the annual general meeting of the Institute.
- (2) The members of the Council of the former Institute shall be deemed to be members of the Council of the Institute until the date determined in pursuance of the foregoing subparagraph when the Institute shall have its first annual general meeting, and they shall cease to hold office at the conclusion of such meeting.
- (3) Any person who, immediately before the appointed day, held office as the President of the Council of the former Institute shall on that day become the President or, as the case may be, the Vice-President of the Institute, and shall be deemed:
  - (a) to have been appointed to that office in pursuance of the provision of this Bill corresponding to the relevant provision in the said articles and bye-laws of the Institute; and
  - (b) to have been appointed on the date on which he took office, or last took office, in pursuance of the relevant provision of those articles.
- (4) The members of the former Institute shall, as from the appointed day, to the generality of the provisions of this schedule relating to the transfer of property, any person who, immediately before the appointed day, was a member of the staff of the former institute shall on that day become the holder of such an appointment with the institute with the status, designation and functions which corresponds as nearly as may be to

those which appertained to him in his capacity as a member of that staff (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers to provide for the control of its membership and to promote the practice of Auctioneers in Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Auctioneers in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1046) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Auctioneers to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote the Practice of Auctioneers in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1046) and approved Clauses 1 - 23, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria French Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for French Studies and for Related Matters (HB.136) (Committee of the Whole): Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria French Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for French Studies and for Related Matters (HB.136)” (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — House Leader).***

*Agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA FRENCH LANGUAGE VILLAGE AS AN INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR FRENCH STUDIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.136)

PART I — FRENCH VILLAGE AND ITS CONSTITUENT BODIES

**Clause 1: Establishment of the Nigeria French Language Village.**

There is established the Nigeria French Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for French Studies, Badagry (in this Bill referred to as "the French Village") (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 2: Objectives of the French Village.**

The French Village shall —

- (a) encourage the learning of the French language in an environment that will prepare the students in the French Village to —
  - (i) speak French fluently,
  - (ii) acquire proficiency in French,
  - (iii) acquire competence in the writing of the French language,
  - (iv) translate to and from the French language with reference to the English languages, and
  - (v) interpret simultaneously and consequently to and from French language with reference to the English and Nigeria languages;
- (b) hold out to all persons without distinction to race, creed, sex or political conviction the opportunity of acquiring proficiency in the use of French language;
- (c) provide courses of instructions and other facilities for the pursuit of learning French language;
- (d) develop appropriate curricular to suit the needs of learners of French in Nigeria;
- (e) work closely with the French Embassy in matters relating to the French studies in Nigeria;
- (f) award testimonials, certificates, diplomas, post graduate diplomas, and post graduate degrees directly or in collaboration with other Universities within and outside Nigeria, to persons who complete prescribed courses of study;
- (g) provide an environment, having all the socio-cultural, psychological and physical facilities, that will enhance the learning of French language, through a coordinated stimulated process that allows the learner to achieve the linguistic and cultural immersion that is indispensable for communicative competence in French;
- (h) operate with the multi-dimensional and omni-directional strategy of language acquisition for the benefit of —
  - (i) French language undergraduates from Nigeria Universities, for their statutory French Language Immersion Programme,
  - (ii) students of Colleges of Education, for their compulsory Acculturation Programme,
  - (iii) secondary school teachers and students, primary school teachers and pupils, and
  - (iv) government and non-governmental personnel;

- (i) serve as a centre for the exchange of information of French studies and of sourcing research in the area of French studies;
- (j) encourage research into problems of learning and teaching of French as a foreign language in Nigeria, with a view to carrying out research into those problems and finding solutions to them;
- (k) encourage the development and publication of materials, including books, journals and teaching aids for proficiency programmes and for secondary and tertiary institutions;
- (l) compile, assemble and publish the results of research in French studies in Nigeria and popularise those findings where their general recognition, in the opinion of the French Village, is of importance to Nigeria and to French studies in Nigeria; and
- (m) serve as a centre of excellence and a think tank for Nigerian government in all areas of French studies.
- (n) carry out other activities as are necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions under this Bill; and
- (o) undertake any other activities, appropriate for a French Village of the highest standard (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 3: Composition of the French Village and its Principal Officers.**

- (1) The French Village shall consist of —
  - (a) a Council;
  - (b) a Director-General and an Academic Board;
  - (c) a body to be called Congregation;
  - (d) a body to be called Convocation;
  - (e) the Faculties, Departments and other teaching Units of the French Village;
  - (f) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection [First Schedule];
  - (g) all students; and
  - (h) all other persons who are members of the French Village in accordance with provision made by statute in that behalf.
- (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Principal Officers of the French Village mentioned in it.
- (3) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Academic Board, Congregation and Convocation (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 4: Powers of the French Village, and their exercise.**

- (1) For carrying out its objectives as specified in section 1 of this Bill, the French Village shall have power to —
  - (a) establish such Faculties, Departments, Schools, extra-mural departments and other teaching Units within the French Village as may be approved by the National Universities Commission;
  - (b) institute Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and other Posts and Offices and to make appointments to them;
  - (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions and forms of assistance;
  - (d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of the French Village;
  - (e) hold examinations and grant postgraduate degrees, diplomas, postgraduate diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the French Village and have satisfied such other requirements as the French Village may prescribe;
  - (f) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the French Village for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the French Village may determine;
  - (g) subject to section 21 of this Bill, acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate;
  - (h) accept gifts, legacies and donations but without obligation to accept same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching to them;
  - (i) enter into contract, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;
  - (j) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things (whether in Nigeria or elsewhere) necessary or suitable or convenient for any of the objectives of the French Village;
  - (k) hold public lectures and to undertake publishing and bookselling;
  - (l) invest, subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, any money appertaining to the French Village by way of endowment, whether for general or special purposes, and such other money as may not be immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power to vary any such investments, and to deposit any money for the time being un-invested with any bank on deposit or current account.

- (m) borrow, whether at interest or not, and if need be upon the security of any of the property, movable or immovable, of the French Village, such money as the Council may at its discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow;
  - (n) make gifts for any charitable purpose;
  - (o) do anything which it is authorised or required by this Bill or by statute to do; and
  - (p) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the powers, as may advance the objectives of the French Village.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the statutes, and without prejudice to section 8 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the French Village by subsection (1) shall be exercisable on behalf of the French Village by the Council or by the Academic Board or in any other manner which may be authorised by statute.
- (3) The power of the French Village to establish further academic programme within the French Village shall be exercisable by statute as may be approved by the National Universities Commission (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 5: Composition of the Council.**

The Council of the French Village shall consist of —

- (a) one representative of Federal Ministry responsible for education;
- (b) one person to represent the National Universities Commission;
- (c) four persons representing a variety of interest appointed by the President;
- (e) the Director-General of the French Village;
- (f) the Deputy Director of the French Village;
- (g) one representative of the French Village Congregation for one term of two years at a time; and
- (h) one representative of the Academic Board for one term of two years at a time (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 6: Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the French Village and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the French Village, including its public relations.
- (2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the French

Village, and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may 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 French Village are kept and that the accounts of the French Village are audited annually by auditors appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation, and that an annual report is published by the French Village together with certified copies of the 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 purposes of performing any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into effect unless approved by the Council, and in so far as any rules so made by that Committee conflict with any directions given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into effect of the rules in question), the directions of the Council shall prevail.
- (7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council respectively, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may be fixed by the Council.
- (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill, and shall meet at least four times in every year.
- (9) Any three members of the Council may by notice in writing signed by them require the Director-General to convene a special meeting of the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 7: Functions of the Academic Board.**

- (1) Subject to section 6 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Academic Board to organise and control the teaching of the French language, the admission and discipline of students, and to promote research at the French Village.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section and subject as mentioned in it, it shall in particular be the function of the Academic Board to make provision for —
  - (a) the establishment, organisation and control of Faculties, Schools and other teaching Units of the French Village subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;
  - (b) the organisation and control of courses of study at the French Village and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of



learning;

- (c) the award of postgraduate degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed, in connection with examinations held;
  - (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 selection of persons for admission as students of the French Village;
  - (f) the establishment, organisation and control of halls of residence and similar institutions at the French Village;
  - (g) the supervision of the welfare of students at the French Village and the regulations of their conduct;
  - (h) the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards, in so far as the awards are within the control of the French Village; and
  - (i) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the French Village, and regulating the use of academic dress.
- (3) The Academic Board shall not establish any new Faculty, School or other teaching Units of the French Village or any hall of residence or similar institution at the French Village without the approval of the Council.
  - (4) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Academic Board may make regulations for the purpose of performing any function conferred on it either by the provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorised or required by this Bill or by statute.
  - (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as external examiner at each final examination held in conjunction with any course of study of the French Village is not a teacher at the French Village but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other Universities of high repute.
  - (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Academic Board under this subsection, and to the Director-General from a decision of the Council on such an appeal, the Academic Board may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the French Village which has been conferred upon him if after the due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in obtaining that award (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 8: Functions of the Director-General.**

- (1) The Director-General shall, in relation to the French Village, take precedence before all other members of the French Village, subject to section 6 of this Bill, and when he is present shall preside at all meetings of

Congregation held for conferring degrees and at all meetings of Convocation.

- (2) Subject to sections 6 and 7 of this Bill and the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Director-General shall to the exclusion of any other person or authority have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the French Village, and shall be the Chief Executive and Chief Academic Officer of the French Village and *ex-officio* Chairman of the Academic Board (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART II — TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

**Clause 9: Transfer of property and functions,**

- (1) On the commencement of this Bill, all property held immediately before that day by or on behalf of the Provisional Council shall, under this subsection, vest in the French Village and be held by it for the purposes of the French Village.

**Second schedule.**

- (2) The provisions of the Second schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by this section and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 10: General fund of the French Village.**

- (1) There shall be for the French Village a general source of fund which shall consist of —
- (a) annual budgetary allocation by the Federal Government through appropriation by the National Assembly;
  - (b) grants-in-aid;
  - (c) fees;
  - (d) income derived from investments;
  - (e) gifts, legacies, endowments and donations not accepted for a particular purpose;
  - (f) income derived from the performance of any function conferred or imposed on the French Village by this Bill;
  - (g) any other amounts, charges or dues recoverable by the French Village;
  - (h) revenue accruing to the French Village by way of subvention;
  - (i) interests on investments;
  - (j) donations and legacies accruing to the French Village from any

source for the general or special purposes of the French Village; and

(k) regular Tertiary Education Trust Fund interventions.

(2) The general fund shall be applied for the purposes of the French Village (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART III — STATUTES OF THE FRENCH VILLAGE

**Clause 11: Powers of the French Village to make statutes.**

(1) Subject to this Bill, the French Village may make statutes for —

- (a) the composition and constitution of any authority of the French Village;
- (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the French Village, and regulating any other matter connected with the French Village or any of its authorities;
- (c) regulating the admission of students and their discipline and welfare;
- (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or a non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any statute, regulation or other instrument made under it; and
- (e) any other matter for which provision by statute is authorised or required by this Bill.

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(2) Subject to section 28 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 12 (1) of the Interpretation Act.

**Third Schedule.**

- (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall come into effect on the appointed day and shall be deemed to have been made under this section.
- (4) The power to make statute conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent statute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 12: Mode of exercising power to make statutes.**

- (1) The power of the French Village to make statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section and not otherwise.
- (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been approved at a meeting of the —
  - (a) Academic Board, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting; and

- (b) Council, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting.
- (3) A proposed statute which provides for the establishment of a new department or for the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a department is established may originate only in the Academic Board, and must be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by the Academic Board before being so approved by the Council.
- (4) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, a proposed statute may originate either in the Academic Board or in the Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by either one of those bodies before the other.
- (5) A statute which —
  - (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Academic Board or any other authority of the French Village shall not come into effect without the prior approval of the Visitor; or
  - (b) provides for the establishment of a new department or for the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a department is established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Council.

**Cap. I23, LFN, 2004.**

- (6) For the purposes of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act a statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Academic Board or on the date on which it is duly approved by the Academic Board after having been duly approved by the Council as the case may be, or, in the case of a statute falling within subsection (5), on the date on which it is approved by the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 13: Proof of statutes.**

A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the Director-General, the Deputy Director or the Registrar, to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the French Village (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

**Clause 14: The Visitor.**

- (1) The President shall be the Visitor of the French Village.
- (2) The Visitor shall as often as circumstances may require, not being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the French Village or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons and in respect of any of the affairs of the French Village as the Visitor may direct.
- (3) The bodies and persons comprised in the French Village shall —

- (a) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons conducting a visitation under this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they reasonably require for the purposes of a visitation; and
- (b) give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of this Bill which may be given by the Visitor in consequences of a visitation (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 15: Power of the Visitor to decide meaning of statutes.**

- (1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision on it as he deems fit.
- (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the French Village:

Provided that nothing in this subsection 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.

- (3) The provisions of this section shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or a non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1), and accordingly the references in subsection (2) to any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or a non-academic matter (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 16: Removal of certain members of Council.**

- (1) Where it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (Other than an ex-officio member) should be removed from office on the grounds of misconduct or of inability to perform the function of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Visitor, and if the Visitor, after making such enquiries (if any) as he considers appropriate, approves the recommendation, he may, by an instrument in writing signed by him, remove the person in question from office.
- (2) The Visitor, on signing an instrument of removal under this section, shall use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 17: Removal of academic and administrative officers and staff.**

- (1) Where it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that the Deputy Director, the Deans, the Heads of Department, or any other person employed as a member of the academic or administrative staff of the French

Village should be removed from his office or employment on the grounds of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of their office or employment, the Council shall —

- (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
  - (b) make arrangements —
    - (i) for a joint committee of the Council and the Academic Board to investigate the matter, where it relates to the Deputy Director, the Registrar, the Deans, the Heads of Department, and to report on it to the Council, or
    - (ii) for the appropriate Staff Disciplinary Committee to investigate the matter, where it relates to any other member of the French Village, and to report on it to the Director-General and to the Council; and
  - (c) make arrangements for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigative 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, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
- (2) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed under subsection (1) of this section shall 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.
- (3) Where it appears —
- (a) in the case of the Director-General, to the Council, or
  - (b) in the case of the Deputy Director, the Dean and Heads of Departments or any other person employed as mentioned in subsection (1), to the Director-General,

that the person in question should be removed from his office or employment on either of the grounds mentioned in subsection (1), the Council or, as the case may be, the Director-General, may by a notice signed on the directive of the Council or by the Director-General, prohibit him from performing the functions of his office or employment with a view to his removal, and on exercising his powers under this subsection the Director-General shall forthwith refer the case to the Council and Council shall give such directive in the matter as it deems proper.

- (4) Nothing in this section shall apply to employments of such descriptions as may be designated for the purposes of this subsection by statute or by regulations (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 18: Removal of examiners.**

- (1) Where it appears to the Director-General that a person appointed as an

examiner for any examination of the French Village ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, except in such cases as may be prescribed, he may, after affording to the examiner an opportunity of making representations in persons on the matter to the Director-General, remove the examiner from the appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Director-General, and subject to the provisions of regulations made under section 7 (5) of this Bill, the Director-General may appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed under this subsection.

- (2) The Director-General, on signing an instrument of removal under this section, shall use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 19: Discipline of students.**

- (1) Subjects to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Director-General that any students of the French Village have been guilty of misconduct, the Director-General may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations direct that the —
  - (a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the French Village, or make use of such facilities of the French Village, as may be so specified;
  - (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
  - (c) student be rusticated for the period as may be specified in the direction; or
  - (d) student be expelled from the French Village.
- (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal on the direction of 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 deems fit.
- (3) The fact that an appeal on a direction is brought under subsection (2), shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (4) The Director-General may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the French Village as he may nominate.
- (5) The Director-General may empower the master of a hall of residence to inflict punishment (short or rustication or expulsion) for breach of the hall rules.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or

termination of a student's activities at the French Village otherwise than on the grounds of misconduct.

- (7) A direction under subsection (1) (a) may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Clause 20: Exclusion of discrimination.**

A person shall not be required to satisfy requirements as to race, including ethnic grouping, sex, place of birth or of family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the French Village, the holder of any degree of the French Village or of any appointment or employment at the French Village, or a member of anybody established under this Bill, and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage, in relation to the French Village, by reference to any of those matters:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the French Village from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons, where such person willfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining to it, is in the opinion of the French Village reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 21: Compulsory acquisition of land. Cap. L5, LFN, 2004.**

For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) the purposes of the French Village shall be public purposes of the Federation, and where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the President under this section, the President may, by a certificate under hand and seal of the Registrar of Deeds, transfer it to the French Village (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 22: Restriction on disposals of land by the French Village.**

The French Village shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the French Village by this Bill) except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the President:

Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not more than 25 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the French Village for residential purposes (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 23: Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Bill.**

Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or regulations, the quorum and procedure of anybody or persons established by this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).



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

**Clause 24: Appointment of committees.**

- (1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorise a committee established by it to —
  - (a) perform, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine; and
  - (b) co-opt members, and may direct whether or not co-opted members (if any) shall be entitled to vote in that committee.
- (2) Any two or more of 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 under this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.
- (4) Nothing in the provisions of this section shall be construed as —
  - (a) enabling statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 of this Bill; or
  - (b) enabling the Academic Board to empower any other body to make regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications.
- (5) The Director-General shall be member 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 Director-General shall be a member of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Academic Board (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 25: Retirement age of academic and administrative staff of the French Village. Act No. 4, 2014.**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Reform Act, the compulsory retiring age of academic and administrative staff of the French Village shall be 65 years except an academic staff on the professorial cadre who shall retire at 70 years.
- (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for 35 years shall not apply to any academic or administrative staff of the French Village (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 26: Special provisions relating to pension of professors.**

A person who retires as a professor —

- (a) having served a minimum period of 20 years as a professor in the French Village or continuously in the service of a University in Nigeria up to the retiring age, and
- (b) who during the period of service was absent from the French Village only on approved national or French Village assignments,

shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such allowances, as the Council may determine as qualifying for pension and gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he may be entitled (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 27: Transitional and saving provisions.**

- (1) On the commencement of this Bill, any person employed by or serving in French Language Village shall be deemed to have been employed or serving in the French Village established under this Bill.
- (2) All assets or liabilities belonging to French Language Village shall be deemed to belong to the French Village established under this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 28: Miscellaneous and administrative provisions.**

- (1) The seal of the French Village shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Director-General, and the affixing of the seals shall be authenticated, in the case of the seal of the French Village, by any member of the Council and by the Director-General, Registrar or any other person authorised by statute.
- (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the French Village shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (3) Any Act 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 French Village by any person generally or specially authorised to do so by the Council.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of anybody established under this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body, or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
- (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall immediately disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.

**Cap. I23, LFN, 2004.**

- (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made under this Bill, but the

power conferred by this Bill to make statutes or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the statute contained in the Third Schedule to 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 provision in relation to different circumstances (Third Schedule).

**Second Schedule.**

- (7) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the French Village under sections 10 of this Bill or the Second Schedule to this Bill or of any transfer of property from the French Village to a third party.
- (8) Any notice or other instrument authorised or required to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 29: Proposal and recommendation.**

Where in any provisions of this Bill, it is prescribed that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, every such intermediate authority shall forward any proposal or recommendation received by it under that provision to the appropriate authority, but any such intermediate authority may, if it deems fit, forward its own comments on it (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that Clause 29 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Clause 30: Interpretation.**

In this Bill —

"appointed day" means the day on which this Bill comes into effect (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Council" means the Council established by this Bill for the French Village (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Minister" means the person charged with the responsibility of higher education (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an honorary degree) has been conferred by the French Village (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that the meaning of the word "graduate" be as defined in the interpretation*

*to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"notice" means notice in writing (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"prescribed" means prescribed by regulations (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 French Village in accordance with provision in that behalf made by statute or by regulations (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 established under this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 Academic Board (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Academic Board" means the Academic Board established by this Bill for the French Village (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Statute" means a statute made by the French Village under section 11 of this Bill in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 effect (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"student" means both undergraduate and post graduate and any person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes of this definition (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that the meaning of the word "student" 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 French Village; and (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"French Village" means the Nigeria French Language Village as incorporated and reconstituted by this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

*Question that Clause 30 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Clause 31: Citation.**

This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria French Language Village Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that Clause 31 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 3 (1) (f) and (2)

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

##### *The Director-General*

1. (1) There shall be a Director-General of the French Village (in this Bill referred to as "The Director-General") who shall be appointed by the Governing Council in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Director-General, the Council shall —
  - (a) —
    - (i) qualities of the persons who may apply for the post, and

- (ii) terms and 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 Academic Board, as Chairman,
    - (ii) two members of the Academic Board who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a professor, and
    - (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 feel that it is not proper to do so.
- (3) A joint Council and Academic Board Selection Board consisting of —
  - (a) the Chairman of Council as the Chairman of the Selection Board.
  - (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Academic Board; and
  - (c) two members of the Academic Board who are professors, but who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the short list drawn up under subsection (2) through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and recommend to the Council three suitable candidates for further consideration.
- (4) The Council shall select and appoint as the Director-General one candidate from among the three candidates recommended to it under subsection (3) and thereafter inform the Visitor.
- (5) The Director-General 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 provisions of sub-paragraph (5) shall only be applicable to those appointed to the office of Director-General after the commencement of this Bill.
- (7) The Director-General may be removed from office by the Council on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind, at the initiative of the Council, Academic Board or the Congregation after due process.
- (8) When the proposal for the removal of the Director-General is made, the Council shall constitute a joint committee of Council and Academic Board consisting of —
  - (a) three members of the Council one of whom shall be the Chairman of the committee, and
  - (b) two members of the Academic Board, provided that where the ground for removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.

- (9) The Committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Director-General and shall report its findings to the Council.
- (10) The Council may, where the allegations are proved, remove the Director-General or apply any other disciplinary action it may deem fit and notify the Visitor accordingly, provided that a Director-General who is removed shall have right of appeal to the Visitor.
- (11) There shall be no sole administrator in the Nigeria French Language Village.
- (12) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Director-General, the Council shall appoint an acting Director-General on recommendation of the Academic Board.
- (13) An acting Director-General in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than six months.

*Deputy Director*

- 2. (1) There shall be for the French Village a Deputy Director as the Council may deem necessary for the proper administration of the French Village.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Deputy Director, the Director shall forward to the Council his name for confirmation.
- (3) The Deputy Director shall —
  - (a) assist the Director-General in the performance of his functions;
  - (b) act in the place of the Director-General when the post of the Director-General is vacant or if the Director-General is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Director-General; and
  - (c) perform such other functions as the Director-General or the Council may assign to him.
- (4) The Deputy Director —
  - (a) shall hold office for a term of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
  - (b) may be re-appointed for one further term of two years and no more.
- (5) A Deputy Director may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendations of the Director-General.
- (6) "Good cause" for the purpose of this section means gross misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office arising from infirmity of body or mind.

*Office of the Registrar*

- 3. (1) There shall be a Registrar, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the French Village and shall be responsible to the Director-General for the administrative work of the French Village except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with section 6(2) of this Bill.

- (2) The person holding the office of the Registrar shall, by virtue of that office be, Secretary to the Council, the Academic Board, Congregation and Convocation.
- (3) The Registrar shall hold office for a single term of five years only, beginning from the effective day of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), the Council may, upon satisfactory performance extend the tenure of the Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter, such Registrar shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the French Village.

*Other Principal Officers of the French Village*

4. (1) There shall be for the Nigeria French Language Village the following principal officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is —
  - (a) the Bursar; and the Librarian
  - (b) the Bursar and the Librarian shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under article (5) of this schedule.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the French Village and be responsible to the Director-General for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the French Village.
- (3) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Director-General for the administration of the French Village Library and the co-ordination of the library services in the French Village, faculties, schools, departments and other teaching or research units.
- (4) The officers shall be appointed by the Governing Council for a single term of five years and Council may upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar, Bursar or Librarian for a further term of one year and thereafter such Registrar, Bursar or Librarian shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the Village, in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provision) Act, No. 11, 1993.
- (5) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the officers shall be determined by the Director-General.

*Selection Board for other principal officers*

5. (1) There shall be for the French Village, a Selection Board for the appointment of principal officers, other than the Director-General or Deputy Director, which shall consist of —
  - (a) the Director-General, as Chairman;
  - (b) four members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board;
  - (c) two members of the Academic Board.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under paragraph (1) shall be as the Council may determine.



*Resignation and re-appointment*

6. (1) Any officer mentioned in the provisions of this Schedule may resign his office in —
- (a) the case of the Director-General, by a notice to the Visitor; or
  - (b) the case of the Deputy Director by notice to the Council which shall immediately notify the Minister.
- (2) 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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

## SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 28 (7)

## TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY AND FUNCTIONS

*Transfer of property to French Village*

1. (1) Without prejudice to section 9 (1) of this Bill —
- (a) the reference in that section 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; and
  - (b) all debts, liabilities of the Provisional Council outstanding immediately before the appointed day shall on that day become debts or liabilities of the French Village.

*Transfer of Documents*

2. (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the Provisional Council was a party immediately before the appointed day shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect from the appointed day, as respects anything failing to be done on or after that day, as if the French Village had been a party to it in place of the Provisional Council.
- (2) Documents not falling within subparagraph (1), including enactments, which refer, whether specially or generally to the Provisional Council, shall be construed in accordance with that subparagraph so far as applicable.
- (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending immediately before the appointed day by or against the Provisional Council may be continued on or after that day by or against the French Village.

*Registration of transfers*

3. Where the law in effect at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other

matter) apply with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property, and the body to which any property is transferred by this Bill shall 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*

4. (1) The first meetings of the Council shall be convened by the Visitor for such dates (not being later than three months after the appointed day) and in such manner as he may determine.
- (2) The persons who immediately before the appointed day were members of the Provisional Council shall respectively be deemed to constitute the Council until the respective dates determined under subparagraph (1).
- (3) The first meeting of the Academic Board as reconstituted by this Bill shall be convened by the Visitor for such date (not being later than three months after the appointed day) and in such manner as he may determine.
- (4) The persons who immediately before the appointed day were members of the Academic Board of the Nigeria French Language Village shall be deemed to constitute the Academic Board of the French Village until the date determined under subparagraph (3).
- (5) Persons who immediately before the appointed day were Deans, shall on and after that day continue to be Deans, or become members of the Academic Board (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

Sections 9 (2), 11 (3) - (4) and 28 (6)

**NIGERIAN FRENCH LANGUAGE VILLAGE**

**Statute No.1**

ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

*Articles:*

1. The Council
2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee
3. The Academic Board
4. Congregation
5. Convocation
6. Organisation of academic work of the French Village
7. Board of Studies
8. Dean of Studies
9. Creation of academic posts
10. Appointment of academic staff
12. Appointment of administrative and technical staff
13. Interpretation
14. Citation

*The Council*

1. (1) The composition of Council shall be as provided in section 5 of this Bill.
- (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than under section 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 under section 5 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the term of four years.
- (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than under section 5 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of the period, 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 the removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further term of four years.
- (6) The quorum of the Council shall be seven, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed under section 5 (d), (e) or (h) of this Bill.
- (7) Where the Chairman of Council is not present at a meeting of the Council, such other members of the Council present at the meeting of the Council may appoint the Chairman at the meeting, and subject to section 5 of the Act and the provisions of this article, the Council may regulate its own procedure.
- (8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

*The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

2. (1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of —
  - (a) the Chairman of Council, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he is present;
  - (b) the Director-General, the Registrar and Bursar;
  - (c) two external members of the Council appointed by the Council,
  - (d) one representative of Academic Board and Congregation respectively; and
  - (e) the Council member representing the Federal Ministry responsible for education.
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.
- (3) Subject to any direction given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

*The Academic Board*

3. (1) There shall be an Academic Board for the French Village consisting of —

- (a) the Director-General;
  - (b) the Deputy Director;
  - (c) all professors of the French Village;
  - (d) all Deans of the French Village;
  - (e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research of the French Village;
  - (f) the French Village Librarian; and
  - (g) academic members of the Congregation who are not professors as specified in the laws of the French Village.
- (2) The Academic Board shall have powers in all academic matters including the organisation and control of —
- (a) Teaching and Research;
  - (b) admission of students;
  - (c) award of degrees including *honoris causa*, certificates and diplomas;
  - (d) promotion of research; and
  - (e) the performance of other functions in accordance with the laws and statutes of the French Village.
- (3) The Director-General shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Academic Board when he is present, and when he is not present the Deputy Director, or in his absence such other member of the Academic Board present at the meeting as the Academic Board may appoint for that meeting, shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
- (4) The quorum of the Academic Board shall be one third of its total membership, and subject to sub-article (2), the Academic Board may regulate its own procedure.

*Congregation*

4. (1) Congregation shall consist of —
- (a) the Director-General and the Deputy Director; and
  - (b) all graduate staff of the French Village within the meaning of the Act.
- (2) Subject to section 8 of this Bill, the Director-General shall be the Chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present, and when he is not present, the Deputy Director, or in his absence such other member of Congregation 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 of the whole number nearest to one third of the total number of members of Congregation. This shall be determined by —

- (a) a certificate signed by the Director-General specifying the total number of members of Congregation for the purposes of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or
  - (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation during a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or, as the case may be, of the names of those persons.
- (4) Subject to this article, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.
- (5) Congregation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing representatives to the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

*Convocation*

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

Director, or in his absence such other member of Convocation present at the meeting as Convocation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the Chairman at the meeting.

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

*Organisation of academic work of the French Village*

6. (1) Subject to the statutes, the academic work of the French Village shall be organised in such manner as may be prescribed by the Academic Board.
- (2) The academic work of the French Village shall be distributed, in such manner as may be prescribed, among the Departments, Schools or other Teaching Units as may be established by regulations.
- (3) Regulations may provide for the establishment of any school under sub-article (2).

*Board of Studies*

7. (1) There shall be a Board of Studies established for the French Village.
- (2) The Board of Studies shall consist of —
- (a) the Director-General and the Deputy Director;
  - (b) the Academic Heads of Department; and
  - (c) professors on sabbatical leave in the French Village as may be approved by the Academic Board.
- (3) The quorum of a Board of Studies shall be one third (or the whole number nearest to one third) of the total number of the members for the time being of the Board, whichever is the greater, and subject to article 8 (3) and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of the Act, it shall be the function of the Board of Studies to —
- (a) advise and report to the Academic Board on all matters relating to the organisation of Education, Teaching and Research including Curricula and Examinations;
  - (b) consider the progress and conduct of students in that teaching Unit and to report on it;
  - (c) recommend to the Academic Board persons for appointment as Examiners; and
  - (d) deal with any academic matters referred to it by the Academic Board.

*Dean of Studies*

8. (1) In the case of Departments established by regulations, one of the Professors assigned to that teaching Unit shall be Dean of that teaching unit.
- (2) The Dean of a teaching Unit shall be appointed in such manner as may be prescribed

and shall hold the office of Dean for such period and on such terms as may be prescribed.

- (3) The Dean shall be Chairman at all meetings of his Board of Studies when he is present; and when he is not present, such other member of the Board present at the meeting as may be prescribed, or in that member's absence such other member of the Board present at the meeting as the Board may appoint for that meeting, shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
- (4) The Dean of a teaching Unit shall present to Congregation for the conferment of degrees persons who have qualified for degrees of the French Village at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to the Board of Studies of that Unit.

*Creation of Academic Posts*

9. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other than Principal Officers shall be made by the Academic Board to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Appointment and Promotions Committee.

*Appointment of Academic Staff*

10.
  - (1) Subject to the Act and the Statutes, the filling of vacancies in academic posts, including newly created ones, shall be the responsibility of the Academic Board.
  - (2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, the Academic Board shall set up suitable Selection Board to select and make appointments on its behalf.
  - (3) For appointments to Professorships, Associate Professorships and Readerships, a Board of Selection (with power to appoint) shall consist of —
    - (a) the Director-General;
    - (b) if the post is within a teaching Unit, the Dean of that teaching Unit;
    - (c) two members appointed by the Council; and
    - (d) such other persons as the Academic Board may appoint.
  - (4) Subject to article (5), for appointments to Senior Lectureships and other academic posts, a Selection Board (with power to appoint) shall consist of —
    - (a) the Director-General;
    - (b) if the post is within a teaching unit, the Dean of that teaching unit;
    - (c) two members of the Academic Board appointed by the Academic Board; and
    - (d) such other persons as the Academic Board may appoint.
  - (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the same way as equivalent appointments of the academic staff, and for all such posts, other than that of Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the Selection Board.
  - (6) Boards of selection may interview candidates directly or consider the reports of Assessors or Specialists' Interviewing Panels.

*Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff*

11. (1) The administrative and technical staff of the French Village, other than Principal Officers, shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Director-General or the Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that behalf.
- (2) In the case of administrative or technical staff who have close and important contracts with the academic staff, there shall be Academic Board participation in the process of selection.

*Interpretation*

12. In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Nigeria French Language Village Act and any expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this Statute.

*Citation*

13. This Statute may be cited as the Nigeria French Language Village Badagry, Statute No. 1 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill provides legislative framework for the establishment of the Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry, Lagos State to promote the acquisition of French language at interpersonal level and on a global scale with a view to making French language skills accessible and to improve French language proficiency for corporate governance around the world while ensuring that French language serves as one of the means of facilitating and promoting international trade among diverse and complex human grouping across Nigeria borders and to meet the learning needs of the perspective students of the host communities, neighbouring francophone countries and the world over (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

***Agreed to.***

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria French Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for French Studies; and for Related Matters (HB.136) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria French Language Village as an Inter-University Centre for French Studies and for Related Matters (HB.136) and approved Clauses 1 - 30, 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) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute,***



***Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.584) (Committee of the Whole):***  
*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.584)” (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — House Leader).*

***Agreed to.***

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

***(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)***

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL RICE  
PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE,  
IGBEMO-EKITI, EKITI STATE; AND FOR  
RELATED MATTERS (HB. 584)**

**PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE**

**Clause 1: Establishment of the National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State.**

There shall be established an Institute to be known as the National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") which shall be a body corporate under that name, with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name, subject to the provision of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 2: Objects of the Institute.**

The objects of the Institute shall be:

- (i) to increase the annual growth rate of the real GDP;
- (ii) to increase the value and growth rate of rice exports; and
- (iii) to contribute to reduction of poverty and food insecurity in rural and urban areas (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 3: Functions of the Institute.**

The functions of the Institute shall be to:

- (a) to undertake, promote and encourage scientific research aimed at improving the quality and yield of rice;
- (b) to initiate programmes aimed at controlling pests and diseases of rice;
- (c) establish research centres and sub-stations in different regions of Nigeria for carrying out research on different problems of rice;

- (d) establish project areas for demonstration of new varieties of rice developed by the Institute and training of farmers for the cultivation of these varieties of rice;
- (e) publish annual reports, monographs, bulletins and such other literatures relating to rice research and the activities of the Institute;
- (f) establish a laboratory and a library in the Institute;
- (g) train extension officers and progressive farmers in modern improved techniques of rice production;
- (h) to secure the most favourable arrangements for the purchase, inspection, grading, sealing and certification and sale of rice;
- (i) to establish or encourage the establishment of industrial processing factories for the processing of rice into marketable product;
- (j) acquire and hold any interest in the business of any person carrying on functions (whether in Nigeria or outside Nigeria) similar or related to the objects of the Board and may dispose of such interest;
- (k) provide seedlings, credit and other facilities to rice farmers to plant new farms or rehabilitate old ones or redeem pledged farms, as the case may be;
- (l) do and perform all other activities which may be necessary for the achievement of the objects of the Institute; and
- (m) the institute also arrange for a milling plant, i.e. to rid rice of all its impurities by removing the husk and bran layers (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART II — GOVERNING COUNCIL

**Clause 4: Governing Board of the Institute, etc.**

- (1) The government of the Institute and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the Board of Governors of the Institute (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").
- (2) The Board shall consist of:
  - (a) the Director General, *ex-officio*, who shall also be the Chairman of the Board;
  - (b) two eminent scientists, from outside the Institute, one in any social science and the other in the field pertaining to the speciality of the Institute, to be nominated by the Minister;
  - (c) the Directors of the Institute, *ex-officio*;
  - (d) two representatives, one from among the farmers and the other from among the Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) performing functions similar to those of the Institute, to be nominated by the Minister; and

- (e) two representatives, one from the Ministry of agriculture and the other from the Ministry of finance, not below the rank of Deputy Secretary, to be nominated by the respective Ministry.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, a person appointed as a member of the Board (not being an *ex-officio* member) shall hold office for four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further period of three years.
- (4) The President may terminate the appointment of a member of the Board (not being an *ex-officio* member) if satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Institute that the person concerned should continue in office.
- (5) Provided that such members may resign their membership in writing addressed to the Chairman.
- (6) A person shall cease to be a member, if he:
  - (a) dies;
  - (b) remains absent, without permission of the Chairman, from three consecutive meetings of the Board;
  - (c) is declared by a competent court to be of unsound mind; or
  - (d) is an undischarged insolvent; or
  - (e) has been, on conviction for a criminal offence involving moral turpitude, sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months or to a fine not less than fifty thousand Naira and unless a period of two years has elapsed since his release or realisation of the fine, as the case may be, a person so sentenced shall not be eligible to be a member (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 5: Functions of the Board.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board shall be responsible for the general superintendence, direction and control of the affairs of the Institute and shall exercise all the powers of the Institute not otherwise provided for by this Bill.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1), the Board shall:
  - (a) take decisions on questions of policy relating to the administration and working of the Institute;
  - (b) institute courses of study at the Institute;
  - (c) institute and appoint persons to academic as well as other posts in the Institute;
  - (d) consider and pass resolutions on the annual report, the annual accounts and the budget estimates of the Institute for the next financial year as it thinks fit and submit them to the Minister together with a statement of its developments plans; and

- (e) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by this Bill.
- (3) The Board shall have the power to appoint such committees as it considers necessary for the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 6: Meetings of the Board.**

- (1) The meetings of the Board shall be convened by the Secretary of the Board, in consultation with the Chairman, at least once in a quarter of the year but meetings may be convened as frequently as may be necessary.
- (2) At least fourteen days' notice shall be given for convening a meeting of the Board and such notice shall be sent under the signature of the Secretary of the Board stating the date on, and the time and place at, which the meeting shall be held.
- (3) Emergency meetings may be convened on twenty-four hours' notice.
- (4) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board; and if for any reason he is unable to preside over a meeting, a member elected by the members present shall preside over that meeting.
- (5) Four members shall form a quorum of a meeting.
- (6) All matters at a meeting shall be decided by majority votes of the members present.
- (7) Each member of the Board shall have one vote, and in the event of equality of votes, the Chairman or the member presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 7: Director General of the Institute and other staff.**

- (1) There shall be an officer of the Institute to be known as the Director General who shall be appointed by the President.
- (2) The Director General shall act as the Secretary of the Board.
- (3) The Director General shall be the chief executive of the Institute and shall be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Institute.
- (4) The Director General shall hold office for a fixed term of four years, subject to renewal by the President for only one more term of the same duration.
- (5) There may be appointed, from time to time, by the Board such other staff as may be required for the purpose of the efficient performance of the functions conferred on the Institute under or pursuant to this Bill.
- (6) The terms and conditions of service (including terms and conditions as to remuneration, allowances, pensions, gratuities and other benefits) of the persons employed by the Board shall be determined by the Board from time

to time.

- (7) The control of the employees (including their promotion and discipline) shall vest in the Board (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART III — RICE PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING

**Clause 8: Rice, paddy production.**

- (1) Rice grain after threshing and winnowing. Also known as rice in the husk and rough rice. Used mainly for human food.
- (2) In 2020, rice, paddy production for Nigeria was 8.17 million tonnes. Rice, paddy production of Nigeria increased from 388,000 tonnes in 1971 to 8.17 million tonnes in 2020 growing at an average annual rate of 8.74% (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 9: Rice processing.**

Rice processing involves several steps: removal of the husks, milling the shelled rice to remove the bran layer, and an additional whitening step to meet market expectations for appearance of the rice kernels (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISION

- Clause 10:**
- (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
- (a) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the Federation;
- (b) fees charged for services rendered by the Institute; and
- (c) all sums accruing to the Institute by way of gifts, testamentary disposition and endowments or contributions from philanthropic persons or organisations or otherwise howsoever (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 11: Power to accept gifts.**

- (1) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gifts.
- (2) The Institute shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift to the acceptance thereof are inconsistent with the functions of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 12: Borrowing power.**

- (1) The Institute may, with the consent of the Minister or in accordance with the general guidelines approved by the President, borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source any moneys required by the Institute for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Bill.
- (2) The Institute may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds with the like consent or general authority.
- (3) The Board may invest any surplus funds of the Institute in such securities as may be approved by the President (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 13: Annual estimates accounts and audit.**

- (1) The Board shall cause to be prepared not later than 30 June in each year an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute during the next succeeding year and when prepared they shall be submitted to the Minister.
- (2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Institute and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Board such accounts shall be audited as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited as soon as may be after the end of each year (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 14: Annual report.**

The Board shall, not later than 30 September in each year, submit to the Minister a report on the activities of the Institute and its administration during the immediately preceding year and shall include in such report the audited accounts of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**PART V — MISCELLANEOUS**

**Clause 15: Staff regulations.**

- (1) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the employees of the Institute and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such regulations may provide for:
  - (a) the appointment, promotion and disciplinary control (including dismissal) of employees of the Institute; and
  - (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measure, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of officers in the civil service of the Federation shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be necessary, to the employees of the Institute.

- (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) or this section, shall not have effect until approved by the Minister and when so approved they need not be published in the Federal Gazette but the Board shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 16: Procedure in respect of suits against the Institute.**

No suit shall be commenced against the Institute before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending plaintiff or his agent; and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state:

- (a) the cause of action;
- (b) the particulars of the claim;
- (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
- (d) the relief which he claims (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 17: Service of documents.**

The notice referred to in section 18 of this Bill and any summons, notice or other document required or authorised to be served upon the Institute under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering the same to the chairman or the Director General of the Institute, or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Director General of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 18: Restriction on execution against the property of the Institute.**

In any action or suit against the Institute, no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Institute, but any sums of money which may, by the judgment of the court, be awarded against the Institute shall subject to any directions given by the Institute, be paid from the general reserve fund of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 19: Power to give directions.**

The Minister may give the Board directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual or case) with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with such directions (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 20: Interpretation.**

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Rice" means the seed of the grass species *Oryza sativa* (Asian rice) or less commonly *Oryza glaberrima* (African rice). The name wild rice is usually used for species of the genera *Zizania* and *Porteresia*, both wild and domesticated, although the term may also be used for primitive or uncultivated varieties of *Oryza* (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Rice paddy" means a field planted with rice. This farmland is filled with vast rice paddies and plantations of bananas, pineapples, tea, and other crops (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Rice husk" means an agricultural waste. It is the outer hard protective covering which surrounds the paddy grain and accounts for 20%-25% of its weight (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute constituted as provided in section 2 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Chairman" means the chairman of the Board (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

"Institute" means the National Rice Production, Process and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State established by section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"member" means any member of the Board and includes the chairman (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Agriculture and Rural Development (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).



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

"President" mean the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

**Clause 21: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Explanatory Note:**

This Bill seeks to make provision for an Institute to be known as the National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State to provide for its organization, control and operation (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB. 584) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.584) and approved Clauses 1 - 19, the Explanatory Memorandum and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (v) ***A Bill an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (SB. 174) (Committee of the Whole):***

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (SB. 174)” (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — 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 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, IYIN EKITI, EKITI STATE;  
AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND  
FUNCTIONS OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, IYIN EKITI, EKITI STATE

**Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti.**

- (1) There is hereby established the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State.
- (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 Environmental Scientists and 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 and provide funds for academic and research programmes, infrastructures and remunerations of employees (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 2: Objects of the University.**

The objects of the University shall be —

- (a) to encourage the advancement of learning in environment technology, environmental chemistry and of all related disciplines as ecology, hydrochemistry, waste water treatment, atmospheric chemistry and environmental microbiology, and to hold out to all persons without discrimination on 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, diploma and higher degrees with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in environmental sciences, applied sciences on climate change and allied environmental and ecological related professional disciplines;
- (c) to produce environmentally and ecologically mature technologists with capabilities not to only understand the environmental and ecology needs of Nigeria as a nation, but to also exploit existing technological infrastructure and improve on it to develop new ones to provide required solutions;
- (d) to act as agents and catalysts for effective environmental and ecological technology system, through post graduate training, research and innovation, for effective economic utilization and for conservation of its immediate

environment and the country's entire natural and human resources;

- (e) to bring quality transformation in Environmental Science and Technology Education by focusing on practical teaching, research and learning innovations that add value;
- (f) to collaborate with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of ecological and environmental technology solutions, with a view to promoting quality good governance, leadership and management skills among Environmental Scientists and Technologists;
- (g) to identify and promote the principles of sustainable development to represents an important part of the study curriculum with a special emphasis on its biological, chemical and technological aspects of environmental and ecological needs of the society, with a view to finding solutions to them within the context of overall national development needs;
- (h) to provide and promote sound basic environmental and ecological technology training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous environmental challenges, culture and the needs to enhance national response to ecological disasters;
- (i) to provide higher Education and foster a systematic advancement of knowledge that is oriented towards industrial toxicology, ecotoxicology, environmental analysis, decontamination technologies and assessment of environmental impacts;
- (j) to provide for instructions in such branches of Environmental Sciences Education as it may deem necessary to provide for research, and for the dissemination of environmental knowledge as it may determine;
- (k) to prepare global experts that have excellent theoretical knowledge, practical skills and experience in basic natural scientific disciplines and related field of engineering with operational competence and knowledge in environmental protection, managing ecological and climate change problems; and
- (l) to undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a University of Technology and Environmental Sciences of the highest standard (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 3: 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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 4: Powers of Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti and its exercise.**

- (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in clause 1 of this Bill, Federal; University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti shall have power:
- (a) to offer courses of instruction, training and research in Environmental Sciences 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 situated;
  - (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; and
  - (r) to do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the statutes and without prejudice to clause 7 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University by subclause (1) of this clause shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in many other manners which may be authorized by the statute.
- (3) The power of the University to establish further campuses and colleges within the University shall be exercisable by statute and not otherwise (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 5: 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 Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 6: Establishment and Composition of Council.**

- (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 Honourable Minister of Education;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his/her absence, one Person from the Federal Ministry responsible for Education to represent him/her;
  - (e) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation appointed by the Federal Executive Council; by virtue of the Universities Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1993 (as amended).
  - (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
  - (g) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members; and
  - (h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members.
- (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 development; and
  - (e) the balance in expenditure between academic vis-à-vis non-academic  
(*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 7: Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose Committee.**

- (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 clause 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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 8: Functions of the Senate of the University.**

- (1) Subject to clause 6 of this Bill and subclauses (3) and (4) of this clause 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 the 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 subclause (1) of this clause 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.

- (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 clause 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-clause, 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 dishonorable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 9: 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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

**Clause 10: 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
- (2) The general fund shall be applied for the purposes of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 11: Transfer of Property.**

- (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 shall 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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**PART III — STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**Clause 12: 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 clause as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of clause 28 (1) of that Act.
- (3) The statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this clause by the University.
- (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this clause 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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 13: Mode of exercising power to make statutes.**

- (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 subclause (2) of this clause 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 subclause (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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 14: Proof of Statute.**

A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate 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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**PART IV — SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE**

**Clause 15: Power of Visitor to Decide Meaning of Statutes.**

- (1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a statute, the matter may be referred to the visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he/she shall think fit.
- (2) The decision of the visitor on any matter referred to him/her under 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 this clause, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria: Provided that nothing in this sub-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.
- (3) The foregoing provisions of this clause shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or a non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in sub-clause (1) of this clause; and accordingly the references in sub-clause (2) of this clause to any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or a non-academic matter (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 16: The Visitor.**

- (1) The President, Federal Republic of Nigeria 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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 17: Removal of certain Members of 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 endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subclause (1) of this clause to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 18: 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.

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- (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 subclause "good cause" means:
- (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or
  - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
  - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
  - (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; or
  - (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 subclause (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 subclause (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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 19: Removal of Examiners.**

- (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 subclause (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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 20: 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; or
  - (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; or
  - (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 subclause (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 subclause (2) of this 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 subclause (2) (a) of this clause may be combined with a direction under subclause (2) (b) of this clause (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### **Clause 21: Exclusion of Discrimination on Account of Race, Religion, etc.**

- (1) 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.
- (2) Nothing in subclause (1) of this clause shall be construed as preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons mentioned in that subclause where such person willfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly



imposed on all such person or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 22: 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 Governor: Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 23: 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 any body of persons established by this Bill shall be as determined by that body (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 24: Appointment of Committee, etc.**

- (1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorize a committee established by it:
  - (a) to exercise, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine; and
  - (b) to co-opt members.
- (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 subclause (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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 25: Retiring Age of Academic Staff.**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Reform Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of a University shall be seventy (70) years. And other academic staff is (65) years.
- (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for thirty-five (35) years or sixty-five years whichever comes first shall not apply to an academic staff of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 26: Special Provisions relating to Pension of Professors.**

- (1) A person who retires as a professor having served:
- (a) an academic staff who retires as a professor in a recognized university shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that the professor has served continuously in a recognized university up to retirement age;
- (b) notwithstanding subsection (1) where the professor has not served up to retirement age, he shall be entitled to the rate of pension mentioned under subsection (1) provided that he has served a minimum of 20 years as a professor in a recognized university ;
- (c) where an academic joins Nigerian University as a professor, such a professor shall have served continuously for at least 20 years in a recognized university (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 27: Transfer of Land to the University.**

- (1) For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) any purpose of the University shall be the same as that of the Federation.
- (2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Government pursuant to this clause, the Government may, by a certificate under the hand and seal of the person so authorized or any other person authorized in that behalf transfer it to the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 28: Miscellaneous and 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 anybody 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 to 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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 29: Restriction of suits and execution.**

- (1) **Pre-Action Notice:**
  - (a) No legal proceeding shall be instituted and/or commenced against the 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.

(2) **Service of Notices.**

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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that Clause 29 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Clause 30: Interpretation.**

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

"Campus" means any campus which may be established by the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 6 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Functions" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Minister" means the Hon. Minister of Education (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Notice" means notice in writing (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to clause

3 (1) (e) of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 11 of this Bill and in accordance with the provisions of clause 12 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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; and (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, established and incorporated by clause 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

- (2) 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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that Clause 30 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Clause 31: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Question that Clause 31 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

##### *The Chancellor*

1. (1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the President.
- (2) The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years.
- (3) If it appears to the visitor, that the chancellor should be removed from his/her office on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his/her office, the visitor may by notice in the Federal Gazette remove the chancellor from office.

##### *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, and

- (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 Subclause' (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 Subclause (3) of this clause 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/her 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/her 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 of the University 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 subclause (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) A 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 clause 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.

*Functions of The Registrar and Tenure*

- 7. (1) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council subject thereto as the Vice Chancellor may from time to time direct.
- (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to the other duties conferred on him/her by or under this Bill, be a Secretary to the Council, Senate, Convocation and Congregation and in his/her absence, the Council or any such committee may appoint some other persons to Act as Secretary. The Registrar shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum.
- (3) A Registrar shall :
  - (a) hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment;
  - (b) where on the commencement of this Bill a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office:
    - (i) for less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years,
    - (ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the School, and
    - (iii) for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the School.

*Functions of the Bursar and Tenure*

8. (1) 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 financial affairs of the University.
- (2) (a) A Bursar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.
- (b) Where on the commencement of this Bill a Bursar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —
- (i) for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years,
- (ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University,
- (iii) for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University.

*Functions of the University Librarian and Tenure*

9. (1) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and co-ordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the University.
- (2) A University Librarian shall:
- (a) hold office for a single term of five years only and upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment;
- (b) where on the commencement of this Bill a University Librarian appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —
- (i) for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years,
- (ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as University Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University,
- (iii) for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as University Librarian to complete his/her second term and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University.

*Director of Works*

10. There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Works Department. He/she shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of University facilities.

*Director of Health Services*

11. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Health Centre. He/she shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

*Selection Board for other Principal Officers*

12. (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 subclause (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 subclause (3) of this clause, 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*

13. (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. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 the University*

1. Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 11 (1) of this Bill —
  - (a) the reference in the subclause to property held by the provisional Council and the University shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the provisional Council and the University; and
  - (b) all outstanding debts and liabilities of the provisional Council shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Bill.
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 if the University established by this Bill had been a party to it in place of the provisional Council.
  - (2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (I) above, including enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the provisional Council shall be construed in accordance with that subparagraph so far as applicable.
  - (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the University established by this Bill.

*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 fees 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 as 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 boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on that day become schools, school boards and students of the University as constituted by this Bill.
- (6) Persons who were Deans of schools and Heads of Academic Departments shall continue to be Deans or HODs of the corresponding School/Department, until new appointments 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 as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as member of that staff or as such an employee (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

### THIRD SCHEDULE

#### *The Council*

1. (1) The Council shall consist of —
  - (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor and the deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation appointed by the Federal Executive Council; by virtue of the Universities Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1993 (as amended);
  - (d) four person appointed by the Senate from among the members of that body;
  - (e) two Persons appointed by congregation from amongst the members of that body; of the Universities Miscellaneous Act, 1993 (as Amended);
  - (f) one person appointed by convocation from among the members of that body;
  - (g) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his/her absence, one Person from the Federal Ministry responsible for Education to represent him/her;
  - (h) one person to represent the armed forces of the Federation and the Police Force.
- (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a), (b), (g) or (h) of this article may, by notice to the Council, resign his/her office.
- (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a), (b), (g) or (h) of this article shall, unless he/she previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years beginning with effect from the 1st of August in the year in which he/she was appointed.

- (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a), (b), (g) or (h) of this article vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he//she was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his/her predecessor.
- (5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by the removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further period of four years.
- (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) (c), (f), (g) and (h) of this article.
- (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 the Bill and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.
- (8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice to with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

*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/she 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. (1) 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.
- (2) 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. (1) 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.

- (2) 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.
- (3) 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. 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 subclause (1) of this clause.

*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 clause, 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 1 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 30 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 as elected 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;
  - (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.

*Organization of Faculties and Branches thereof*

*Each Faculty shall be divided into such  
number of branches as may be prescribed*

10. (1) There shall Be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:
  - (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the faculty;
  - (b) deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and
  - (c) advice the Vice-Chancellor or Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or Senate.
- (2) Each Faculty Board shall consist of:
  - (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (b) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty;

- (c) such number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and
  - (d) such persons whether or not members of the University as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate.
- (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one-quarter of the members of the Board for the time being whichever is greater.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

*Division of Colleges*

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

*College Boards*

12. (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*

13. (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.
- (8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in clause 15(3) of the Act.

#### *Departmental Board of Studies*

14. (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.

#### *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 Academic Staff*

17. (1) Subject to the Bill and Statutes, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the Council through the Departments and Colleges.
- (2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set up.
- (3) For appointment to Professorships, Associate Professorship or Readerships or equivalent posts, a Board of Selection, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor — Chairman;
  - (b) Deputy Vice-Chancellor — Member;
  - (c) the Dean of the College — Member;
  - (d) Head of Department — Member;
  - (e) such other person(s), not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping the Board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint; and
  - (f) Registrar — Secretary.
- (4) For other academic posts, a Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor or his representative — Chairman;
  - (b) the Dean of the College — Member;
  - (c) Head of the Department concerned — Member;
  - (d) an internal member of Council (not below the Rank of Senior Lecturer from the sister college in the Candidate's subject-area) — Member;
  - (e) Registrar or his representative — Secretary.
- (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such posts other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the Selection Board.
- (6) Boards of Selection may interview candidates directly or consider the reports of specialist interviewing panels and shall in addition, in the case of Professorships, Associate Professorship, Readerships or equivalent Posts, consider the reports of External Assessors relevant to the area in which the appointment is being considered. Quorum shall be three (3) including the Chairman.

*Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff*

18. (1) The administrative and professional staff of the University other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or 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*

19. In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti Bill and any word or expression defined in the Bill has the same meaning in this Statute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State and to provide for a legal framework that would allow for academic and professional programmes leading to the award of first degrees, post-graduate degrees and diplomas in diverse courses of interest to its core objective with special emphasis on environmental sciences, research, technical and training of focused, qualified, efficient and dedicated corps of scientists and technologist in Nigeria to compete favourably with the rest of the world and meet the learning and research needs of prospective students of the host communities and researchers in Nigeria and the world over (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (SB.174) (*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 an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (SB. 174) and approved Clauses 1 - 31, 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.*

**25. Adjournment of First Sitting**

*That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 3.30 p.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.55 p.m.*

**Benjamin Okezie Kalu**  
*Deputy Speaker*