



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 20 March, 2024

1. The House met at 11.06 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 19 March, 2024.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

19th March, 2024

Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, CON
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Rt Honourable Speaker,

**TRANSMISSION OF APPROPRIATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024
AND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024
FOR CONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to Provisions of Section 58 (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I forward, herewith, the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 2024 for the kind consideration of the House of Representatives.

The Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 2024 seeks to amend the Appropriation Act, 2023 to further extend the time for implementing the capital expenditures of the Appropriation Act, 2023 from 31st March, 2024 to 30th June, 2024, while the Supplementary Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 2024 seeks to amend the Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2023 to extend its implementation from 31st March, 2024 to 30th June, 2024. These extensions are necessary to ensure that the provisions of the Acts are exhaustively implemented.

While looking forward to the usual expeditious consideration of the House of Representatives, please accept, Rt. Hon Speaker, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Bola Ahmed Tinubu

5. Announcement

Submission of Quarterly (Sessional) Report to the House of Representatives' Committee on Legislative Agenda:

Mr Speaker read a communication from the Chairman, Committee on Monitoring, Evaluation and Implementation of Legislative Agenda, informing all Chairmen of Standing Committees to submit their Quarterly Report in compliance with the Standing Orders of the House.

6. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Benson Olugbo & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of 9 Nigerian Students of Chang'an University X'ian China, on alleged human rights violation and deportation from China, was presented and laid by Hon. Victor Obuzor (*Ahoda West/Ogba Egbemi Ndoni Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Ayibeh Associates (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Nigerian Inmates in Beijing Prisons, on alleged diplomatic lapses, administrative infractions and maltreatment by the Chinese Prison Authority, was presented and laid by Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio (*Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Centre for Social Justice, Equity and Transparency, on award of rail line construction contract to an alleged unqualified UK Company by the Federal Ministry of Transport, was presented and laid by Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere (*Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) A petition from Achir Maris Seember, on non-payment of the death benefits of her father, Daniel Achir Igur, by National Animal Production Research Institute, was presented and laid by Hon. Terseer Ugbor (*Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*);
- (v) A petition from Mind's Eye Integrated Services Limited, on non-payment of accumulated annual retainership fees by Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, was presented and laid by Hon. Bashir Zubairu Usman (*Birnin Gwari/Giwa Federal Constituency*);

- (vi) A petition from Henry Ukaoha, on his dismissal from service by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).
- (vii) A petition from Samuel Mohammed Shuaibu, on alleged land trespass and damage of property without notice by the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, Mabushi, was presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe (*Oshodi Isolo Federal Constituency*);
- (viii) A petition from Association of Importers of Consumer Goods, Lagos State on skyrocketing prices of consumer goods in the country, was presented and laid by Hon. Uchenna Harris Okwonkwo (*Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*);
- (ix) A petition from Jelili Oluwatoyin Shodiya, on the death of his daughter, Miss Mariem Shodiya, who was electrocuted by a fallen pole of Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC), was presented and laid by Hon. Fayinka Moses Oluwatoyin (*Mushin II Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Incessant Banditry and Criminal Attacks in Ihiala Federal Constituency of Anambra State:***
Hon. Paschal Agbodike (*Ihiala 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.

Incessant Banditry and Criminal Attacks in Ihiala Federal Constituency of Anambra State:

The House:

Notes the serial attacks of the citizens of Ihiala Federal Constituency by hoodlums;

Also notes that the frequent attack has resulted in wanton loss of lives, arson and displacement of the people from their ancestral homes;

Concerned that the Ihiala communities which used to be boisterous has recently become a ghost area due to frequent attack by armed criminals;

Worried that the socio-economic lives of the inhabitants as predominant farmers have been adversely affected, resulting in poor standard of living;

Resolves to:

Urge the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and other relevant agencies to urgently provide relief materials and other Aid to the people of Ihiala Federal Constituency to cushion the effect of the devastations the people have suffered (*Hon. Paschal A. Agbodike — Ihiala Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the serial attacks of the citizens of Ihiala Federal Constituency by hoodlums;

Also noted that the frequent attack has resulted in wanton loss of lives, arson and displacement of the people from their ancestral homes;

Concerned that the Ihiala communities which used to be boisterous has recently become a ghost area due to frequent attack by armed criminals;

Worried that the socio-economic lives of the inhabitants as predominant farmers have been adversely affected, resulting in poor standard of living;

Resolved to:

Urge the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and other relevant agencies to urgently provide relief materials and other Aid to the people of Ihiala Federal Constituency to cushion the effect of the devastations the people have suffered (**HR. 157/03/2024**).

(ii) ***Recent Banditry, Killings and Kidnapping of Citizens of Kopri and Other Villages in Gombi and Hong Local Government Areas, Adamawa State:***

Hon. James Shuaibu Barka (*Gombi/Hong 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.

Recent Banditry, Killings and Kidnapping of Citizens of Kopri and Other Villages in Gombi and Hong Local Government Areas, Adamawa State:

The House:

Notes the recent banditry, killings and kidnapping of citizens of Kopri and other villages in Gombi and Hong Local Government Areas of Adamawa State;

Also notes the displacement and complete wiping out of the neighbouring villages in the Federal Constituency;

Regrets that some years ago, over 40 persons were abducted in Kopri with no signs of their being released nor government intervention;

Also regrets that the incidents have assumed an unprecedented and unbearable state, with the citizens killed, kidnapped and maimed frequently by bandits without being challenged by the security agencies;

Worried that the frequent attacks have caused farming and economic activities to be completely brought to a halt in the last four (4) years, without any hope of improvement;

Disturbed that people in the affected areas are facing multiple challenges of vulnerability to further attacks if urgent security measures are not taken;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the security agencies to strengthen the security architecture in the affected communities in Gombi and Hong Local Government Areas, with a view to facilitating their return to their homes;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide immediate relief materials and ensure that the inhabitants are resettled in their homes;
- (iv) further urge the North East Development Commission (NEDC) to provide shelters and food items to the displaced communities;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Army, Police Affairs, and North East Development Commission (NEDC) to ensure compliance (*Hon. James Shuaibu Barka — Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the recent banditry, killings and kidnapping of citizens of Kopri and other villages in Gombi and Hong Local Government Areas of Adamawa State;

Also noted the displacement and complete wiping out of the neighbouring villages in the Federal Constituency;

Regretted that some years ago, over 40 persons were abducted in Kopri with no signs of their being released nor government intervention;

Also regretted that the incidents have assumed an unprecedented and unbearable state, with the citizens killed, kidnapped and maimed frequently by bandits without being challenged by the security agencies;

Worried that the frequent attacks have caused farming and economic activities to be completely brought to a halt in the last four (4) years, without any hope of improvement;

Disturbed that people in the affected areas are facing multiple challenges of vulnerability to further attacks if urgent security measures are not taken;

Resolved to:

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- (v) mandate the Committees on Army, Police Affairs, and North East Development Commission (NEDC) to ensure compliance (**HR. 158/03/2024**).

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

(iii) Breakdown of Security in Anka and Mafara Local Government Areas of Zamfara State Due to Incessant Banditry Attacks and Kidnapping:

Hon. Isa Mohammed Anka (*Anka/Talata Marafa 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.

Breakdown of Security in Anka and Mafara Local Government Areas of Zamfara State Due to Incessant Banditry Attacks and Kidnapping:

The House:

Notes that recently there has been increased banditry, kidnappings for ransom, killings and displacement of the indigenes of Anka, Talata Mafara, Maru, Maraudu, etc. Local Government Areas of Zamfara State, which has already affected the entire lives of the people;

Also notes that between the months of December 2023 and January 2024, the citizens of Anka, Talata Mafara, Maru, Maraudu Local Government Areas were under frequent kidnapping attacks on weekly basis and sometimes as bad "s twice or three times in a week;

Further notes that as a result of the frequent attacks and kidnapping the people have been living in endless fear, as in January 2024 alone, nine (9) children of our traditional rulers were kidnapped and ransom paid to secure their release;

Aware that the media was awash in January 2024, about two military officers working in Zamfara State spent Christmas without being paid their monthly allowances, which significantly affected their morale and demotivated the military officers, and thereby negatively impacted on the fragile security situation in Zamfara State and indeed some parts of the country;

Worried that continuous attacks and kidnapping of citizens has led to loss of lives, properties and liberty with the attendant consequences of fleeing from their villages;

Cognizant of the need to strengthen security in Anka and Talata Mafara Local Government Areas and Nigeria at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Chief of Army Staff to launch a special operation in the affected areas of Anka LGA and other parts of Zamfara State in order to nip the security challenges in the bud;
- (ii) also urge the Chief of Air Staff to ensure continuous air surveillance in the whole of Zamfara State with a view to identifying hideouts of bandits and crushing them entirely;
- (iii) further urge the Department of Security Services (DSS) to strengthen security information gathering across Zamfara State with a view to identifying members or residents of our communities that are bandits or informants or protectors of the bandits, so much so that when identified they can be arrested and dealt with according to the law of terrorism of the country;
- (iv) still urge the relevant security agencies to ensure timely payment of monthly allowances of the security officer working in the field, not only in Zamfara State but the entire nation (*Hon Isa Mohammed Anka — Anka/Talata Mafara Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.**The House:*

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- (iv) still urge the relevant security agencies to ensure timely payment of monthly allowances of the security officer working in the field, not only in Zamfara State but the entire nation (**HR. 159/03/2024**).

8. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1258).
- (2) Chartered Institute of Health Care Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1260).
- (3) Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1261).
- (4) Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1262).
- (5) International Trade Commission of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1263).
- (6) Nigeria Industrial Revolution Plan Bill, 2024 (HB.1264).
- (7) Environmental Health (Control) Bill, 2024(HB.1265).
- (8) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1272).
- (9) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1273).
- (10) North East Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024(HB.1274).
- (11) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1275).
- (12) Tertiary Education Tax Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1276).
- (13) Orthopaedic Hospital Management Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024(HB.1277).
- (14) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1278).
- (15) National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1279).
- (16) Constituencies and Senatorial Districts Development Fund Bill, 2024 (HB.1280).
- (17) Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1283).
- (18) National Health Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1284).

(19) Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1270).

9. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Students Loan, Scholarships and Higher Education Financing:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Student Loan, Scholarships and Higher Education Financing on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a body Corporate to Receive, Manage and invest Funds to provide Loans to Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition, and for Related Matters (HB. 1266)” (*Hon. Adegboyega Nasir Isiaka — Egbado North/Imeko-Afon Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Shipping Services and Related Matters:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Shipping Services and Related Matters to Authorise the issue from the Nigerian Shippers' Council Statutory Revenue Fund the total sum of (₦115,145,142,457.29) One hundred and fifteen billion, one hundred and forty-five million, one hundred and forty-two thousand, four hundred and fifty-seven Naira, twenty-nine Kobo only, (₦57,572,571,228.65) Fifty-seven billion, five hundred and seventy-two million, five hundred and seventy-one thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight Naira, sixty-five Kobo only, being fifty percent contribution to Consolidated Revenue Fund (₦8,393,391,129.94) Eight billion, three hundred, and ninety-three million, three hundred and ninety-one thousand, one hundred and twenty-nine Naira, ninety-four Kobo only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of (₦31,799,890,685.71) Thirty-one billion, seven hundred and ninety-nine million, eight hundred and ninety thousand, six hundred and eighty-five Naira, seventy one Kobo only, is for Overhead Costs, while the balance of (₦17,315,948,697.10) Seventeen billion, three hundred and fifteen million, nine hundred and forty-eight thousand, six hundred and ninety-seven Naira, ten Kobo, only is for Capital Projects, for the service of the Nigeria Shippers' Council, for the Financial Year Ending 31, December, 2024” (*Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki — Kebbe/Tambuwal Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Committee on Legislative Library, Research and Documentation:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Legislative Library, Research and Documentation on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Library Trust Fund Act, No. 11 of 2022, change the Name of the National Assembly Library Trust Fund to National Assembly Library and Resource Centre, eliminate the ambiguity in the Chairmanship position of the Governing Council, Streamline the functions and duties of the Governing Council and the Office of the Director – General and to Provide for Application of the Funds of the National Assembly Library Resource Centre to set up the Assembly Museum and for Related Matters (HB.1259)” (*Hon. Yusuf Shittu Galambi — Gwaram Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Research and Innovation Council and National

Research and Innovation Fund to set National priorities on Research, Innovation and Development and for Related Matters (HB.697) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Research and Innovation Council and National Research and Innovation Fund to set National priorities on Research, Innovation and Development and for Related Matters (HB.697) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Assembly Budget and Research Office which Provides the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-Partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions; and for Related Matters (HB.600) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Assembly Budget and Research Office which Provides the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-Partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions; and for Related Matters (HB.600) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal College of Education, Illo, Kebbi State and for Related Matters (HB. 1045) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal College of Education, Illo, Kebbi State and for Related Matters (HB. 1045) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. A Bill for an Act to Prescribe the Salaries, Allowances and Fringe Benefits of Judicial Office Holders in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1282) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to prescribe the Salaries, Allowances and Fringe Benefits of Judicial Office Holders in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1282) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

14. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory Free Universal Basic Education Act Cap. C52, laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB.594) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory Free Universal Basic Education Act Cap. C52, laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB.594) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Muktar Tolarin Shagaya — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Basic Education and Services.

- 15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Kafanchan, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB. 507) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the house do suspend Order Twelve, Rule 4 (1) to enable it take the Second Reading of the following Bills:

- (i) a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1285);and
- (ii) a Bill for an Act to Amend the Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1286) *immediately*” (Hon. Bello Isa Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency).

Agree to.

- 16. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1285) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1285) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of Supply.

- 17. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1286) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1286) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of Supply.

18. Need to Enhance Security Operation, against Banditry and Incessant Kidnapping and Killing in Burdugau and Environs Malumfashi/Kafur Federal Constituency

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the incessant banditry activities in Burdugau, Gidan Mai Rabo, Santar Dan Gyasa, Agangaro, Ung. Gambo and Yaba villages of Malumfashi/Kafur Federal Constituency of Katsina State have led to increased killings, displacement of indigenes, and kidnappings in Burdugau and neighboring communities;

Concerned that the continuous bandit attacks have reduced farming activities, leading to food scarcity, hunger, famine, starvation and fear of death;

Worried that as the farming season approaches, kidnapping of farmers, market men and women, may increase on a regular pattern due to little or no presence of the Nigerian security agencies;

Cognizant that rigid security measures needed to be taken to safeguard the lives and properties of innocent citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Chief of Army Staff to carry out a special operation in the Malumfashi/Kafur Federal Constituency of Katsina State to eradicate all forms of banditry in the area;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) and the National Security Adviser (NSA) to expedite the presence of Security Personnel in Malumfashi/Kafur Federal Constituency to increase surveillance;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Army and Police Affairs to ensure compliance(*Hon. Muhammad Aminu Ibrahim — Malumfashi/Kafur Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the incessant banditry activities in Burdugau, Gidan Mai Rabo, Santar Dan Gyasa, Agangaro, Ung. Gambo and Yaba villages of Malumfashi/Kafur Federal Constituency of Katsina State have led to increased killings, displacement of indigenes, and kidnappings in Burdugau and neighboring communities;

Concerned that the continuous bandit attacks have reduced farming activities, leading to food scarcity, hunger, famine, starvation and fear of death;

Worried that as the farming season approaches, kidnapping of farmers, market men and women, may increase on a regular pattern due to little or no presence of the Nigerian security agencies;

Cognizant that rigid security measures needed to be taken to safeguard the lives and properties of innocent citizens;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Chief of Army Staff to carry out a special operation in the Malumfashi/Kafur Federal Constituency of Katsina State to eradicate all forms of banditry in the area;

- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) and the National Security Adviser (NSA) to expedite the presence of Security Personnel in Malumfashi/Kafur Federal Constituency to increase surveillance;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Army and Police Affairs to ensure compliance (**HR. 160/03/2024**).

19. Erosion Ravaging some Parts of Kila Town and Communities in Gwaram Local Government Area in Jigawa State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the people of Kila and other Communities of Gwaram Local Government Area in Jigawa State are predominantly farmers, and suppliers of agricultural produce to major food markets in Nigeria;

Aware that erosion in Gwaram Local Government Area has constituted threats to lives, roads, farms, and other properties, as several properties running into billions have been destroyed, causing displacement of families from their homes, and hardship, which results to loss of economic activities;

Concerned that Gwaram Local Government Area experienced erosion threats, destroying billions of properties, displacing families, and causing hardship, leading to economic loss;

Disturbed that the erosion-induced hardship in this Local Government has hampered poverty alleviation, wealth creation, and productivity, thus, worsening food shortages and resulting in a low standard of living;

Worried that the erosion has severely contaminated sources of drinking water in affected communities, and if not addressed urgently, the devastating effects of the erosion could worsen next year's raining season;

Cognizant of the need for urgent intervention by the appropriate authority to rehabilitate the affected areas and put precautionary measures to avoid reoccurrence;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological fund office to urgently carry out an environmental assessment and rehabilitate the affected areas; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Yusuf Shittu Galambi — Gwaram Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 161/03/2024).

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

20. Devastating Flood and Erosion in Makoko and Otumara Communities in Lagos Mainland

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the impacts of flooding on socioeconomic outcomes and community development have become perturbing, especially as low-income areas and overcrowded communities are more vulnerable to the rapidly escalating phenomenon;

Also notes that Otumara Ilaje and Makoko are riverine communities in Lagos Mainland with an estimated population of one million, two hundred and fifty thousand people, respectively, which have immense tourist potentials that can be harnessed through thoughtful and participatory planning;

Concerned that the two communities have, for many years, been bedeviled by ravaging floods and the attendant coastal erosions, for each time there is a heavy rainfall, the communities are flooded for days, submerging houses, destroying businesses, drowning helpless residents and displacing families;

Also concerned that the 2024 rainy season is fast approaching and if the flooding in the communities are not urgently mitigated, it will result in devastating consequences when the rains start;

Worried that the incessant flooding in the communities has exacerbated their susceptibility to waterborne diseases like malaria, cholera, typhoid, yellow fever, diarrhea, leptospirosis and hepatitis A, among others;

Also worried that the gully erosions caused by the floods have rendered access roads in the communities impassable, causing untold hardship for the residents as they must travel long distances to access medical care and many other essential services;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency to provide relief materials and first aid care to the victims of flooding in Makoko and Otumara Communities in Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency of Lagos State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately commence rehabilitation of the damaged roads in Makoko and Otumara;
- (iii) further urge the Ecological Project Office to provide funds for the provision of sustainable flood management systems to mitigate incessant flooding in Lagos Mainland;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Ecological Fund to ensure compliance (*Hon. Moshood Olarewaju Oshun — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 162/03/2024).

Motion referred to the Committees on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Ecological Fund, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

21. Need to stem the tide of Proliferation of Orphanage Homes in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that by the Provisions of Sections 14(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) the primary duty of Government is to provide security and welfare to the people;

Also notes that the primary aim for establishment of Orphanage homes is to cater for the orphans and ensure their safety and wellbeing in Nigeria;

Aware that of the disturbing increase in the establishment of orphanage homes in Nigeria;

Also aware that the increase in the number of orphans in Nigeria are mainly due to the insecurity in nearly all parts of Nigeria such as kidnapping, fulani herdsmen attack;

Observes that most proprietors of orphanage home often prioritize profit over their core mandate, turning orphanage into baby factories where teenage girls are accommodated to produce babies which are sold and used for rituals and other heinous activities;

Worried that a good number of orphanage homes are being used for human trafficking whereby innocent girls are being recruited to embark on illegal migration to foreign countries where they eventually end up either being abused;

Cognizant of the urgent demand by government at all levels to formulate stringent conditions for the establishment of orphanage in the country to prevent and curb the proliferation of orphanage homes;

Convinced of the urgent need to clamp all unregistered and or criminally motivated orphanage homes in the country in fulfilment of government primary duty of security and welfare of her citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the abuse and proliferation of Orphanage homes in Nigeria;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to interface with all thirty - six (36) States and the FCT for immediate and full compliance of the mandate of orphanage homes across the country; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Women Affairs and Social Development to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to ensure standardization of orphanage homes and close those under-resourced (*Hon. Emerengwa Boniface Sunday — Emohua/Ikwerre Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that by the Provisions of Sections 14(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) the primary duty of Government is to provide security and welfare to the people;

Also noted that the primary aim for establishment of Orphanage homes is to cater for the orphans and ensure their safety and wellbeing in Nigeria;

Aware that of the disturbing increase in the establishment of orphanage homes in Nigeria;

Also aware that the increase in the number of orphans in Nigeria are mainly due to the insecurity in nearly all parts of Nigeria such as kidnapping, fulani herdsmen attack;

Observed that most proprietors of orphanage home often prioritize profit over their core mandate, turning orphanage into baby factories where teenage girls are accommodated to produce babies which are sold and used for rituals and other heinous activities;

Worried that a good number of orphanage homes are being used for human trafficking whereby innocent girls are being recruited to embark on illegal migration to foreign countries where they eventually end up either being abused;

Cognizant of the urgent demand by government at all levels to formulate stringent conditions for the establishment of orphanage in the country to prevent and curb the proliferation of orphanage homes;

Convinced of the urgent need to clamp all unregistered and or criminally motivated orphanage homes in the country in fulfilment of government primary duty of security and welfare of her citizens;

Resolved to:

- (i) condemn the abuse and proliferation of Orphanage homes in Nigeria;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to interface with all thirty - six (36) States and the FCT for immediate and full compliance of the mandate of orphanage homes across the country; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Women Affairs and Social Development to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to ensure standardization of orphanage homes and close those under-resourced (**HR. 163/03/2024**).

22. Construction of Oju-Uwokwu-Iboko-Abakaliki Federal Road, Oju-Ainu-Idelle-Enugu and Rehabilitation of Loko-Oju Federal Roads, Benue State:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) specifies that the security, safety, and welfare of the people of Nigeria shall be the fundamental objective of government;

Also notes that the National Assembly is saddled with the task of making laws for the peace, order, and good governance of the Federation or any part thereof (including Oju/Obi Federal Constituency) as enshrined in Section 4 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), and that the infrastructural and economic development of the country and its component parts constitutes one of the fundamental objectives of the Federal Government as enshrined in the Constitution;

Aware that a good road network is a panacea for economic development in any country and the immediate rehabilitation of Loko-Oju under the construction of Loko-Otukpo-Oju federal road, Oju-Uwoku-Iboko (Izzi Local Government Area, Ebonyi State) Abakaliki detour to Oju-Ainu-Idelle-Enugu Federal roads are very vital for the movement of goods and services from the north to the south-east and south-west, the absence of a roadway has confined and isolated the people of Igede from other parts of the country;

Also aware that the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) abandoned the Loko-Oju federal road which was previously captured in the 2023 budget thereby increasing kidnapping activities on Otukpo and Oju roads, thus affecting the development of communities connecting the third major tribe, Igede speaking Communities in Benue State;

Observes that the Oju-Uwoku and Izzi Local Government Areas in Benue and Ebonyi States, with Abakaliki detour to Oju-Ainu-Idelle-Enugu road, is crucial for socio-economic development in the North-Central, South-South, and South-East regions;

Acknowledges that if the roads are constructed, it will alleviate the hardship of the Igede people open up arable land in Benue State especially in the Uwoku community of Benue State and Izzi Local Government Area of Ebonyi State and enhance the economic value of Benue, Ebonyi, Enugu, and Cross-River States;

Cognizant that the Rehabilitation of Oju - Uwoku - Iboko - Abakaliki Federal Road, Oju - Ainu - Idelle - Enugu and Completion of Loko - Oju Federal Roads, Benue State will alleviate Igede people's hardships, open arable land and enhance the economic value of Benue State;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works, the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and the Ecological Fund Office to embark on the immediate construction and rehabilitation of the roads; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to investigate the abandonment of the Loko-Oju and Oweto-Otukpo-roads by the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), include the construction and rehabilitation of the roads in the 2024 Supplementary Appropriations or 2025 budget estimates and ensure compliance (*Hon. David Agada Ogewu — Oju/Obi Federal Constituency and two others*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 164/03/2024).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

23. Consideration of Reports

(i) Committee on Shipping Services:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Shipping Services to Authorise the issue from the Nigerian Shippers' Council Statutory Revenue Fund the total sum of (₦115,145,142,457.29) One hundred and fifteen billion, one hundred and forty-five million, one hundred and forty-two thousand, four hundred and fifty-seven Naira, twenty-nine Kobo only (₦57,572,571,228.65) Fifty seven billion, five hundred and seventy-two million, five hundred and seventy-one thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight Naira, sixty-five Kobo only, being fifty percent contribution to Consolidated Revenue Fund (₦8,393,391,129.94) Eight billion, three hundred, and ninety-three million, three hundred and ninety-one thousand, one hundred and twenty-nine Naira, ninety-four Kobo, only is for Personnel Costs and the sum of (₦31,799,890,685.71) Thirty one billion, seven hundred and ninety-nine million, eight hundred and ninety thousand, six hundred and eighty-five Naira, seventy-one Kobo only, is for Overhead Costs, while the balance of (₦17,315,948,697.10) Seventeen billion, three hundred and fifteen million, nine hundred and forty-eight thousand, six hundred and ninety-seven Naira, ten Kobo, only is for Capital Projects; for the service of the Nigeria Shippers' Council, for the Financial year ending 31 December, 2024” (*Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki — Kebbe/Tambuwal Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“Approve the total sum of (₦115,145,142,457.29) One hundred and fifteen billion, one hundred and forty-five million, one hundred and forty-two thousand, four hundred and fifty-seven Naira, twenty-nine Kobo only, as Expenditure for the Nigerian Shippers' Council Statutory Revenue Fund

Financial year ending 31, December, 2024” (*Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki — Kebbe/Tambuwal Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Shipping Services to Authorise the issue from the Nigerian Shippers' Council Statutory Revenue Fund the total sum of (₦115,145,142,457.29) One hundred and fifteen billion, one hundred and forty-five million, one hundred and forty-two thousand, four hundred and fifty-seven Naira, twenty-nine Kobo only, (₦57,572,571,228.65) Fifty seven billion, five hundred and seventy-two million, five hundred and seventy-one thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight Naira, sixty-five Kobo only, being fifty percent contribution to Consolidated Revenue Fund, (₦8,393,391,129.94) Eight billion, three hundred, and ninety-three million, three hundred and ninety-one thousand, one hundred and twenty-nine Naira, ninety-four Kobo only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of (₦31,799,890,685.71) Thirty one billion, seven hundred and ninety-nine million, eight hundred and ninety thousand, six hundred and eighty-five Naira, seventy-one Kobo only, is for Overhead Costs, while the balance of (₦17,315,948,697.10) Seventeen billion, three hundred and fifteen million, nine hundred and forty-eight thousand, six hundred and ninety-seven Naira, ten Kobo, only is for Capital Projects; for the service of the Nigeria Shippers' Council, for the Financial year ending 31 December, 2024 and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1285) (Committee of Supply):***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do in Committee of Supply consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1285)” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2023 AND ITS
SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS TO FURTHER EXTEND THE TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES OF THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2023 AND ITS
SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS FROM 31 MARCH, 2024 TO 30 JUNE, 2024;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Amendment of Appropriation Act, 2023.

The Appropriation Act, 2023 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

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

Clause 2: Amendment of section 12.

Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the date "31 March, 2024" the date, "30 June, 2024" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

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

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriation Act 2023 and its Supplementary Provisions to further extend the time for implementation of the Capital expenditures of the Appropriation Act, 2023 and its Supplementary Provisions from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024; and for Related Matters (HB. 1285) (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1285) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1286) (Committee of Supply):

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do in Committee of Supply consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1286)” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUPPLEMENTARY
APPROPRIATION ACT, 2023 TO EXTEND ITS IMPLEMENTATION
FROM 31ST MARCH, 2024 TO 30TH JUNE, 2024;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1286)

Clause 1: Amendment of Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2023.

The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2023 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

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

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 1.

Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the date "31 March, 2024" the date "30 June, 2024" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

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

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Supplementary Appropriation (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Supplementary Appropriation Act 2023 to extend its implementation from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2023 to extend its implementation from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024; and for Related Matters (HB. 1286) (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1286) and approved Clauses 1 - 3 the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (iv) ***A Bill for an Act to prescribe the Salaries, Allowances and Fringe Benefits of Judicial Office Holders in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1282) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to prescribe the Salaries, Allowances and Fringe Benefits of Judicial Office Holders in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1282)" (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Seven, Rule 2 (2) to enable the Speaker preside in the Committee of the Whole" (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE THE SALARIES,
ALLOWANCES, AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF JUDICIAL OFFICE
HOLDERS IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Salaries, allowances and fringe benefits of Judicial Office Holders.

As from the commencement of this Bill, a holder of a Judicial Office as defined under section 318 (1) of the Constitution ("Judicial Office Holder") shall be entitled to the salary, allowances and fringe benefits set out in the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 2: Prohibition of multiple allowances.

- (1) A Judicial Office Holder shall not be entitled to multiple allowances.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a Judicial Office Holder who by virtue of his substantive office is the Chairman or a member of another office or body shall be entitled to such allowances in respect of the second office or body as the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission ("Commission") may determine (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 3: Monitoring compliance.

The Commission shall monitor compliance with the provisions of this Bill in relation to the payment of salaries, allowances and fringe benefits of Judicial Office Holders by the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 4: Power of the President to vary the Schedule to this Bill.

The President may, upon the recommendation of the Commission, from time to time, by order published in the Federal Gazette, vary the provisions of the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 5: Power to make Regulations.

The Commission may, with the approval of the President, make Regulations to —

- (a) prescribe penalties for non-compliance with the provisions of this Bill; and
- (b) determine the allowances payable to a Judicial Office Holder who, by virtue of his office, is a chairman or member of a second office or body;
- (c) prescribe such other things as are necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 6: Consequential amendment.

The Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc.) Act, No.6, 2002, (as amended) is further amended by deleting section 2 (b),

Part II of the Schedule to the Act and any other provision relating to Judicial Office Holders (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 7: Effective date.

The Consolidated Salaries and Allowances for Judicial officers as set out under the Schedule to this Bill shall come into effect from 1st January, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 8: Interpretation.

In this Bill, —

"Commission" means Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission established under section 153 (1) (N) and enjoined under Paragraph 32 (d), Part 1 to the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended); and (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Judicial Office" shall be as defined under section 318 (1) of the Constitution and Judicial Office Holder shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

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

Clause 9: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc.) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

(This note does not form part of this Bill but is intended to explain its purport)

This Bill seeks to enact the Judicial Officers (Salaries and Allowances, etc.), Bill to prescribe salaries, allowances, etc., for Judicial Officers to reflect the changing realities and consequentially amend the provisions of the Certain Political, Public and Judicial Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc.) Act, No.6, 2002 (as amended) to delete the provisions relating to Judicial Office Holders (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Prescribe the Salaries, Allowances, and Fringe Benefits of Judicial Office Holders in Nigeria, and for Related Matters (HB.1282) (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to prescribe the Salaries, Allowances and Fringe Benefits of Judicial Office Holders in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1282) and approved Clauses 1 - 9, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (v) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers Act, Cap. C9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments Bill, 2024 to set Standards of Knowledge, Ethical Conduct and Practice, Train, Certify, discipline its Members, Promote and Advance the Practice of Securities and Investments Profession and for Related Matters (HB. 416) (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 Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers Act, Cap. C9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments Bill, 2024 to set Standards of Knowledge, Ethical Conduct and Practice, Train, Certify, discipline its Members, Promote and Advance the Practice of Securities and Investments Profession and for Related Matters (HB. 416)” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF STOCKBROKERS ACT, CAP. C9, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND ENACT THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS ACT, 2024 TO SET STANDARDS OF KNOWLEDGE, ETHICAL CONDUCT AND PRACTICE, TRAIN, CERTIFY, DISCIPLINE ITS MEMBERS, PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE PRACTICE OF SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS PROFESSION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS OF NIGERIA

Clause 1: Establishment of Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria.

- (1) There is established the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria (in the Act referred to as "the Institute").
- (2) The Institute —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may direct;

- (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- (c) may, subject to the Land Use Act, acquire, hold, and dispose of any property, moveable or immovable; and
- (d) shall be charged with the general duty of determining the standards of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons seeking to be certified as members of the Institute (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 2: Objects of the Institute.

- (1) The objects of the Institute are to —
 - (a) promote the practice of securities and investments professionals as defined in this Bill;
 - (b) train its members, set standards of knowledge and ethical conduct for its members in order to maintain their competency and to raise those standards as circumstances may demand;
 - (c) conduct professional examinations leading to the award of certificates, as may be prescribed by the Institute for any persons seeking to become registered members of the Institute;
 - (d) secure in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of a register of members of the Institute in the categories of —
 - (i) Fellow Members,
 - (ii) Honorary Fellow Members,
 - (iii) Associate Members,
 - (iv) Certified Specialists,
 - (v) Affiliate Members, or
 - (vi) Graduate Members, and Student Members, and the publication of list of those persons;
 - (e) Administer and oversee the conduct of its members in accordance with the provisions of this Bill;
 - (f) do all things necessary to maintain professional knowledge and skill of its members in their practice as securities and investments professionals; and
 - (g) perform through the Council established under section 5 of this Bill, the functions conferred on it by this Bill.
- (2) In furtherance of its objects the Institute shall have the following ancillary objects and powers to —

- (a) develop, organise and conduct professional examinations in securities and investments leading to the award of certificates as may be prescribed by the Council;
- (b) develop, organise, promote, for the public benefit, the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in the field of securities and investments;
- (c) determine standards of professional conduct and competence for all its members, establish rules (by way of regulation, code, or guidelines) pertaining to the professional conduct of its members, promote such standards in Nigeria and overseas, and discipline members and registered students who fail to comply with such standards and rules;
- (d) conduct research in matters of education or public interest concerning securities and investments professionals;
- (e) fix and receive fees and levies payable by or on behalf of candidates, members, or firms in respect of such events, materials, training, examinations and subscriptions as the Institute may develop, organise or conduct;
- (f) preserve at all times the professional independence of members in whatever capacities they may be serving;
- (g) promote, foster and maintain the interest and support of persons engaged in securities and investments in the objects and activities of the Institute;
- (h) organise, provide facilities for and hold lectures, seminars, meetings, discussions, conferences, exhibitions, competitions, demonstrations and courses of instructions on securities and investments and related fields;
- (i) publish, produce or distribute books, pamphlets, literature, periodicals, films, posters and journals relating to the affairs of the Institute or by promoting and furthering the interests, usefulness and efficiency of members and others or of the securities and investments profession generally;
- (j) disseminate information relating to securities and investments to its members and to liaise with the Government and the regulatory bodies towards promoting best practices in the conduct of securities and investments business among its members;
- (k) make recommendations for improving or simplifying the law and practice relating to securities and investments professionals and capital market instruments, draw attention to the anomalies in such law and forward its recommendations to the appropriate authority;
- (l) make grants or other contributions to local or other societies having as their object the furtherance of the objects of the Institute;
- (m) receive grants, gifts, levies, or other contributions from individuals, corporate or governmental organisations;

- (n) make gifts or contributions for national, public, educational, research or charitable purposes;
- (o) make grants to universities or other educational establishments, to provide finance and make grants for courses, lectures, classes or other tuition or for research and to establish scholarships or exhibitions and give prizes with a view to promoting or furthering the interests of members and prospective members of the Institute;
- (p) establish and maintain a library or libraries and collection of literature, films and other material for the use of members and others;
- (q) undertake and execute any trusts which may be lawfully undertaken by the Institute and may further its objects;
- (r) organise, finance and maintain schemes for the granting of diplomas, certificates and other awards (with or without prior examination) with a view to promoting the principal objects of the Institute and to provide, if it deems fit (whether in such scheme or otherwise) and subject to payment of such fee, subscription or other sums as may be prescribed by or under the Regulations of the Institute, for the use of designatory letters by persons granted such diplomas, certificates and awards; and
- (s) independently or in conjunction with others, undertake such other acts and things incidental to these powers, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the Institute (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 3: Membership of the Institute.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and membership regulations which may be made by the Institute, persons admitted to membership of the Institute shall be registered in the categories of —
 - (a) Fellow Members;
 - (b) Honorary Fellow Members;
 - (c) Associate Members; and
 - (d) Student Members.
- (2) A person registered under this Bill shall be enrolled to a higher membership status in any of the following categories, that is —
 - (a) as a Fellow Member if he —
 - (i) satisfies the Council that he has for a continuous period of 10 years immediately preceding the application he has been an Associate member in good standing with the Institute, shall qualify for election as a Fellow member of the Institute,

- (ii) is a holder of approved academic or professional qualifications and a certificate of the examinations prescribed or accepted by the Institute,
 - (iii) is considered by the Council to be a fit person to be so enrolled as a fellow, and
 - (iv) satisfies all other criteria as may be specified by the Council;
 - (b) as an Honorary Fellow Member if he —
 - (i) has contributed immensely to the growth of securities and Investments profession in Nigeria and the Institute, and in the opinion of the Council is able to assist in the promotion of the objects of the Institute by reason of his experience, or position of eminence,
 - (ii) is considered by the Council as a fit and proper person to be awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the Institute and satisfies the Council that he is eligible to be so awarded, and
 - (iii) complies with any requirements as set out in Regulations made by the Council and published;
 - (c) as an Associate Member if he —
 - (i) has passed the prescribed examinations,
 - (ii) has been admitted by any recognised related foreign Institute to that category of membership,
 - (iii) is considered by the Council to be a fit person to be so enrolled, and
 - (iv) satisfies all other criteria as may be specified by the Council;
 - (d) as a Student Member if he —
 - (i) possesses the minimum requirements approved by Council to be registered as a student,
 - (ii) duly registered by the Council as a student member for a particular examination he chooses to write, and
 - (iii) is considered by Council as a fit and proper person to be so registered.
- (3) A person admitted to any category of membership of the Institute shall give an undertaking on admission in writing in such terms as rules and membership regulations may prescribe, and the undertaking on admission shall include that he will —
 - (a) abide by the Act, Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct (as amended);

- (b) not at any time after ceasing to be a member of the Institute use or permit to be used in conjunction with —
 - (i) his name,
 - (ii) the name of any organisation with which he may be associated,
 - (iii) any designation, designatory initials or expression denoting or suggesting any past or present membership of or connection with the Institute that he or the organisation is not entitled to use;
- (c) be liable while a member and will remain liable after ceasing to be a member any money payable by him to the Institute, including any fee, subscription, levy, fine or other penalty, or reimbursement in accordance with any scheme of compensation; and
- (d) comply with such other requirements as the Council shall determine (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART II — OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND
OTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 4: Office of the President and other principal officers.

- (1) There shall be for the Institute a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Honorary Treasurer who shall be Fellows of the Institute, to be elected by the Council and hold office each for a term of two years from the date of election.
- (2) The President shall be the Chairman at meetings of the Institute, so however that in the event of the death, incapacity or inability for any reason of the President, the First Vice-President shall act in his stead for the unexpired portion of the term of office, or as the case may require, and references in this Bill to the President shall be construed accordingly.
- (3) The President and Vice-Presidents shall respectively be Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Council established by section 5 of this Bill.
- (4) Where the President or any principal officer of the Institute ceases to be a member of the Institute he shall cease to hold any of the offices designated under this section.
- (5) There shall be such other officers of the Institute as the Regulations made by the Institute may prescribe or authorise and they shall have such powers and duties and such terms of office and shall be appointed in such manner as may be prescribed by or in accordance with the membership regulations (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART III — GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 5: Establishment of Governing Council.

- (1) There is established for the Institute a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall be charged with the responsibility for the administration and general management of the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of —
 - (a) the Chairman who shall be the President of the Institute;
 - (b) such number of Vice-Presidents as may be prescribed by regulations;
 - (c) one representative each of the —
 - (i) Securities and Exchange Commission,
 - (ii) Pension Commission of Nigeria,
 - (iii) Federal Ministry responsible for education,
 - (iv) Federal Ministry responsible for finance,
 - (v) Federal Ministry responsible for industry, trade and investment,
 - (vi) National Assembly who shall be a member of the Institute or knowledgeable in securities and investments,
 - (vii) National University Commission (NUC), and
 - (viii) National Board for Technical Education;
 - (d) two representatives of all licensed Securities Exchanges;
 - (e) one member representing each of the following categories, based on application responsible for —
 - (i) Investments (Portfolio Management, Fund Management Investment Advisory and Financial Planning), and
 - (ii) Securities Issuance and Financial advisory;
 - (f) Honorary Treasurer;
 - (g) members and such persons whose skills are required but not exceeding five persons at any point in time and whose tenure shall not be more than one tenure in office, to be co-opted by the Council;
 - (h) past Presidents of the Institute who shall be entitled to serve on the Council for a maximum period of three years from the expiration of their terms of office as President of the Institute;
 - (i) 12 members to be elected by the Institute from the Associate or Fellow category; and
 - (j) the Registrar and chief executive officer of the Institute.

- (3) A member of the Council shall hold office for the term of his appointment or election (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 6: Powers of the Council.

The Council shall have power to do all such things which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute in accordance with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART IV — ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

Clause 7: Fund of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be established for the Institute, a fund which shall be managed and controlled by the Council.
- (2) There shall be paid into the Fund established under subsection (1) —
- (a) all fees and other money payable to the Institute under this Bill; and
 - (b) such other money as may be payable to the Institute in the course of its operations or in relation to the exercise of any of its functions under this Bill.
- (3) There shall be paid out of the Fund of the Institute —
- (a) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and chief executive officer and other employees of the Institute;
 - (b) such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowances of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the business of the Council as the Council may determine;
 - (c) remuneration to and the expenses of any other persons (whether members of the Institute or not) who render services to the Institute; and
 - (d) any other expenses incurred by the Council in the performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (4) The income and property of the Institute, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set out in this Bill or added to in the manner provided and no member shall have any personal claim on any of the income or property.
- (5) No part of the Fund, income or property of the Institute shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to its members, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any member, or to any other person in return for services rendered to the Institute, or the payment in good faith of expenses incurred by any such person in providing such services, or the payment of interest at a rate to be determined by Council on money borrowed from any member or any payment becoming due under or by virtue of any indemnity given by the Institute to any officials or servants or to any member in accordance with the members' Regulations.

- (6) Where a person ceases for any cause whatsoever to be a member of the Institute, he or his representatives shall not have any interest in, or claim against the funds or property of the Institute.
- (7) The Council may invest money from the Fund in any security created or issued by or on behalf of the Federal Government or in any other securities in Nigeria approved by the Council.
- (8) The Council may borrow money with or without security for the purpose of the Institute and any interest payable on money so borrowed shall be paid out of the Fund.
- (9) Members of the Institute shall pay fees, subscriptions, levies, or other sums payable by members.
- (10) The Council shall, on behalf of the Institute, cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to —
 - (a) all sums of money received and expended by the Institute and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure took place;
 - (b) all sales and purchases of goods and services by the Institute; and
 - (c) the assets and liabilities of the Institute.
- (11) Proper books shall not be deemed to be kept if the books of account as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Institute's affairs and to explain its transactions, are not kept.
- (12) A copy of every balance sheet, income and expenditure account and auditors report shall be sent to every member at least 21 days before the meeting at which they are to be considered (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 8: Accounts and audit.

The Council shall cause the financial statements of the Institute to be audited by an auditor or auditors appointed in a manner prescribed in the members' Regulations (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART V — APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTRAR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Clause 9: Appointment of Registrar and chief executive officer.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person who shall be a member of the Institute to be the chief executive officer for the purpose of this Bill, and such other persons as the Council may deem necessary to assist the Registrar and chief executive officer in the performance of his functions under this Bill.
- (2) The Registrar and chief executive officer, shall in addition to his other functions under this Bill, be the Secretary to the Council and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Council and its committees.

- (3) The Registrar and chief executive officer appointed under subsection (1) shall report to the Council of the Institute.
- (4) The registrar shall prepare and maintain a register of members, in accordance with Council Regulations, which shall record any person —
 - (a) admitted to any class of membership of the Institute following admission or readmission; and
 - (b) expelled, resigns or suspended from any class of membership of the Institute.
- (5) There shall be for the purposes of this Bill a register of individual members.
- (6) Subject to other provisions of this section, the Council shall make rules with respect to the form and keeping of registers and the making of entries in them, and in particular —
 - (a) regulate the making of applications for enrolment or registration, as the case may be, and providing for the evidence to be produced in support of the applications;
 - (b) provide for the notification to the Registrar and chief executive officer, by the person to whom any registered particular relates or any change in those particulars;
 - (c) authorise an enrolled or registered person to have any qualification which is in, relation to the relevant division of the profession, either an approved qualification or an accepted qualification, for the purposes of this Bill, registered in relation to his name in addition to, or as he may elect, in substitution for any other qualification so registered;
 - (d) specify the fees, including any annual subscription, to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names in the register and authorising the Registrar and chief executive officer to refuse to enter a name on the register until any fee specified for the entry has been paid; and
 - (e) specify anything failing to be specified under the foregoing provisions of this section:

Provided that, rules made for the purpose of paragraph (d) shall not come into effect until they are confirmed at a meeting of the Institute.
- (7) The Registrar and chief executive officer shall —
 - (a) correct, in accordance with the Council's directions, 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) make any necessary alterations in the registered particulars of registered persons in accordance with the Council directives;
 - (c) remove from the register, the name of a deceased member; and

- (d) record the names of members of the Institute who are in the default for more than one year in the payment of annual subscriptions and to take such action in relation to it (including removal of the names of defaulters from the register) as the Council may direct and any person whose name is removed from the register for being in default of payment for more than one year may be re-registered subject to payment of outstanding subscription and re-registration fees as may be approved by the Council (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 10: Publication of register and list of corrections.

- (1) The Registrar and chief executive officer shall —
 - (a) cause the register to be published on the Institute's website and make it available to members of the public not later than two years from the commencement of this Bill; and
 - (b) subsequently update and publish the register annually.
- (2) A document purporting to be published on the Institute's website shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the document or the documents read together as being registered or enrolled was so enrolled or registered as 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 enrolled or registered (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART VI — REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS

Clause 11: Registration of members.

- (1) A person who has been inducted shall be entitled to be registered as member in the categories of membership specified in section 3 of this Bill if he satisfies the requirements for registration.
- (2) An applicant for registration shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that he —
 - (a) is of good character;
 - (b) has attained the age of 18 years; and
 - (c) has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty.
- (3) The Council may at its sole discretion provisionally accept a qualification presented in respect of an application for registration under this section or direct that application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.
- (4) The Council shall prescribe and publish (including in electronic form) in the official journal, newsletter, magazine or website of the Institute particulars of qualification for the time being accepted (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 12: Approval of qualifications.

- (1) The Council may approve any qualification for the purposes of this Bill and may for such purposes approve —
 - (a) any course of training at any approved institution which is intended for persons seeking to be members of the Institute and which the Council considers adequate to confer on persons completing it, sufficient knowledge and skill for admission to the Institute; and
 - (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 having reached a standard at the examination, indicating in the opinion of the Council, that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill to practice as securities and investments professionals.
- (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 the withdrawal of such an approval, the Council shall —
 - (a) give notice that it proposes to do so to each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be;
 - (b) afford each of such person an opportunity of making to the Council representations with regard to the proposal; and
 - (c) take into consideration any representations made in respect of the proposal under paragraph (b).
- (3) A course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved during any period the approval is withdrawn under subsection (2).
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3), the withdrawal of approval under subsection (2) shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the approval, was registered or was eligible for registration (either unconditionally or subject to his obtaining a certificate or experience) immediately before the approval was withdrawn.
- (5) The giving 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 giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in the instrument, and the Council shall —
 - (a) as soon as may be practicable, publish a copy of every such instrument in the official newsletter and magazine or website of the Institute, and
 - (b) not less than seven days before its publication, send a copy of the instrument to the institution affected (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART VII — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Clause 13: Establishment of Investigating Panel and Disciplinary Tribunal.

- (1) There is established the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria Investigating Panel (in this Bill referred to as "the Investigating Panel") which shall —
 - (a) conduct a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member of the Institute has misbehaved in his capacity as a member or shall for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal;
 - (b) decide whether the case should be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal or not; or
 - (c) submit a report on any action taken in the past to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (2) The Investigating Panel shall be appointed by the Council as prescribed in the Regulations of the Institute.
- (3) The Council may make rules consistent with this Bill as regard acts which constitute professional misconduct.
- (4) The Investigating Panel shall act independently in receiving and investigating allegations under subsection (1) (a) and shall have power to receive complaints directly from any individual or organisation.
- (5) There is established the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as "the Disciplinary Tribunal") which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Investigating Panel constituted under subsection (1).
- (6) The Investigating Panel and the Disciplinary Tribunal shall consist of such number of members with such qualifications, appointed by the Council in such manner and to hold office for such period and on such terms as the Regulations of the Institute shall direct (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 14: Penalties for professional misconduct.

- (1) Where —
 - (a) a member is adjudged by the Disciplinary Tribunal to be guilty of professional misconduct in any professional respect;
 - (b) a member is convicted by any court or tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to award punishment for an offence (whether or not such offence is punishable with imprisonment), which in the opinion of the Disciplinary Tribunal is incompatible with the conduct required of a member of the Institute; or
 - (c) the Disciplinary Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has

been fraudulently enrolled or registered, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall impose such sanctions as it deems fit and convey a direction to the person concerned after receiving the confirmation of the Council.

- (2) If the complaint against the person concerned is upheld by the Disciplinary Tribunal having heard the case, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall direct that anyone or more of the following sanctions be imposed —
- (a) the respondent be reprimanded;
 - (b) the respondent be severely reprimanded;
 - (c) the respondent's registration as a member in practice be suspended or cancelled;
 - (d) the respondent's practising licence be withdrawn;
 - (e) the respondent be fined a sum not exceeding a maximum figure as the Council may set;
 - (f) the respondent be expelled from membership of the Institute,
 - (g) the respondent's membership be made subject to conditions;
 - (h) the respondent's registration, if an affiliate or a registered student, be cancelled or made subject to conditions;
 - (i) the respondent may be required to fully or partly retribute the complainant;
 - (j) the respondent may be required to pay all or part of the costs of the proceedings against him;
 - (k) the respondent gives a written undertaking to refrain from continuing or repeating the misconduct in question; and
 - (l) in the case of an Affiliate or Registered Student (but not an Associate or Fellow member) that he —
 - (i) be declared unfit to become a full member,
 - (ii) be debarred from sitting the Institute's examinations or assessments for such a period of time as shall be determined, and
 - (iii) have a relevant examination or assessment result declared null and void.
- (3) The Disciplinary Tribunal may, if it deems fit, defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (2) until a subsequent meeting of the Disciplinary Tribunal, but —
- (a) no decision shall be deferred under this subsection for any period exceeding three months from the conclusion of proceedings in the case; and

- (b) no person shall be a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal for the purpose of reaching a decision which has been deferred, or further deferred, unless he was present as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal when the decision was deferred.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (1) (b), a person shall not be treated as guilty, unless the guilt stand at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the direction.
- (5) When the Disciplinary Tribunal gives a direction under subsection (1), the Disciplinary Tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates:
- Provided that appeals against the decision of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria Disciplinary Tribunal goes to the Investments and Security Tribunal.
- (6) A direction of the Disciplinary Tribunal given under subsection (1) shall take effect where —
- (a) no appeal under the section is brought against the direction within the time limit for such an appeal, or on the expiration of that time;
- (b) such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal; or
- (c) such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out, if and when the appeal is dismissed.
- (7) A person whose name is struck out of the register under a direction of the Disciplinary Tribunal under this section, shall not be entitled to be enrolled or registered again, except under a direction in that behalf given by the Disciplinary Tribunal on the application of that person and a direction under this section for the striking off 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 an application, from the date of his last application), as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART VIII — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 15: Application of this Bill to unregistered persons.

A person who is not a member of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers before the commencement of this Bill, but is qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the Institute, may apply for membership of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria established by this Bill, in such a manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and shall be registered in the category of membership appropriate in the current period for holders of the qualification the person possesses (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 16: Offences and penalties.

- (1) A person, who for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter, commits an offence where he —
 - (a) makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material particular;
 - (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular;
 - (c) uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is a member of the Institute when he has not been so licensed; or
 - (d) willfully makes any falsification in any matters relating to the membership of the Institute.
- (2) A person who being a member of the Institute, but not having a certificate of practice, represents that he is in practice or practices as a chartered member, commits an offence.
- (3) The Registrar and chief executive officer or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute who willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, commits an offence.
- (4) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable —
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not more than ₦3,000, 000; or
 - (b) on conviction or indictment, to a fine not more than ₦5,000,000:

Provided that criminal offences shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agencies for prosecution as provided by Nigerian law (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 17: Rules as to practice.

- (1) The Council may make rules to guide training in securities and investments methods and practice.
- (2) The Council may also make rules —
 - (a) prescribing the amount and due date for the payment of the fee, annual subscriptions or such other sums and for such purposes, different amounts may be prescribed by rules according to the category of membership;
 - (b) prescribing the form of license to practice to be issued annually, or if the Council deems fit, by endorsement on an existing licence;
 - (c) restricting the right of a member in default of the amount of the annual subscription where the default continues for longer than such period as may be prescribed by the rules;
 - (d) restricting the right to practice as the member of the profession if the qualification granted outside Nigeria does not entitle the holder to practice as a member of the profession; and

- (e) prescribing the period of practical training in the office of a member of the profession in practice to be completed before a person qualifies for a license to practice as a member of the profession.
- (3) Rules made under this section shall, if the Council so directs, be published in the official newsletter, website and magazine of the Institute (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 18: Transitional provisions relation to existing securities and investments professionals.

- (1) On the Commencement of this Bill, any securities and investments professional registered by the Commission to operate in the Nigerian capital market who seeks to become a member of the Institute shall be granted such membership automatically and exempted from fulfilling the conditions prescribed in this Bill.
- (2) Securities and investments professionals who belong to trade associations which entered into memoranda of understanding with the Institute prior to the commencement of the Act shall be automatically enrolled as members of the Institute in accordance with the provisions of such memoranda of understanding (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 19: Power to make regulations.

- (1) The Institute may, as it deems fit, by special resolution make such regulations for regulating the affairs of the Institute and may rescind, repeal, amend or vary any of the regulations made under this Bill.
- (2) For the purposes of this Bill a "special resolution" means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting in person at a meeting specially convened for the purpose with at least 21 days notice in writing (which expression shall be taken to mean written or produced by any substitute for writing or partly one and partly another, including in electronic form).
- (3) Regulations made by special resolution shall be known as "Members Regulations" and Regulations made by the Council shall be known as "Council Regulations" and Members Regulations may direct that any matter prescribed or regulated in it may be further prescribed or regulated by Council Regulations.
- (4) A regulation made under this Bill shall be published (including in electronic form) in the official journal, newsletter, magazine or website of the Institute (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 20: Dissolution of Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers.

- (1) On the commencement of this Bill, the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers shall cease to exist and the functions and employees, assets and liabilities of the said Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers shall be transferred to the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria.

- (2) An act or thing made or done by the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers shall be deemed to have been made or done by the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria established by this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 21: Transfer to the Institute of Assets and Liabilities.

- (1) On the commencement of this Bill —
- (a) the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria shall retain such persons in its employment not being persons on the staff of the defunct Institute but as staff of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria transferred to it by this Bill on the same terms and conditions; and
- (b) any staff of the defunct Institute who fails within one month of the defunct Institute to report for duty at his duty post as designated by the management of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria shall be deemed to have abandoned his duty post.
- (2) As from the commencement of this Bill —
- (a) the provision of any contract or instrument, shall be read and construed with such modifications (including additions, alterations, omissions or repeals) as would bring them in conformity with the general intendment of this Bill;
- (b) the rights, interests, obligations and liabilities of the defunct Institute existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under any contract or instrument, or in law or in equity apart from contract or instrument, shall by virtue of this Bill be assigned to and vested in the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria; and
- (c) any such contract or instrument as is mentioned in paragraph (b), shall be of the same effect against or in favour of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if instead of the defunct Institute, the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria had been named in it or had been a party to it.
- (3) The provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to matters arising from the transfer by this section to the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria of the property of the defunct Institute and with respect to the other matters mentioned in it (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 22: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"approved training" means practical training and experience approved by the Council and obtained at or from a recognised training organisation (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"complainant" means a person making a complaint (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council established for the Institute under section 5 of this Bill (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"Disciplinary Tribunal" means the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria Disciplinary Tribunal established under section 13(5) of this Bill (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"fees" includes annual subscription, levy, or other sums payable for membership (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"in writing" means written or produced by any substitute for writing or partly one and partly another, including in electronic form (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria established under section 1 of the Act (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"Investigating Panel" means the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria Investigating Panel established under section 13 (1) of this Bill (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"member" means a member of the Institute and membership shall be construed accordingly (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"member in practice" and "member in public practice" means a member registered as such under this Bill and under any regulations and defined in any Regulations (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Question that the meaning of the words “member in practice” and “member in public practice” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means a Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"President", "First Vice-Presidents", "Second Vice-Presidents" and "Honorary Treasurer" respectively means the holder of offices under those names in the Institute (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Question that the meaning of the words “President”, “First Vice President”, “Second Vice-Presidents” and “Honorary Treasurer” respectively be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"register" means the register maintained under section 9 of this Bill (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"Registrar and Chief Executive Officer" means the person appointed by the Council under section 9 (1) of the Act (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Question that the meaning of the words “Registrar and Chief Executive Officer” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Regulations" means regulations made by the Institute, Council or any Committee or subcommittee under section 19 of this Bill; and (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

"securities and investments professional" means a professional who is engaged in securities issuance and financial advisory, securities dealing, fund management, investments, portfolio management, investments advisory services, registrar services, and financial planning services, and in capital market operations or activities or conducting business in the securities and investments field or in capital market instruments (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Question that the meaning of the words “securities and investments professional” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

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

Clause 23: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

SCHEDULE

Section 21 (3)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO ASSETS AND LIABILITIES*Transfer of assets and liabilities*

1. (1) Every agreement to which the defunct Institute was a party immediately before the commencement of this Bill, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such a nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations could be assigned by the defunct Institute, shall, unless its terms or subject matter make it impossible that it should have effect as modified in the manner provided by these subparagraphs, have effect from the commencement of this Bill so far as it relates to assets and liabilities transferred by this Bill to the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria, as if —
 - (a) the Institute established by this Bill had been a party to the agreement;
 - (b) for any reference (however worded and whether expressed or implied) to the defunct Institute, there were substituted as respects anything falling to be done on or after the commencement of this Bill a reference to the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria; or
 - (c) for any reference, however, worded and whether expressed or implied, to a member or members of the Council of the defunct Institute or an officer of the defunct Institute, there were substituted, as respects anything falling to be done on or after the commencement of this Bill, a reference to a member or members of the Council under this Bill or the officer of the defunct Institute corresponds as nearly as may be to the member or officer in question of the defunct Institute.
- (2) Other documents which refer, whether specially or generally, to the defunct Institute shall be considered in accordance with subparagraph (1) so far as applicable.
- (3) Without prejudice to this Schedule, where by the operation of section 21 of this Bill, any right, liability or obligation vests in the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria, the Institute and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, have the same rights, powers and remedies (and, in particular, the same rights as to the taking or resisting of legal proceeding or the making or resisting of applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have if it had at all times been a right liability or obligation of the Institute.
- (4) Any proceeding or cause of action or application to any authority pending or existing or which could have been taken by or against the defunct Institute immediately before the commencement of this Bill in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the defunct Institute may be commenced, continued or enforced or taken by or against the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria established by this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

The Bill repeals the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers Act, Cap. C9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and enacts the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments of Nigeria Act, 2023 to regulate and control the professional practice in the areas of securities and investments business in Nigeria (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers Act, Cap. C9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments Act, 2023 to Set Standards of Knowledge, Ethical Conduct and Practice, Train, Certify, Discipline its Members, Promote and Advance the Practice of Securities and Investments Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 416) (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr 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 Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers Act, Cap. C9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments Bill, 2024 to set Standards of Knowledge, Ethical Conduct and Practice, Train, Certify, discipline its Members, Promote and Advance the Practice of Securities and Investments Profession and for Related Matters (HB. 416) and approved Clauses 1 - 23, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(vi) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security and for Related Matters (HB. 505) (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 Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security and for Related Matters (HB. 505)” (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CHARTERED
NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR INDUSTRIAL SECURITY;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.505)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, ETC. OF THE CHARTERED
NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR INDUSTRIAL SECURITY

Clause 1: Establishment of the Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security.

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Chartered Establishment Nigerian Institute For Industrial Security (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") of the Chartered which shall be a body corporate under that name and be charged with the general Nigerian Institute duty of:
 - (a) determining what standards of knowledge and skill are to be attained by persons, seeking to become registered members of the Security profession (in this Bill referred to as "the profession") and reviewing 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 fellows, associates, and registered members of the profession and the publication, from time to time, of the lists of those persons; and
 - (c) performing, through the Council established under section 3 of this Bill, the function conferred on it by this Bill.
- (2) The Institute shall have perpetual succession and a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may, from time to time, authorize (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 2: Membership of the Institute.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, persons admitted to Membership of membership of the Institute shall be enrolled as security practitioners in the Institute the category of:
 - (a) Fellows;
 - (b) Associates; or
 - (c) Ordinary members; and shall have status in the Institute accordingly.
- (2) Persons registered under this Bill as security practitioners shall be entitled to be enrolled:
 - (a) as fellows, if they satisfy the Council that for the period of ten years immediately preceding the date of application in that behalf they have been fit persons and in addition to being the holders of approved academic or professional qualifications, have been in continuous active employment as security practitioners;
 - (b) as associates, if they satisfy the Council that for the period of five years immediately preceding the date of application in that behalf they have been fit persons and, in addition to being successful at a qualifying examination prescribed by the Institute have been the holders of approved academic or professional qualifications and have been in continuous active employment as security practitioners and;
 - (c) as ordinary members, if they are employed on a full-time basis in a security establishment.

- (3) The Institute may register a member as an honorary fellow, or honorary associate, an honorary fellow after an election by the council on the recommendation of the board of fellow or as an honorary associate after an election by the Council on the recommendation of the membership committee.
- (4) No person shall be entitled to be employed as a security consultant or senior officer in the security department of any company or organization in the Publican and Private Sector unless he is duly registered as a member of the Institute.
- (5) Fellow and associates of the Institute shall be entitled to use after their names the words "Fellow of the Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security and "Associate of the Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security" respectively the initials "FNIIS or "ANIIS" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 3: Council of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be, as the governing body of the Institute, a council which shall be charged with the administration and general management of the Institute.
- (2) The council shall consist of —
 - (a) the President of the institute as Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy President of the institute as Vice Chairman;
 - (c) the Registrar/Chief Executive of the institute as Secretary;
 - (d) immediate Past President of the Institute as member;
 - (e) the Commandant General of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps or his representative as member;
 - (f) one member representing the Inspector General of Police;
 - (g) one member representing the Director General of the Department of State Services;
 - (h) one member representing the Private Guard Companies Department of NSCDC;
 - (i) two representatives of the Association of licensed Private Security Practitioners of Nigeria;
 - (j) one representative from each of the existing security institutes accredited by Centre For Management Development. The said institute must have been in existence for not less than 10 years before the passing of this Bill;
 - (k) one representative from Asis International Region 11, Nigeria;
 - (l) one member from the Private Sector industry Security Group;

- (m) five members drawn from the organized Private Security industry elected by the institute at its AGM representing different sectors in the industry;
- (n) a representative from each of the following Federal Ministries namely:
 - (i) Interior,
 - (ii) Police affairs;
- (o) one representative from the Society for Professional Background Screeners;
- (p) one representative from International Foundation for Protection Officers, Nigerian Chapter (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 4: Election of President and Vice President of Power of the Council the Institute.

- (1) The President or Deputy President of the Institute shall Election of each hold office for a term of one year from the date of his election and President an shall be eligible for re-election for a further term of one year and no Vice President more of the Institute
- (2) The President shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Institute, so however that in the event of the death, incapacity or inability for any reason of the President, the Deputy President, shall act as President for the unexpired portion of the term of office as President, as the case may be, and references in this Bill to the President shall be construed accordingly.
- (3) If the President or the Deputy President ceases to be a member of the Institute, they shall cease to hold any of the offices designated under this section.
- (4) The provisions of schedule 1 to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualification and tenure of office of members of the council and the other matters therein mentioned.
- (5) The council shall have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- Clause 5:**
- (1) There shall be established for the Institute, a fund which shall be managed and controlled by the council.
 - (2) There shall be paid into the fund established pursuant to subsections (1) of this section:
 - (a) all fees and other moneys payable to the Institute in pursuance of this Bill;

- (b) such moneys as maybe payable to the Institute, whether in the course of the discharge of its functions or not.
- (3) There shall be paid out of the fund of the Institute:
 - (a) the remuneration and allowances of the Director General, Registrar and the other employees of the Institute;
 - (b) such reasonable traveling and subsistence allowances of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the business of the Institute as the Council may, determine; and
 - (c) any other expenses incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Bill.
- (4) The Council may invest moneys from the fund in any security created or issued by on behalf of the Government of the Federation or in any other securities in Nigeria approved by the Council.
- (5) The Council may, from time to time, borrow money for the purposes of the Institute and any interest payable on moneys so borrowed shall be paid out of the fund (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 6: Accounts, etc.

The Council shall keep proper accounts on behalf of the Institute etc in respect of each year and proper records in relations to those accounts and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited, within six months after the end of the year to which the accounts relate by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation; and the accounts shall be submitted to the members of the Institute for approval by them at the Annual General meeting of the Institute (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART III — THE REGISTRAR AND THE REGISTER

Clause 7: Appointment of Registrar, etc and preparation of the Register.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registrar for the purpose of this Bill.
- (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to his other functions under the Act, be the Secretary to the Council and shall on the instructions of the President of the Institute or any committee of the Council convene and keep minutes of the proceedings at all meetings of the Council and committees thereof as the case may be.
- (3) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the Institute as the Council may determine to assist the Registrar in the exercise of his functions under this Bill.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain, in accordance with rules made by the Council, a registrar of the names, addresses, be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Bill to be enrolled as fellows including honorary fellows,

associates including honorary associates, and other members who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be registered.

- (5) The register shall consist of three parts of which:
 - (a) the first part shall be in respect of fellow including honorary fellows;
 - (b) the second part shall be in respect of associates including honorary associates; and
 - (c) the third part shall be in respect of others.
- (6) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the Council shall make rules with respect to the form and the keeping of the registers and the making of entries therein; in and in particular —
 - (a) regulating the making of applications for enrollment or registration, as the case may be and providing for the evidence to be produced in support of applications;
 - (b) providing for the notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom any registered particulars relate, of any charge in those particulars;
 - (c) authorizing an enrolled or a registered person to have any qualification which is in relation to the relevant division of the profession, either an approved qualification or an accepted qualification for the purpose of this Bill, registered in relation to his name in addition to or as he may elect, in substitution for any other qualification so registered;
 - (d) specifying the fees, including fees, including any annual subscription, to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names on the register, and authorizing the Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until any fee specified for the entry has been paid; and
 - (e) specifying anything falling to be specified under the foregoing provisions of this section.
- (7) Rules made for the purpose of paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of this section shall not come into force until approved at the next annual general meeting of the Institute.
- (8) It shall be the duty of the Registrar:
 - (a) to correct, in accordance with the Council directions, 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) to make, from time to time, any necessary alterations to the registered particulars of registered persons;
 - (c) to remove from the register, the name of any enrolled or registered Person who has died;

- (d) to record the name of any member of the Institute who is in default for more than six months in the payment of his annual subscription, and to take such action in relation thereto (including removal of the names of a defaulter from the register) as the Council under this Decree may direct or require.
- (9) If the Registrar;
 - (a) sends by post to any registered or enrolled person, a registered letter addressed to that person at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered or enrolled particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within the period of six months from the date of posting it; and
 - (b) upon the expiration of that period, sends in the like manner to the person in question, a second similar letter and receives no reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting it, the Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register: provided that the Council may direct the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register any particulars removed there from under this subsection.
- (10) (1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar —
 - (a) to cause the register to be printed, published and put on sale to the members of the public not later than two years from the commencement of this Bill;
 - (b) thereafter in each year, to cause to be printed, published and put on sale to the members of the public as aforesaid, either a corrected edition of the register or a list of correction made to the register, since it was printed;
 - (c) to cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal offices of the Institute; and
 - (d) to keep the register and the lists so deposited to be made available to members of the public at all reasonable times for inspection.
- (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register published under this section by authority of the Registrar, or documents purporting to be prints of an edition by authority of the Registrar so published and of corrections to that edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the document, or the documents read together, being as registered, 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 enrolled or registered.
- (3) Where in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, a person is, in any proceedings, shown to have been or not to have registered or enrolled at a particular date, he shall unless the contrary is proved be taken for the purpose of those proceedings as having at all

material times thereafter continued not to be so enrolled or registered (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART IV — REGISTRATION

Clause 9: Registration of security practitioner.

Subject to the provisions of this Bill, a person shall be entitled to be registered as a security practitioner, if —

- (a) he passes the qualifying examination accepted by the Institute under this Bill and completes the practical training prescribed; or
- (b) he holds a qualification granted outside Nigeria and for the time being accepted by the Institute and is by law entitled to practice for all purpose as a professional security practitioner in the country in which the qualification was granted and if the council so requires, he satisfies the Council that he has had sufficient experience as a security practitioner (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 10: Persons entitled to be registered.

- (1) A person shall be entitled to be registered as a member of the security profession if —
 - (a) he is of good character and high integrity;
 - (b) he had attained the age of twenty - one years; and
 - (c) he has not been convicted in Nigeria or in any other country of an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or gross misconduct,
- (2) The Council may, in its absolute discretion, provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.
- (3) Any entry directed to be made in the register under subsection (2) of this section, shall show that the registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the consent of Council signified in writing in that behalf.
- (4) The Council shall from time to time publish in the Gazette particulars of the qualifications for the time being accepted for registration (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 11: Approval of qualifications, etc.

- (1) The Council may approve any qualification for the purposes of this Bill and may for the purpose approve:
 - (a) any course of training at any approved Institution, which is intended for persons seeking to become or are already security practitioners and which the Council considers is designed to confer on persons

- completing it, sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the profession;
- (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 at the examination, indicating in the opinion of the Council that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill to practice as security practitioners.
- (2) The Council may, if it thinks 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 each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be;
- (b) afford such person an opportunity of making to the Council representations with regard to the proposal; and
- (c) take into consideration any representation made as respect the proposal in pursuance of paragraph (b) of this section.
- (3) A course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved during any period the approval is withdrawn under subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection, (3) of this section, the withdrawal of an approval under section (2) of this section, shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who by virtue of the approval was registered or was eligible for registration (either unconditionally or subject to his obtaining a certificate of experience) immediately before the approval was withdrawn.
- (5) The giving 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 giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in the instrument and the Council shall —
- (a) as soon as may be, publish a copy of every such instrument in the Gazette; and
- (b) not later than seven days before its publication as aforesaid send a copy of the instrument to the secretary (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 12: Supervision of instruction, etc.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the members of the Council to keep themselves; informed of the nature of:
- (a) the instruction given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training; and

- (b) the examination as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and for the purpose of performing that duty, the Council may appoint, a committee either from among its own members or otherwise, to visit approved institutions to attend such examinations.
- (2) It shall be the duty of a committee appointed under 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 institution visited by it;
 - (b) the sufficiency of the examinations attended by it; and
 - (c) any other matters relating to the institutions or examinations which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request it to report, but no committee member shall interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.
- (3) On receiving a report made in pursuance of this section, the Council may, if it thinks fit and shall, if so required by the Institute, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the Institution or responsible for the examinations to which the report relates, requesting that person to make observations on the report to 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. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART V — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Clause 13: Establishment of the disciplinary committee and investigating panel.

- (1) There shall be a committee to be known as the chartered Nigerian of the Institute for Industrial Security Disciplinary Committee (in this Bill referred to as the "the disciplinary committee") which shall be charged with the duty committee and of considering and determining any case referred to it by the investigation panel established by the disciplinary committee has cognizance under the panel following provisions of this Bill.
- (2) The disciplinary committee shall consist of the Chairman and six other members of the Council appointed by the Council.
- (3) There shall be a body to be known as the Chartered Nigerian Institute For Industrial Security Investigation panel (in this Bill referred to as "the Investigation panel") which shall be charged with the duty of —
 - (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member has misbehaved in his capacity as a security practitioner or should for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the disciplinary committee; and
 - (b) deciding whether the case should be referred to the disciplinary committee.
- (4) The investigation panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of four members of the Council and one security practitioner who is not a member of the Council.

- (5) The provisions of Schedule 2 to this Bill shall; so far as they are applicable to the disciplinary committee and the investigating panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies.
- (6) The Council may make rules not inconsistent with this Bill as to acts which constitute professional misconduct (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 14: Penalties for unprofessional conduct.

- (1) Where —
 - (a) a person enrolled or registered under this Bill is adjudged by the disciplinary committee to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or
 - (b) a person enrolled or registered under this Bill is convicted, by any court or committee in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to impose imprisonment, for an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the disciplinary committee is incompatible with the status of a security practitioner; or
 - (c) the disciplinary committee is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently enrolled or registered, the disciplinary committee may, if it gives a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register.
- (2) The disciplinary committee may, if it thinks fit, defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the disciplinary committee; but —
 - (a) no decision shall be deferred under this section for periods exceeding one year in the aggregate; and
 - (b) no person shall be a member of the disciplinary committee for the purpose 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 purpose 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) The person to whom a direction given under subsection (1) of this section relates may, at any time within twenty-eight days from the date of service on him of notice of the direction, appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court and the disciplinary committee may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the costs of the appeal and of proceedings before the Federal High Court, the disciplinary committee shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.

- (6) A direction of the disciplinary committee under subsection (1) of this section shall take effect where —
- (a) no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limited for such an appeal, or on the expiration of that time; or
 - (b) such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, or the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal; or
 - (c) any such appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out as aforesaid, if and when the appeal is dismissed.
- (7) 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.
- (8) A direction under this section for the striking off of a person's name from the register may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the 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. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Clause 15: Application of this Bill to enrolled personal.

- (1) Any person who is not a member of the Nigerian Institute For Industrial security (in this Bill referred to as "the former Institute") who but for this Bill, would have been qualified to apply for and obtain membership personal of the former Institute may, within the period of three months from the commencement of this Bill apply for membership of the Institute in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council
- (2) Where an application under subsection (1) of this section is approved by the Council the applicant shall be enrolled or registered, as the case may be according to this qualification (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 16: When persons deemed to be security practitioner.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a person shall be deemed to be a security practitioner if, in consideration of remuneration deemed to be received or to be received, or whether by himself or in partnership with any security other person he: practitioners
- (a) engages himself in the practice of the profession or holds himself out to the public as a security practitioner; or
 - (b) renders professional services or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to security procedures; or

- (c) renders any other service which may by regulations made by the Council, with the approval of the Secretary, be designated as service constituting security practice.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be constructed so as to apply to persons who, while in the employment of any government, are required, under the terms or in the course of such employment, to any government, are required, under the terms or in the course of such employment, to perform the duties or any of the duties of a security practitioner (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 17: Rules as a training, etc.

- (1) The Council may make rules for:
 - (a) the training in security of suitable persons in security methods and practice; and
 - (b) for the supervision, regulation, engagement, training and transfer of such persons.
- (2) The Council may also make rules:
 - (a) prescribing the amount and due date for payment of the annual subscription and for such purpose different amounts may be prescribed by the rules according to whether the person is enrolled as a fellow including honorary associate, a student or an ordinary member.
 - (b) prescribing the form of licence to practice to be issued annually or if the Council thinks fit, by endorsement on an existing licence; and
 - (c) restricting the right to practice security in default of payment of the amount of the 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 direct, be published in the Gazette (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 18: Provision of library facility, etc.

The Institute shall:

- (a) provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications for the advancement of knowledge of security and such other books and publications as the Council may think necessary for that purpose and;
- (b) encourage research into security methods and allied subjects to the extent that the Council may, from time to time, consider necessary (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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, qualification or other matter:
 - (a) make a statement which he believes to be 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 no or after the relevant date, any person who is not a member of the Institute practices or holds himself out as security practitioner for or in expectation of a reward or takes or uses name, title, addition or description implying that he is a security practitioner, he shall be guilty of an offence:

Provided that, in the case of a person falling within section 16 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 he duly applies for membership of this Institute then, unless within that 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 is notified as aforesaid.
- (3) If the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to this register, he shall be guilty of an offence.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable —
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦1,000 or
 - (b) on conviction or indictment, to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (5) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be 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 proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (6) In this section, the relevant date means the third anniversary of the coming into force of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 20: Publication regulations and rules.

- (1) Any regulation made under this Bill shall be published in the Gazette as soon as may be, after, they are made and a copy of any such regulations shall be sent to the Secretary not later than seven days before rules, they are so published.

- (2) Rules made for the purposes of this Bill, shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at its general meeting or at any special meeting of the Institute convened for that purpose, and if then annulled, shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended pursuance of any such rules (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 21: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Council" means the Council established as the governing body of the Institute under section 3 of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Disciplinary Committee" means the Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security Institute Disciplinary Committee established under section 14 of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Fees" includes annual subscription (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Former Institute" means the Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Institute" means the Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Security establishment" includes a registered security company or establishment (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Security practitioner" means any person who is registered or entitled to be registered under this Bill in any of the categories of membership (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Investigating panel" means the Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security

Investigating Panel established under section 14 (3) of the Act (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Member of the Institute" means an enrolled fellow, associate or a security practitioner registered by the Institute and "membership of the Institute" shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"President" and "Deputy President" means respectively the office-holders under those names in the Institute (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Profession" means the profession of security (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Register" means the register maintained in pursuance of section 8 of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Secretary" means the Secretary charged with the responsibility for matters relating to security (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

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

Clause 22: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Qualifications and tenure of office of Members of the Council

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the Council shall hold office for a period of three years beginning from the date of his appointment or election.

- (2) A 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 on the Council.
- (3) A member of the Council may by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President, resign his office;
- (4) A person who retires or otherwise ceases to be an elected member of the Council shall be eligible to become a member of the Council, and any appointed member may be re-appointed member
- (5) A member of the Council shall at its next meeting before the general meeting of the Institute arrange for four members of the Council who are longest in office and elected under section 3(I) (h) of this Bill to retire at that general meeting.
- (6) Elections to the Council shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and until so prescribed they shall be decided by secret ballot.
- (7) Where a member of the Council ceases to hold office before the date when his term of office would have expired by the effluxion of time, the body or person by whom he was appointed or elected shall as soon as may be, appoint or, as the case may be, elect a person to fill the vacancy for the residue of the term aforesaid, so however that the foregoing provisions of this sub-paragraph shall not apply where a person holding office as a member of the Council ceases to hold office at a time when the residue of his term does not exceed one year.
- (8) If an elected member of the Council ceases to hold office before the date when his term of office would have expired, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired, portion of the term of office and the next general meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt some other fit person for the residue of the time as aforesaid.
- (9) A person shall be eligible for election as President or Deputy President, if he satisfies the following conditions, that is:
 - (a) he is a chief executive or a senior member of the management of a security establishment.
 - (b) he is a security practitioner;
 - (c) he is a member or has served on the Governing Council of any umbrella Security association that has government recognition, continuously for a period of not less than seven years and
 - (d) he shall be or has served as a member of the Council of the Institute for at least three years preceding his election as President or Deputy President.

Proceedings of the Council

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act, 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 orders shall provide for decision to be taken by a majority of the members and in the event of equality of votes, the President or the Chairman, as the case may be, shall have a second or casting vote.

- (3) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide for the committee to report to the Council on any matter referred to it by the Council.

Meeting of the Institute

3. (1) The Council shall convene the meeting of the Institute on 30th April every year or on such other day as the Council may, from time to time, appoint, so however, that if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous 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 twenty members of the Institute so require, by notice in writing addressed to the Chairman of the Council setting out the object of the proposed meeting and the Chairman of the Council shall convene a special meeting of the Institute.
- (3) The quorum of any meeting of the Institute shall be ten members, and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be fifteen members.

Meeting of the Council

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required, to do so, by notice in writing given to him by not less than five other members he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within fourteen days from the date on which notice is given.
- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman or in his absence the Members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting.
- (3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the President of the Institute.
5. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Institute or the Council such functions as the Council may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council of whom not more than one-third may be persons who are not members of the Council and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the letter by which he is appointed.
- (3) A decision of a committee of the council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

6. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or of some other member of the council authorized generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.
- (2) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person not being a body

corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute or the Council, as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

- (3) Any document purporting to be a document dully executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed
7. The validity of any proceedings of the Institute or the Council or of a committee of the council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or of the Council or of a person serving on the committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
8. Any member of the Institute or of the council and any person holding office on a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the council on behalf of the Institute or on behalf of the Council or a committee, thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the president or to council as the case may be and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.
9. A person shall not by any reason only of his membership of the Institute be treated as holding an office in the public service of the federation (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE 2

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE AND INVESTIGATING PANEL

The Disciplinary Committee

1. The quorum of the disciplinary committee shall be four members.
2. (1) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the selection of members of the disciplinary committee for the purpose of any proceeding, the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the disciplinary committee.
- (2) The rules shall in particular provide:
 - (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such time and in such manner, as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;
 - (b) for determining who in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be a party to the proceedings;
 - (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requires, be entitled to be heard by the disciplinary committee;
 - (d) for securing that any party to the proceedings may be represented by a legal practitioner;
 - (e) subject to the provisions of section 14 (5) of this Bill as to the costs of proceedings before the disciplinary committee;

- (f) for requiring, in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the disciplinary 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 matters to which the allegation relates;
 - (g) for publishing in the Gazette notice of any direction of the disciplinary committee which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off a register.
- 3. For the purpose of any proceeding before the disciplinary committee any member of the disciplinary committee may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings may sue out of the registry of the High Court, writs of subpoena ad testificandum and ducestecum; but no person appearing before the disciplinary committee shall be compelled:
 - (a) to make any statement before the disciplinary committee tending to incriminate himself; or
 - (b) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action
- 4.
 - (1) For the purpose of advising the disciplinary committee on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the disciplinary committee who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than seven years standing.
 - (2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph and in particular such rules shall contain provisions for security that.
 - (a) where an assessor advises that disciplinary committee on any question of law to evidence, procedure or any other matters specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence of a party to the proceedings who appear thereat or, if the advice is tendered while the disciplinary committee is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as aforesaid be informed what advice the assessor has tendered.
 - (b) every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the disciplinary committee does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question as aforesaid.
 - (3) 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 terms of the letters by which he is appointed.

The Investigative Panel

- 5. The quorum of the investigating panel shall be three.
- 6.
 - (1) The investigating panel may at any of its meeting attended by all the members of the investigating panel, make standing orders with respect to the investigating panel.
 - (2) Subject to the provisions of any seen standing orders, the investigating panel may regulate its own procedure.

Miscellaneous

7. (1) A person ceasing to be a member of the disciplinary committee or the investigating panel shall be eligible for appointment as a member of the disciplinary committee or investigating panel, as the case may be
- (2) A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the disciplinary committee and the investigating panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the disciplinary committee with respect to that case.
8. The disciplinary committee or the investigating 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 body or subject to paragraph 7 (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 that body.
9. Any document authorized or required by virtue of the Act to be served on the disciplinary committee or the investigating panel shall be served on the Registrar.
10. Any expenses of the disciplinary committee or the investigating panel shall be defrayed by the Institute (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that the provisions of Schedule 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security; and for Related Matters (HB.505) (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr 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 Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security and for Related Matters (HB. 505) and approved Clauses 1 - 22, 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.

(vii) A Bill for an Act to Establish Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 473) (Committee of the Whole):

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 473)” (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

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

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL, COMPLEMENTARY
AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA, ETC.

Clause 1: Establishment of the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria.

- (1) There is established a body to be known as the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as "The Council").
- (2) The Council —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) may acquire, hold and dispose of property, whether movable or immovable (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 2: Membership of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall consist of —
 - (a) a Chairman, who shall be a university graduate registered with the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and with a minimum of 15 years experience in the practice of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine (in this Bill referred to as "the practice") in Nigeria;
 - (b) two persons from each geo-political zone, one shall be a traditional medicine practitioner and the other a complementary or alternative medicine practitioner, to represent each of the 6 geopolitical zones of Nigeria, and shall be registered practitioners with a minimum of 5 years experience in the practice and nominated by a State Board of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners;
 - (c) one representative of the Federal Capital Territory (in this Bill referred to as ("the FCT")) who shall be nominated by the FCT . Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners Board and shall be a registered practitioner with a minimum of 5 year's experience in the practice in Nigeria;
 - (d) one representative with considerable experience in Traditional or Complementary and Alternative Medicine practice nominated from the Federal Ministry of Health;
 - (e) one legal practitioner of not less than 10 years post call experience representing public interest;
 - (f) one representative from —

- (i) the Ministry charged with the responsibility for Science and Technology,
 - (ii) the Ministry charged with the responsibility for Education,
 - (iii) the Ministry charged with the responsibility for Agriculture.
 - (iv) the Ministry charged with the responsibility for Water Resources,
 - (v) the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control
 - (vi) the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development
 - (vii) the State Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners Board with considerable experience in the practice to be selected from. each of the six geopolitical zones in Nigeria to serve in rotation for one term, and
 - (g) three. representatives Complementary Training Institution.
- (2) The Chairman and members of the Council shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

First Schedule.

- (3) The supplementary provision set out in the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and other matters contained therein (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

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

The Chairman and members of the Council, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of 4 years on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment, and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 4: Removal, resignation or cessation of membership of the Council.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3" of" this Bill, the Chairman or any member of the Council shall cease to hold office as a member, where he:
- (a) resigns his appointment as a member of the Council;
 - (b) becomes of unsound mind;
 - (c) becomes bankrupt;
 - (d) is convicted of a felony or any other offence involving dishonesty or corruption;
 - (e) becomes incapable of carrying out the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of mind or body);

- (f) is certified by the President that it is not in the best interest of the Councilor the public for such member to continue in office;
 - (g) has been found guilty by the Code of Conduct Tribunal for any serious misconduct in relation to his duties;
 - (h) in the case of a person who becomes a member by virtue of the office he occupies, ceases to hold such office; and
 - (i) in the case of a person who possess professional qualification, is disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in any part of the world, by an order of a competent court.
- (2) The Chairman or any member of the Council may, at any time, resign from office by a letter addressed to the President.
- (3) Where the office of the Chairman or any member of the Council has become vacant, the authority by which he was appointed shall appoint another person in his place for the unexpired term of office in accordance with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 5: Emoluments and allowances of members of the Council.

- (1) Members of the Council other than ex-officio, shall be paid remuneration or allowances in accordance with rates specified from time to time in extant Federal Government Circulars.
- (2) Members of the Council shall be paid travelling and other allowances in accordance with extant rules.
- (3) The Chairman and members of the Council, other than ex-officio members shall not, while holding office, hold any office of emoluments in the public service of the Federation or of a State (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 6: Functions of the Council.

The functions of the Council shall be to:

- (a) facilitate, coordinate and harness all efforts aimed at the development of the practice;
- (b) establish institutional framework and propose policies and , guidelines for the practice;
- (c) liaise with relevant regulatory authorities at the State and Local Government levels for the implementation of national policies and guidelines relating to the practice;
- (d) encourage and promote the establishment of model services, Institution, clinics, schools, botanical gardens, herbaria, drug manufacturing units, etc. relating to the practice in the six geopolitical zones in Nigeria;
- (e) collect, publish, disseminate - and exchange information and develop a National Information System for the practice;

- (f) establish and maintain a register of persons and premises entitled to practice in Nigeria and publish annually, a list of persons and premises so registered;
- (g) prepare and review, from time to time a code of ethics for practitioners;
- (h) in collaboration with the relevant agencies or bodies, develop curricula of studies, and determine the standards of knowledge and skills for training in the practice;
- (i) in collaboration with relevant agencies or bodies, accredit institutions - properly organized and equipped for conducting training on the practice as may be approved by the Council; and
- (j) perform such other functions as may be required of the Council under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 7: Powers of the Council.

The Council shall have the power to:

- (a) set standards for certifying persons seeking registration with the Council;
- (b) make regulations for the discipline of erring practitioners;
- (c) establish and periodically review and update the guidelines regulating the practice in Nigeria;
- (d) access all records of any institution or body to which this Bill applies;
- (e) enter into collaboration and cooperation agreements or arrangements with agencies and bodies with similar objectives within and outside Nigeria; and
- (f) consider for approval or otherwise any qualification in the practice obtained from a foreign institution or training school recognized by the government of the country where the institution or school is located in line with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART II — STAFF OF THE COUNCIL

Clause 8: Appointment of the Registrar and other Staff of the Council.

- (1) There shall be for the Council a Registrar who shall be appointed by the Council.
- (2) The Registrar shall be:
 - (a) a University graduate who is a registered practitioner with 15 years experience in the practice;
 - (b) the secretary to the Council and the Disciplinary Tribunal; and
 - (c) responsible for the execution of policies and the day-to-day running of affairs of the Council.
- (3) The Registrar shall:

- (a) issue notices of meetings of the Council;
 - (b) keep and secure the records of the Council;
 - (c) be responsible for taking and preparation of minutes of the meetings of the Council; and
 - (d) perform such other functions as may be determined, from time to time, by the Council.
- (4) The Registrar shall hold office for a term of 4 years and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (5) The Council shall subject to approval of the Honourable Minister appoint such other category of staff as it may deem necessary, from time to time, for the purpose of performing its functions under this Bill.
- (6) The Council shall, with the approval of the Minister, determine the terms and conditions - of service including remuneration, allowances, benefits, etc. of staff of the Council (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 9: Application of the Pensions Reform Act.

Service in the Council shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Reform Act, and accordingly, staff of the Council shall be entitled to pension, and other retirement benefits as are prescribed in the Act (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART III — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 10: Establishment of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council Fund.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Council a Fund to be known as the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the fund".)
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund:
- (a) such sums as may be appropriated, from time to time, to the Council from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federal Government;
 - (b) money paid to the Council by way of grants, subsidies, donations, gifts, charges, fees, subscriptions and interests; and
 - (c) all other sums of money accruing to or vested in the Council in respect of any matter incidental to its powers or function under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 11: Expenditure of the Council.

The Council may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the Fund established under section 10 of this Bill to:

- (a) the cost of administration of the Council;
- (b) the payment of emoluments, allowances and benefits of members of the Council and for reimbursing members of the Council or of any committee setup by the Council and for such expenses as may be expressly authorized by the Council;
- (c) the payment of salaries, fees, allowances, gratuities and pension, and other benefits payable to the staff of the Council, provided that no payment of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be expressly authorized by the Council) shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emoluments from the Government of the Federation, of a State or Local Government; .
- (d) the development and maintenance of any property vested In or owned by the Council;
- (e) maintaining general financial reserves subject to general or special directives that may be given In that behalf by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of this Bill; and
- (f) any of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 12: Power to borrow.

The Council may, with the approval of the Minister or in accordance with the general authority given by the Federal Government, borrow by way of loan or overdraft any monies required by the Council to meet Its obligations and Its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 13: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The Council may accept gifts of land, money or other properties on such term-s and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.
- (2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organization making the gift are inconsistent with the objectives of the Council under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 14: Annual Estimate.

- (1) The Council shall submit to the Minister, not later than 31st of October each year, its programme of work and estimates of its income and expenditure for the following year.
- (2) The Council shall cause to be kept. proper accounts and records in respect of each financial year in relation to the accounts (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 15: Accounts and Audit.

The Council shall, not later than 30th of September of each financial year, submit its, accounts to auditors appointed from the list of qualified auditors in accordance

with guidelines laid down by the Auditor-General of the Federation and the auditor's fees and expenses shall be paid from the Fund of the Council (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 16: Annual Report.

The Council shall, prepare and submit to the Minister not later than the 30th day of September in each year, an annual report of its activities and such report shall include a copy of the audited accounts and the auditor's report of the Council (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART IV — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

Clause 17: Establishment of the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Disciplinary Tribunal.

- (1) There is established a Tribunal to be known as the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as "the Disciplinary Tribunal") which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the investigating panel established in the State and the Federal Capital Territory and any other case of which the Disciplinary Tribunal has cognizance under the provisions of the Act.
- (2) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council as Chairman of the Disciplinary Tribunal; and -
 - (b) six other members appointed by the Council.

Third Schedule.

- (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Disciplinary Tribunal and the other matter mentioned therein (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 18: Penalties for Professional Misconduct.

- (1) Where:
 - (a) a person practicing under this Bill is adjudged by the Disciplinary Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect;
 - (b) a person practicing under this Bill is convicted by any court or tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to award Imprisonment of an offence (whether or not an offence punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the Disciplinary Tribunal is incompatible with the conduct required of a practitioner; or
 - (c) the Disciplinary Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has

been fraudulently registered, the Disciplinary Tribunal may, if it thinks fit make a recommendation to the Council to give a direction reprimanding that person or order the Registrar of the Council to strike his name off the relevant part of the register.

- (2) The Disciplinary Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the Disciplinary Tribunal; but:
 - (a) no decision shall be deferred under this subsection for a period exceeding two years in the aggregate; and
 - (b) no person shall be a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal for the purpose of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred unless he was present as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal where the decision was deferred.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (1) (i) 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 Tribunal gives direction under subsection (1) of this section, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.
- (5) The person to whom a direction relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of the notice of the direction, appeal against the directions to the Court of Appeal; and, the Disciplinary Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal, and for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the costs of the appeal and of proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.
- (6) A direction of Disciplinary Tribunal under subsection (1) of this section shall take effect:
 - (a) where no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limited for such an appeal, or on the expiration of that time;
 - (b) where such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution; or
 - (c) where such an appeal is brought and is dismissed.
- (7) A person whose name is struck off the register in pursuance of a direction of the Disciplinary Tribunal under this section shall not be entitled to be registered again, except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Disciplinary Tribunal on the application of that person.
- (8) A direction under this section for the striking off of a person's name from the register may prohibit an application under subsection (7) of this section by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the-direction (and where he has duly such an application from the date of his last application) and may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART V — ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AND FEDERAL
CAPITAL TERRITORY TRADITIONAL, COMPLEMENTARY
AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE BOARD, DISCIPLINARY
TRIBUNAL, INVESTIGATING PANEL, AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT TRADITIONAL MEDICINE COMMITTEE

Clause 19: Establishment of State Traditional; Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners Board, Investigating Panel, and Local Government Traditional Medicine Committee.

- (1) The establishment, composition and functions of the state Traditional, . Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners Board, Investigating Panel and Local Government Traditional Medicine Committee in each state of the . Federation shall be In accordance with laws enacted by state Houses of Assembly of each State.
- (2) The Local Government Traditional Medicine Committee shall be established to ensure development of Traditional Medicine in each of the Local Governments of the Federation under the supervision, monitoring and control of the State Traditional Medicine Board (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 20: Establishment of the Federal Capitol Territory Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners Board.

- (1) There is established for the Federal Capital Territory a body to be known as the Federal Capital Territory Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").
- (2) The Board established under subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) shall be a body 'corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 21: The Composition of the Board.

- (1) The Board shall consist of:
 - (a) a Chairman who shall be c graduate with a minimum of 15 years experience in the practice;
 - (b) one representative from the Department of Health of the Ministry of the Federal Capital Territory with considerable experience in the practice;
 - (c) six practitioner's resident in the Federal Capital Territory, each of whom shall be selected from the six Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory; and
 - (d) one legal practitioner of not less than 5 years post call experience representing public interest.

- (2) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the Director of Health Services.

Second Schedule.

- (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and other matters contained therein (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 22: Tenure, Removal and Resignation from office.

- (1) The Chairman and members of the Board, other than *ex-officio* members shall each hold office for a term of 4 years and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more, on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Chairman or any member of the Board may, at any time, be removed from office by the Minister, on the recommendation of the Director of Health Services for:
- (a) inability to discharge the functions of his office (whether arising from infirmity of mind or body, or any other cause); or
- (b) corrupt practices; or
- (c) any act of misconduct.
- (3) A member of the Board may, at any time, resign his office by a letter addressed to the Minister, or if the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Board or in the interest of the public for the person appointed to continue in office, the Minister may, on the recommendation of the Director of Health Services notify the person in writing to that effect (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 23: Emoluments and Allowances.

The Chairman and members of the Board, other than *ex-officio* members, shall be paid remuneration or allowances in accordance with rates specified from time to time in extant Federal Government Circulars (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 24: Functions of the Board.

The Board shall:

- (a) implement the policies and guidelines on the practice in the Federal Capital Territory;
- (b) in accordance with the guidelines of the Council, establish and develop hospitals, health centres and clinics, botanical gardens, herbaria, drug manufacturing units and other institutions and services for the practice in the Federal Capital Territory;
- (c) compile and maintain a list of all practitioners and premises registered by the

Council who are resident in the Federal Capital Territory;

- (d) liaise with the Council on matters relating to the practice in the Federal Capital Territory; and
- (e) perform such other functions as are necessary for carrying out its objectives under the Act (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 25: Powers of the Board.

The Board shall have power to:

- (a) act in accordance with the guidelines of the Council, regulate the activities of practitioners in the Federal Capital Territory;
- (b) investigate alleged cases of misconduct of erring practitioners in the Federal Capital Territory;
- (c) appoint promote and discipline its staff; and
- (d) do anything which in its opinion will ensure the achievement of the objectives of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 26: Administrative Secretary of the Board.

(1) There shall be for the Board an Administrative Secretary who —

- (a) be appointed by the Board and shall be a University graduate with considerable experience in the practice;
- (b) be a registered practitioner for at least 10 years;
- (c) be the Chief Executive of the Board;
- (d) be responsible for the execution of policy and the day to day running of the affairs of the Board;
- (e) be the head of the Secretariat of the Board;
- (f) issue notices of meetings of the Board; and
- (g) perform such other functions as maybe determined, from time to time, by the Board.

(2) The Administrative Secretary shall hold office for a term of 4 years and may be re- appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more, on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(3) The Board- shall appoint any category of staff as it may deem necessary from time to time, for the purpose of performing the functions of 'the Board under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 27: Application of the Pensions Reform Act to the Board and Staff of the Board.

- (1) Service in the Board shall be approved service for the purpose of the Contributory Pensions Act and accordingly, staff of the Board shall be entitled to pension, and other retirement benefits in respect of that office.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension and other retirement benefits in respect of that office (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 28: Establishment and Composition of the Federal Capital Territory Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners Investigating Panel.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Board a body to be known as the Federal Capital Territory Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medical Practitioners Investigating Panel (in this Bill referred to as "the Investigating Panel") which shall be charged with the duty of:
 - (a) conducting preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a practitioner has misbehaved or committed an act of misconduct or breached any of the ethics or code of practice or should for any other reason be subject of proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal, and
 - (b) deciding whether any case should be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1") of this section, the Investigating Panel shall, upon conclusion of its investigation and if it is of the opinion that the matter shall be the subject of proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal, refer the matter to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (3) The members of the Investigating Panel established under subsection (1) of this section shall be appointed by the Board and shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chairman of the Board who shall also be the Chairman of the Investigating Panel; and
 - (b) three other members of the Board of which one shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 10 years post call experience to represent public interest .

Fourth Schedule.

- (4) The provisions of the Fourth Schedule to this Bill shall, in so far as they are applicable to the Investigating Panel, have effect with respect to it (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS OF THE BOARD**Clause 29: Fund of the Board.**

- (1) The Board shall maintain a fund from where it shall defray the expenses incurred by the Board.

- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund:
- (a) such sums as may be appropriated, from time to time, to the Board by the Federal Government;
 - (b) monies paid to the Board by way of grants, subsidies, donations, gifts, charges, fees, subscriptions and interest; and
 - (c) all other sums of money accruing to or vested in the Board in respect of any matter incidental to its powers or functions under this Bill.
- (2) The Board shall apply the proceeds of the fund established under subsection (1) of this section to:
- (a) the cost of administration of the Board;
 - (b) the payment of emoluments, allowances and benefits -of members of the Board, for reimbursing members of the Board or any committee set up by the Board and for such expenses as may be expressly authorized by the Board;
 - (c) the payment of salaries, fees, remuneration, allowances, pensions and other benefits payable to the Board, and no payment .of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be expressly authorized by the Board) shall be made to any person who is in receipt of emoluments from the Government of the Federation or of a State or the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (d) for the development and maintenance of any property vested in or owned by the Board (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 30: Power to borrow.

- (1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister or in accordance with the general authority given by the Federal Government, borrow by way of loan or overdraft, such sums as may be required by the Board to meet its obligations and its functions under this Bill.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section the Board shall not borrow in foreign currency, without the prior approval of the President (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 31: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The Board may accept gifts of land, money or other properties on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.
- (2) The Board shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organization making the gift are inconsistent with the objectives of the board under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Clause 32: Annual Report of the Board.

- (1) The Board shall, 'prepare and submit to the Director of Health Services an annual report of its activities hat later than 30th day of September of each year and such report shall include a copy of the audited accounts of the Board far that year and the auditors' report on the accounts.
- (2) The Board shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year and proper records in relation to. those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed by the Board from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor- General of the Federation (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 32 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VII — GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE BOARD**Clause 33: Directions by the Minister to the Board.**

- (1) The Minister may give to the Board or the Administrative Secretary such directives of. a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise of their functions or with respect to the maintenance of public safety and order.
- (2) The Minister may, in accordance with the Council's guideline and on the advice of the Board, make regulations generally for the purposes of Part V of this Bill, in particular prescribe:
 - (a) for the performance of any duty imposed and effective exercise of any power conferred upon the Board by or under the provisions of this Bill; and
 - (b) standards and guidelines for maintenance, management, administration, and operation of Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine clinics, health centers, and hospitals or any facility of any description owned or operated by the Board or any private individual or corporate body in the Federal Capital Territory engaged in the practice (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 33 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 34: Interpretation.

In this Part the following terms shall mean:

"Administrative Secretary" means the Administrative Secretary of the Board appointed under section 26 of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Board" means 'the Federal Capital' Territory- Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Board (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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 Federal Capital Territory Traditional,

Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners Board (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Corporate body" means anybody incorporated under the provisions of any law (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Department" means the Department. in the Ministry of Federal Capital Territory with responsibility for health matters (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Director" means the Director of Health Services in the Ministry of , Federal Capital Territory (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

“Member” means a member of the Board and includes the Chairman (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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 the responsibility for the Federal Capital Territory (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Investigating Panel" means the Investigating Panel of Capital Territory Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Board (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Question that Clause 34 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VIII — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 35: Offences.

- (1) Where any person who is not 6 registered practitioner:
 - (a) practices or holds himself out as a registered Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medical Practitioner; or
 - (b) or uses the title of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medical Practitioner, commits an offence.

- (2) Where any person for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter:
- (a) makes a statement which he knows to be false in a material particular; or
 - (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, commits an offence.
- (3) If the Registrar or any person employed by the council willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, he commits an offence.
- (4) A person Who is guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable —
- (a) on Summary conviction, to a fine of ₦50,000;
 - (b) on conviction or indictment, to a fine of ₦100,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both fine and imprisonment.
- (5) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proven to have been committed with the consent or connivance to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, or other similar officer of the body corporate, or any person 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 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 35 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 36: Intellectual Property Rights.

The traditional knowledge and innovations of the practitioners shall be protected by Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) to encourage sharing of knowledge and development of practice (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 36 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 37: General directions by the Minister.

The Minister may give to the Council or the Registrar such duties of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise of his functions or with respect to the governance and securing of public safety and order (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 37 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 38: Power to make Regulations.

- (1) The Minister may, on advice of the Council, make regulations formally for the purposes of this Bill.
- (2) Any regulations made under this Bill, shall be published in the Gazette as soon as may be after they are made (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 38 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 39: Interpretation.

In this Bill, except the context otherwise requires:

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Complementary Medicine" includes Alternative Medicine which are used inter-changeably with traditional medicine and it refers to a broad set of health care practices that are not integral to the dominant health care system (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Council" means the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Disciplinary Tribunal" means the disciplinary tribunal established under section 17 of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for Health matters (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Registrar" means the Registrar of the Council appointed under section 8 of this Bill; and (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Traditional Medicine" is the total combination of knowledge and practices used in diagnosing, preventing or eliminating physical, mental or social diseases and which may rely exclusively on past experience and observation handed down from generation to generation, verbally or in writing (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Question that Clause 39 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 40: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 40 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 2 (3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or any of its committees thereof.
- (2) Questions for determination shall be decided by a majority, of the members present and voting thereon and, in the event of an equality of votes; the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- (3) Standing orders made for a committee shall, provide for the committee to report back to the Council on any matter referred to it by the Council.
- (4) The quorum of the Council shall be 20 and the quorum of a committee of the Council shall be fixed by the Council.

Meeting of the Council

2. (1) The Council shall for the purposes of this Bill, meet four times in each year and subject, thereto, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman if required to do so, by notice given to him by not less than five other members, the Chairman shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held not less than 7 days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman shall preside or, in his absence, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting.
- (3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council' may. co-opt him. to the Council for such period as it thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

Committees

3. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the-Council, some of its functions under this Bill as the Council may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Council and any person appointed into a committee, other than a member of the Council, shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by Council.

Miscellaneous

4. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Registrar or of any other person authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Council.

- (2) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Council by the Registrar or any person generally or specially authorized by the Council to act for the purpose.
- (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under , the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
- (4) The validity of any proceeding of the Council or of a committee thereof shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Council or of a committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Council or committee.
- (5) A member who is directly or indirectly interested in any matter being deliberated upon or considered by the Councilor is interested in a contract made or, proposed to be made by the Council shall, as soon as possible after relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest in writing or at a meeting of the Council.
- (6) A disclosure made under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be recorded in the minutes of meetings of the Council considering the matter or contract in respect of which the interest was disclosed and the members shall not participate in the meeting (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 21 (3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD

1. (1) The Board shall for the purposes of Part of this Bill, meet four times in each year and subject, thereto, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman if required to do so, by notice given to him by not less than five other members, the Chairman shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held not less than 7 days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (2) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.
2. (1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such of its functions under this Bill as the Board may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Board and a person, other than a member of the Board, shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (3) A decision of a committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

Miscellaneous

3. (1) Fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the

Administrative -Secretary or any other person authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board or the Administrative Secretary.

- (2) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the Administrative Secretary or any person generally or specially authorized by the Board to act for the purpose.
 - (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
4. The validity of any proceeding of the Board or of a Committee shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership of a committee or the Board or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Board or Committee.
 5. A member who is directly or indirectly interested in any matter being deliberated upon or considered by the Board or is interested in any contract made or proposed to be made by the Board shall as soon as possible after relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his Interest in writing or at a meeting of the Board.
 6. A disclosure made under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be recorded in the minutes of meetings of the Board considering the matter or contract in respect of which the interest was disclosed and the member shall not participate in the meeting (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 17 (3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

The quorum of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be five members

1. The Attorney General of the Federation shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Disciplinary Tribunal for the purpose of any proceeding, the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal.
2. The rules shall not be limited to, but in particular provide for —
 - (a) notice of proceedings to be given at such time and in such manner, as may be specified by the rules to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;
 - (b) determining who, in addition to the initial party to the proceedings, shall be a party to the proceeding;
 - (c) securing that any party to the proceeding shall, if he so requires, be entitled to be heard by the Disciplinary Tribunal;
 - (d) representation by a legal practitioner of a party to the proceedings; and
 - (e) as to the cost of proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal.
3. For the purpose of any proceedings before it, the Disciplinary Tribunal may administer oaths on any party to the proceedings and may issue out of the registry of the Disciplinary Tribunal

writs of subpoena ad testificandum and duces tecum but no person appearing before the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be compelled to —

- (a) make any statement before the Disciplinary Tribunal- tending to incriminate himself; or
 - (b) produce any document under such writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.
- 4. Any person ceasing to be a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be eligible for reappointment as a member of that body.
- 5. The Disciplinary Tribunal may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership and the proceedings of the Tribunal shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of any member of the Tribunal or by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body.
- 6. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be served on the Registrar.
- 7. Any expenses of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be defrayed by the Council.
- 8.
 - (1) For the purpose of advising the Disciplinary Tribunal on questions of law arising in proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the Disciplinary Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination by the Attorney General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than seven years standing.
 - (2) The Attorney General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph and in particular such rules shall contain provisions for Securing:
 - (a) that where an assessor advises the Disciplinary Tribunal on, any , question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matters specified by rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appear thereat or; if the advice tendered while the Disciplinary Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed what advice the assessor has tendered; and
 - (b) that every such party or person as afore said shall be, informed if in any case the Disciplinary Tribunal does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question as aforesaid.
 - (3) 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 terms of the letter by which he is appointed.
- 9. A person shall not by reason of his appointment as an assessor to the Disciplinary Tribunal, be treated as holding an office in the public service of the Federation (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION PANEL

1. The quorum of the Investigating Panel shall be three, all of whom shall be Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine practitioners:
2.
 - (1) The Investigating Panel may, at any of its meetings attended by all the members of the Panel, make standing orders with respect to the business of the Panel.
 - (2) Subject to the provisions of any such standing orders, the Investigating Panel may regulate its own procedure.
3. A person ceasing to be a member of the Investigating Panel shall be eligible for re-appointment as a member of that body.
4. The Investigating Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership. and the proceedings of the panel shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of any member of that body or by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body.
5. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Investigating Panel shall be served on the Administrative Secretary (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks establish the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 473) (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 473) and approved Clauses 1 - 40, 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.

(viii) Committee on Students Loans, Scholarships and Higher Education Financing:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Students Loans, Scholarships and Higher Education Financing on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a Body Corporate to Receive, Manage and Invest Funds to Provide Loans to Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.1266)” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STUDENT LOANS (ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION) ACT, 2023 AND ENACT THE STUDENT LOANS (ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION) ACT, 2024 TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN EDUCATION LOAN FUND AS A BODY CORPORATE TO RECEIVE, MANAGE AND INVEST FUNDS TO PROVIDE LOANS TO NIGERIANS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SKILLS ACQUISITION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1266)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, ETC. OF THE NIGERIAN EDUCATION LOAN FUND

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund.

- (1) There is established the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the Fund").
- (2) The Fund —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with a common seal, perpetual succession; and
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) Subject to the limitations contained in this Bill, the Fund may acquire, hold and dispose of movable and immovable property for the purpose of its functions and objects (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Objectives of the Fund.

The objectives of the Fund shall be to —

- (1) provide loans to qualified Nigerians to pay for tuition, fees, charges and upkeep during their course of study in approved tertiary education institutions and vocational and skills acquisition institutions in Nigeria;
- (2) build, operate, and maintain a diversified pool of funds to provide loans to qualified applicants and ensure access to higher education, vocational training, and skills acquisition;
- (3) ensure the recovery of all debts due to the Fund from loans granted to qualified applicants except where the Board is of the opinion that the borrower should be exempt from repaying his loan by reason of —
 - (a) death;
 - (b) incapacitation where such results in impossibility or undue difficulty

in meeting repayment obligations (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Functions of the Fund.

The functions of the Fund shall be to —

- (a) receive and process applications for loans from Nigerian students and intending students of approved tertiary education institutions and vocational and skills acquisition institutions in Nigeria;
- (b) approve and disburse loans or reject loan applications subject to the policies, guidelines and criteria set by the Board from time to time;
- (c) hold, manage and invest monies accruing to the Fund subject to investment guidelines set by the Board;
- (d) perform such other activities and carry out such other functions which, in the opinion of the Board, are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Fund (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Powers of the Fund.

(1) The Fund shall have the power to —

- (a) invest and deal with the monies of the Fund not immediately required on such securities or in such investments and manner as the Board may, from time to time, determine;
- (b) sell or dispose of the whole or any part of the property or investments of the Fund, either together or in portions, for such consideration and on such terms as the Board may approve;
- (c) subject to the approval of the President issue education bonds or other debt instruments;
- (d) identify and acquire funds, not including debt, for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the Bill;
- (e) engage on a competitive basis, from time to time, such consultants and advisers and other service providers as are necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions;
- (f) pay for the Fund's operational expenses and incur such expenditures which, in the opinion of the Board, are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives and functions of the Fund;
- (g) enter contract options and other derivative financial instruments (including in currencies other than the Naira) for purposes which include —

- (i) eliminating or reducing the risk of loss arising from changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates or other factors of similar nature,
 - (ii) eliminating or reducing the costs of raising funds or borrowing or the cost of other transactions carried out in the ordinary course of business, or
 - (iii) increasing return on investment;
 - (h) enter into contracts of insurance with respect to any of its activities and property;
 - (i) enter into a partnership or joint venture for the purpose of performing any of its functions;
 - (j) recover any loan granted under this Bill through any legal means, including an action for debt recovery, and such action shall not be statute-barred.
- (2) The Fund may, with the approval of the Board, perform or exercise any of its functions or powers under this Bill other than the power to make regulations through an officer or agent of the Fund or through any other person authorised by the Fund in that behalf (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 5: Appointment of asset managers and recovery agents.

The Fund may appoint, on a selective competitive basis —

- (a) asset managers to manage assets as may be specified by the Board; and
- (b) recovery agents for the purpose of recovering debts owed to the Fund as may be specified by the Board (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART II — BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 6: Establishment and responsibility of the Board of Directors.

- (1) There is established for the Fund a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), which shall be responsible for —
 - (a) the attainment of the objects of the Fund;
 - (b) the general supervision of the affairs of the Fund;
 - (c) formulating sound policies for regulating the management of the Fund;
 - (d) setting the guidelines, criteria, and conditions for granting and recovery of loans by the Fund; and

- (e) employ either directly or on transfer or secondment from any civil or public service in the Federation such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Board, be required to implement the functions of the Fund under this Bill; and
 - (f) pay to persons so employed such remuneration (including allowances) as the Board may, with the approval of the President, determine.
- (2) The Board may appoint sub-committees of its members and external advisors, as it may deem necessary to facilitate the discharge of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 7: Composition, appointment, tenure, etc., of the Board of Directors.

- (1) The Board shall consist of the following members to be appointed by the President —
- (a) a non-executive Chairman;
 - (b) a representative of each of the following Federal Ministries, who shall not be below the rank of a Director —
 - (i) Education, and
 - (ii) Finance;
 - (c) a representative each of the following Agencies who shall not be below the rank of a Director —
 - (i) Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board,
 - (ii) National Universities Commission,
 - (iii) National Board for Technical Education,
 - (iv) National Commission for Colleges of Education,
 - (v) National Identity Management Commission,
 - (vi) Federal Inland Revenue Service,
 - (vii) Central Bank of Nigeria, and
 - (viii) National Youth Service Corps;
 - (d) Five persons, one of each to represent the following interests —
 - (i) Universities,
 - (ii) Polytechnics,
 - (iii) Colleges of Education,

- (iv) Nigerian students of tertiary institutions,
 - (v) Organised private sector.
- (2) Appointments to the Board subject to subsection (1) (a) and (d) of this section shall reflect the six geopolitical zones of the Federation.
- (3) Members of the Board of Directors, other than the *ex-officio* members, each hold office for a term of 4 years in the first instance and may be eligible for reappointment for a further term of 4 years and no more (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Disqualification and cessation of office.

A person shall not be appointed or remain a member of the Board if he is —

- (a) adjudged bankrupt or suspends payment to, or compounds or makes an arrangement with, his creditors;
- (b) found guilty of misconduct in relation to his duties;
- (c) convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty or other offence, the maximum penalty for which exceeds imprisonment for six months;
- (d) a debtor to an eligible financial institution, and the debt owed qualifies as an eligible bank asset;
- (e) disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in Nigeria by order of a competent Court made in respect of him personally; or
- (f) disqualified or restricted from being a director of any corporate or financial institution by any law or regulatory body (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: Resignation and removal of Board members.

- (1) A member of the Board, other than the *ex-officio* members, may resign his or her appointment by a notice in writing under their hand addressed to the President, and that member shall, on the date of the President's receipt of the notice, cease to be a member of the Board.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of this Bill, the President may remove a member of the Board at any time for inability to discharge the functions of his office, whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause or for misconduct (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Remunerations of Board members.

- (1) Members of the Board shall not be paid for the performance of their duties on the Board.

- (2) Members of the Board are, however, entitled to reasonable sitting allowances, individual travel expenses and other appropriate entitlements as the Board may determine from time to time consistent with best practices and the mandate of the Fund (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 11: Meetings of the Board.

- (1) The Managing Director of the Fund shall provide to the Board, every quarter, a report in writing on the operations, assets, liabilities and performance of the Fund, and significant trends affecting the Fund; the Board shall meet regularly to consider these reports.
- (2) The meetings of the Board shall be convened by the Secretary, at least once every quarter or at the request of the Chairman of the Board, or a majority of members of the Board, by notice in writing specifying the date, time, and location of the meeting.'
- (3) The Fund shall defray all costs relating to the Board's functions, and the costs shall be reported in the Fund's annual report.
- (4) The provisions contained in the Schedule to this Bill, shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters contained therein (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Secretary of the Board.

- (1) The Board shall have a Secretary appointed by the President, who shall be the General Counsel of the Fund.
- (2) The Secretary —
 - (a) shall be a legal practitioner who has been so qualified for not less than ten (10) years;
 - (b) shall hold office for five years on such terms, conditions and remuneration as may be approved by the President on the recommendation of the Board;
 - (c) may be reappointed for a further period of five years and no more; and
 - (d) ensure Board and management compliance with extant laws and regulations, including the provisions of this Bill and renumber accordingly
- (3) The Secretary shall —
 - (a) issue notices of meetings of the Board;
 - (b) keep records of the proceedings of the Board; and
 - (c) carry out such duties as the Managing Director or the Board may, from time to time, direct (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 13: Appointment, tenure, responsibilities, etc., of the Managing Director.

- (1) There shall be for the Fund, a Managing Director to be appointed by the President.
- (2) The Managing Director —
 - (a) shall hold office for five years on such terms, conditions and remuneration as may be approved by the President on the recommendation of the Board;
 - (b) may be reappointed for a further period of five years and no more; and
 - (c) shall be responsible to the Board for performing his functions and implementing the Fund's strategic plans and objectives.
- (3) The Managing Director shall be the chief executive of the Fund and be responsible —
 - (a) for the execution of the policy and the day-to-day administration of the Fund;
 - (b) for the direction, supervision, and control of all other employees of the Fund;
 - (c) subject to such restrictions as the Board may impose for disposing of all questions relating to the service of the employees, their pay, allowances, and privileges; and
 - (d) for matters concerning the accounts and records of the Fund.
- (4) The functions of the Managing Director shall be performed during their absence by one of the Executive Directors designated by the Board for that purpose (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Appointment, tenure, responsibilities, etc., of the Executive Directors.

Delete the existing section 14 and replace with a new section 14 as follows —

- (1) The President shall appoint two Executive Directors for the Fund to assist the Managing Director in performing their functions under this Bill.
- (2) An Executive Director —
 - (a) shall hold office for five years on such terms, conditions and remuneration as may be approved by the President on the recommendation of the Board;
 - (b) may be reappointed for a further period of five years; and
 - (c) perform such functions as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Board and the Managing Director.

- (3) The Executive Directors appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be designated —
- (i) Executive Director, Finance and Administration; and
 - (ii) Executive Director, Operations (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Removal of Managing Director and Executive Directors of the Fund.

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12, 13 and 14 of this Bill, the President may remove the Managing Director, Executive Directors or Secretary at any time for inability to discharge the functions of their office, whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause or for misconduct (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Appointment, remuneration, discipline, etc. of other staff.

- (1) The Fund may, with the approval of the Board, make rules relating generally to the conditions of service of staff of the Fund, and without prejudice to the generality of the preceding, the rules may provide for —
- (a) the appointment, dismissal, discipline, pay and leave of, and the security to be given by, the employees;
 - (b) appeals by the employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures;
 - (c) the grant of pensions, gratuities and other retiring allowances to the employees and their dependents, and the grant of gratuities to the estates or dependants of deceased employees of the Fund;
 - (d) the establishment and maintenance of medical benefit funds, superannuation funds and provident funds, and the contributions payable to and the benefits receivable from those funds.
- (2) Rules made under subsection (4) of this section shall be brought to the notice of all affected persons but need not be published in the Gazette (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART III — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS: FUNDING,
FINANCE, ACCOUNTS, AUDIT, ANNUAL REPORT, ETC.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 17: General Reserve Fund.

- (1) The Fund shall receive into its General Reserve Fund —
- (a) 1% of all taxes, levies and duties collected by the Federal Inland Revenue Service, and accruing to the benefit of the Federal Government of Nigeria;

- (b) all sums which may from time to time be appropriated to the Fund by an Act of the National Assembly;
 - (c) repayment of capital and interest on any loan granted by the Fund;
 - (d) investment income of the Fund;
 - (e) monies borrowed from any source in accordance with the provisions of this Bill;
 - (f) monies from education bonds or other debt instruments;
 - (g) monies from the Federal Government of Nigeria, as may be directed and approved by the President;
 - (h) all sums collected as charges and fees by the Fund in the course of discharging its functions under this Bill; and
 - (i) all sums accruing to the Fund by way of donations, gifts, grants, and endowments.
- (2) The Fund shall charge to the General Reserve Fund —
- (a) amounts payable as loans to qualified applicants for tuition, fees, charges and upkeep;
 - (b) the Fund's operational expenses and such expenditures which are necessary to the attainment of the objectives and functions of the Fund including remunerations and other costs of employment of staff of the Fund and amounts payable to the members of the Board:
 - (i) expenditures under subparagraph (1) (b) in this subsection shall be approved per annum by the President on the recommendation of the Board, and
 - (ii) provided that the National Assembly shall make such appropriations from the General Reserve Fund to cover the operational costs of the Fund so long as not more than 10% of the revenue of the Fund in each year may be appropriated for the operational expenses of the Fund;
 - (c) interest on the payment of monies borrowed on behalf of the Fund; amounts payable for the redemption of bonds and debt securities issued by the Fund;
 - (d) commission or fees payable to any agent or consultant engaged by the Fund; and
 - (e) any other payment for anything incidental to or in connection with the Fund's functions under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 18: Annual estimates.**

The Board shall cause to be prepared, not later than 30 September in each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Fund during the next succeeding year and when prepared, they shall be submitted to the President through the Minister for approval (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 19: Accounts and Audit.**

The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Fund and proper records in relation thereto, and when certified by the Board, the accounts shall, within three months after the end of each financial year, be audited by such independent firm of auditors as shall be chosen by the Board from a list of auditors approved by the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 20: Annual Reports.**

The Fund shall, within six months after the end of each financial year, publish in widely available media and present a copy of the accounts as audited to —

- (a) the President; and
- (b) the National Assembly (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 21: Power to accept gifts.**

- (1) The Fund may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift.
- (2) The Fund shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Fund under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 22: Exemption from tax.**

- (1) The Fund shall be exempted from the payment of income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Fund or otherwise, howsoever.
- (2) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Fund (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 24: Eligibility of Applicants.**

- (1) An applicant for a loan under this Bill must —
- (a) be a citizen of Nigeria;
 - (b) have secured admission into any university, polytechnic, college of education, Institution established by the Federal Government or State Government, or a vocational or skills acquisition Institution licensed by the Federal Government; and
 - (c) shall apply in such form and such manner as prescribed by guidelines to be issued by the Board from time to time.
- (4) Notwithstanding the Data Protection Act, 2023 or any other law, shall provide such personal details, including biometrics and any other private data, which shall ensure his unique identification for the purpose of the disbursement and recovery of the loan.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Board shall have the power to make specific regulations regarding the method and process of loan applications and the criteria for granting loans in each financial year (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 24: National spread and inclusion.**

- (a) The Board shall take care to make provisions ensuring a minimum national spread of loans approved and disbursed in each financial year.
- (b) Approval and disbursement of loans under this Bill shall be subject to the availability of funds and principles of justice, fairness and inclusion (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 25: Disqualification of Applicants.**

An applicant is disqualified from accessing the loan if —

- (a) proven to have defaulted in respect of any previous education loan granted by the Federal Government of Nigeria, a state government, or any of their agencies and departments;
- (b) at the time of application, he is a beneficiary of any education loan or other scholarship scheme from the Federal Government of Nigeria, a state government, or any of their agencies and departments;
- (c) found guilty of misconduct involving plagiarism, examination malpractice, cultism, possession or use of hard drugs and violence by the administrative authority of any tertiary institution empowered by law or regulation to make such findings;
- (d) convicted of —

- (i) any offence involving dishonesty or fraud,
- (ii) drug offences,
- (iii) offences of violence against persons, and
- (iv) cultism (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 26: Approval and Disbursement of loans.

- (1) Applications to the Fund shall be processed and applicants and their selected institutions shall be informed if their application has been successful not later than thirty days from the date of application.
- (2) Disbursement of fees and charges payable to institutions and payment of upkeep to successful applicants shall resume no later than thirty days from the start of each academic year (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 27: Loan Cover.

Applicants to the Fund may apply for loans to cover —

- (a) fees and charges payable to the Institution; and
- (b) maintenance allowance payable to the student (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 28: Repayment of Loan.

- (1)
 - (i) Any beneficiary of the loan to which this Bill refers shall commence repayment upon graduation from the course for which the loan was obtained, having secured employment in any capacity.
 - (ii) A beneficiary who so desires may commence repayment of the loan at any time before the completion of his course of study.
- (2) The Fund shall not initiate enforcement action against any beneficiary of loans from the Fund until two years after the completion of the National Youth Service programme or exemption therefrom.
- (3) Repayment of the loan shall be by monthly deductions not exceeding 10% of the beneficiary's gross income until the loan and all charges are repaid to the Fund.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, a loan beneficiary may receive an extension from the Fund by providing a sworn statement in such manner as the Board may determine, indicating that he is not employed in any capacity and is not receiving any income.
- (5) A person who provides a false statement to the Fund under this section is

guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for three years (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 29: Duty of Employers.

- (1) From the commencement of this Bill, every prospective employer shall have a duty to enquire from the Fund and be satisfied as to the student loan status of persons they employ.
- (2) An employer who is informed that their employee is a beneficiary of student loans from the Fund who has not completed repayment, shall provide such information as the Fund may require to initiate collection of the loan and any charges from the beneficiary.
- (3) Any individual employer or a director or officer of a corporate employer who is involved in contravention of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than ₦2,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of not less than one year or both (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

PART V — PROTECTION AGAINST ADVERSE CLAIM, INDEMNITY, ETC.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 30: Protection against Adverse Claim.

No action shall lie against an officer of Fund or other persons appointed or authorized to perform any function under this Bill in respect of anything done or omitted by them in good faith in the exercise or performance of any power, authority or function conferred or imposed on him under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 31: Indemnity.

- (1) An officer of the Fund or other persons appointed or authorized to perform any function under this Bill shall not be personally liable for any loss or damage arising out of any act done or omitted to be done in good faith under this Bill, unless such damage or loss is due to the officer's negligence or failure to comply with the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) An officer of the Fund or other persons appointed or authorized to perform any function under this Bill shall be indemnified out of the Fund against any proceedings, where the act complained of is not ultra vires his powers (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 32: Power to compound offences.

- (1) Subject to the provision of Section 174 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (which relates to the power of the Attorney-General of the Federation to institute, continue or discontinue

criminal proceedings against any persons in any court of law, the Fund may compound any offence punishable under this Bill by accepting such sums of money as it thinks fit, not exceeding the amount of maximum fine to which that person would have been liable if he had been convicted of the offence.

- (2) Any monies to be paid pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, shall be paid into the General Reserve Fund (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 32 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 33: Legal proceedings.

- (1) A civil action may only be commenced against the Fund or any of its authorized officers at the expiration of a period of thirty (30) days after a written notice of intention to commence the action has been served on the Fund by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state the —
- (a) cause of action;
 - (b) particulars of the claim;
 - (c) relief which he claims; and
 - (d) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff
- (2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) of this section, summons or other documents required or authorized to be served on a Committee, the Fund or any of its authorized officers under this Bill or any other enactment or law, may be served by —
- (a) delivering it to the Secretary of the Fund; or
 - (b) sending it by registered post addressed to the Secretary to the Fund (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 33 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 34: Jurisdiction.

The Federal High Court (in this Bill referred to as "the Court") shall have jurisdiction to try offences, hear and determine proceedings arising under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 34 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 35: Restriction on execution against property of the Fund.

In any action or suit against the Fund or any of its authorized officers, no execution shall be levied, or attachment process issued against any of its property unless not less than three months' notice of the intention to execute, or attach has been given to the Fund (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 35 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 36: Repeal and savings provisions.

- (1) The Students Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2023 is repealed.
- (2) All assets, funds, resources and other moveable or immovable properties which immediately before the commencement of this Bill were vested in the repealed Act shall by virtue of this Bill be vested in the Fund established under this Bill.
- (3) All appointments of officers for the Fund shall be pursuant to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 36 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 37: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

“Applicant” means a Nigerian student who has applied for a loan from the Nigerian Education Loan Fund established pursuant to this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

“Beneficiary” means a successful applicant for the student loan (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

“Employment” means where a beneficiary is engaged in economic activities which earns income either from external sources or personal endeavours under another person or himself (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

“Fund” means the Nigerian Education Loan Fund established under this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

“Tertiary Institution” means as any university, polytechnic, college of education Institution established by the Federal Government or State Government, or a vocational or skills acquisition Institution licensed by the Federal Government (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

“Loan” means loan to be granted to qualified students of Federal institutions of higher learning in Nigeria (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

“Minister” is Minister responsible for the Federal Ministry of Education (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

“Student” as ‘an applicant who has obtained a valid admission into a tertiary institution (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Question that Clause 37 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee’s Recommendation:

Clause 38: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Students Loans (Access to Higher Education) (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 38 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

Proceedings of the Board

1. Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for decisions of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of its members and for the person presiding at any meeting, when a vote is ordered, to have a second or casting vote), the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or that of any of its committees.
2. At every meeting of the Board, the chairman shall preside, and, in his absence, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting.
3. The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall consist of the chairman (or, in an appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule) and four other members.
4. Where, on any special occasion, the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any matter, it may co-opt that person to be a member for as many meetings as may be necessary, and that person while so co-opted, shall have all the rights and privileges of a member except that he shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

Committees

5. Subject to its standing orders, the Board may appoint such number of standing and *Ad-hoc* committees as it thinks fit, to consider and report on any matter with which the Board is concerned:
 - (i) a committee appointed under this paragraph shall be presided over by a member of the Board and shall be made up of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board) as may be determined by the Board;

- (ii) the quorum of any committee set up by the Board shall be as may be determined by the Board.

Miscellaneous

6. The fixing of the seal of the Fund shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman or any other person generally or specifically authorised by the Board to act for that purpose and that of the Managing Director.
7. Any contract or instrument which, if made 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 Fund by the Managing Director or by any other person generally or specially authorised by the Board to act for that purpose.
8. Any document purporting to be a contract, instrument or other document duly signed or sealed on behalf of the Fund shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed without further proof to have been so signed or sealed.
9. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or of any of its committees shall not be affected by —
- (a) any vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee; or
- (b) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or committee; or
- (c) reason that any person not entitled to do so, took part in the proceedings of the Board or committee.
10. (1) A member of the Board or any of its committees who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or committee, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Board or committee and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.
- (2) No member of the Board shall be personally liable for any act or omission done or made in good faith while engaged on the business of the Fund (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill repeals the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act 2023 and enacts the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2024 to establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a body corporate to receive, manage and invest funds to provide loans to Nigerians for higher education, vocational training and skills acquisition, and for related matters (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a Body Corporate to Receive, Manage and Invest Funds to Provide Loans to Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition, and for Related Matters (HB.1266) (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Students Loans, Scholarships and Higher Education Financing on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a Body Corporate to Receive, Manage and Invest Funds to Provide Loans to Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.1266) and approved Clauses 1 - 38, 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.

(ix) Committee on Legislative Library, Research and Documentation:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Legislative Library, Research and Documentation on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Library Trust Fund Act, No. 11 of 2022, change the Name of the National Assembly Library Trust Fund to National Assembly Library and Resource Centre, eliminate the ambiguity in the Chairmanship position of the Governing Council, Streamline the functions and duties of the Governing Council and the Office of the Director –General and to Provide for Application of the Funds of the National Assembly Library Resource Centre to set up the Assembly Museum and for Related Matters (HB.1259)” (*Hon. Yusuf Shittu Galambi — Gwaram Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY TRUST FUND (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT, NO. 11 OF 2022, CHANGE THE NAME OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY TRUST FUND TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE, ELIMINATE THE AMBIGUITY IN THE CHAIRMANSHIP POSITION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, STREAMLINE THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE FUNDS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE TO SET UP THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MUSEUM AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of Act No. 11 of 2022.

The National Assembly Library Trust Fund (Establishment) Act, No. 11 of 2022 (in the Bill referred to as the 'Principal Act') is amended as set out hereunder (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Change of Name.

The Principal Act is Amended —

- (a) by substituting for the name "National Assembly Library Trust Fund", with the name "National Assembly Library and Resource Centre" wherever it appears in the Act;
- (b) by substituting for the words "Trust Fund", the words, "Resource Centre" or "and Resource Centre" (as the case may be), wherever it appears in the Act.
- (c) by substituting for the expression, "Board of Trustees", the expression "Governing Council", wherever it appears in the Act.
- (d) by substituting for the words, "Executive Secretary", the words "Director General (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*)

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Objectives.

- (1) The Objectives of this Bill is to establish a library and resource centre for the National Assembly that will —
 - (a) digitize all legislative records for preservation, accessibility, and historical documentation;
 - (b) establish an archiving system for the proper storage and retrieval of legislative records and documents;
 - (c) be exclusively responsible for the printing of all legislative documents, including but not limited to journals, reports, bills, and related materials;
 - (d) develop and maintain a state-of-the-art Library and Museum to serve as a comprehensive resource center for legislators, researchers, students, and the general public;
 - (e) procure and implement state-of-the-art technologies for the efficient management, preservation, and dissemination of legislative information and resources;
 - (f) facilitate and promote research activities related to legislative processes, governance, and policy-making;
 - (g) provide training and capacity building programs for legislators and staff on legislative processes, research methodologies, and information management;
 - (h) enhance the accessibility of legislative information and resources to promote transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement in the legislative process.
 - (i) conduct and furnish Legislators with non partisan research policy, analysis and documents in critical sectors to enhance the performance of legislative functions;
 - (j) collaborate with national and international institutions for knowledge sharing, best practices, and continuous improvement in library and information management services;

- (k) collaborate with and support the Legislative Libraries of State Houses of Assembly (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Establishment of the National Assembly Library.

"A. Establishment of the National Assembly Library.

- (1) There is hereby established for the National Assembly, a Library to be known as the National Assembly Library (in this Bill referred to as "the Library").
- (2) The Library shall serve as the official repository of all legislative documents, legislative records, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, publications, and other relevant materials of the National Assembly and State Houses of Assembly.
- (3) The National Assembly Library shall be operated and maintained with funds allocated from the Resource Centre"

B. Establishment of the National Assembly Museum.

- (1) There shall be established within the National Assembly Library and Resource Centre a section known as the National Assembly Museum (in this Bill referred to as "the Museum").
- (2) The Museum shall serve as a repository for historical documents, artifacts, and materials relevant to the history, evolution, and functioning of the National Assembly.
- (3) The Museum shall collect, preserve, and exhibit items including but not limited to:
 - (a) Documents pertaining to significant legislative milestones, debates, and proceedings.
 - (b) Artifacts representing the cultural, social, and political context of legislative activities.
 - (c) Portraits, photographs, videos and memorabilia of past and present legislators and key figures in the National Assembly.
- (4) The Museum shall be open to members of the National Assembly, researchers, students, and the general public for educational and research purposes.
- (5) The Director General of the National Assembly Library and Resource Centre shall oversee the operations and management of the Museum, in coordination with designated curatorial staff.
- (6) The Museum may organize exhibitions, seminars, and educational programs to promote awareness and understanding of the legislative process and democratic governance.
- (7) Adequate resources and funding shall be appropriated to the

Resource Centre, by the National Assembly to support the acquisition, conservation, and maintenance of collections within the Museum.

- (8) The Director General may make regulations as may be deemed necessary for the effective functioning and administration of the Museum, subject to the approval of the Governing Council (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 5: Sources of Revenue of the Resource Centre.

- (1) The revenue of the Resource Centre shall consist of —
- (a) any take-off grant and special intervention fund as may be provided by the Federal Government;
 - (b) such money as may be appropriated to meet the objective of this Bill by the National Assembly in the budget;
 - (c) aids, grants and assistance from international bilateral and multilateral agencies, non-governmental organisations and the private sector;
 - (d) grants, donations, endowments, bequests and gifts, whether of money, information, resources, land or any other property from any source;
 - (e) money derived from investment made by the Resource Centre.
 - (f) monies to be derived from the sales of books and other memorabilia and other monetized online contents;
 - (g) fees to be paid by users of the services of National Assembly Library and Resource Centre shall be determined by Director General, subject to periodic review by the Governing Council.";
- (2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Resource Centre shall be funded from the consolidated Revenue appropriated or any voluntary donation, grant or aids from any organization, persons or group interested in the Resource Centre"
- (3) Resource Centre shall not accept any aid, grant, donation or gift where the terms and conditions attached to the aid, grant, donation or gift are inconsistent with the objective of the Resource Centre and the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 6: Purposes of the Resource Centre.

- (1) The Resource Centre shall be utilised —
- (a) for procurement of library equipment for the purposes of training

- and re-training needs of the legislators and staff of the National Assembly;
- (b) for the enhancement of the research skills of the legislators and staff of the National Assembly, for improved proficiency in law making;
 - (c) for the overall improvement, performance and efficiency in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the National Assembly Library and Museum;
 - (d) to finance the procurement of information resources (print and electronic books, periodicals, pamphlets, newspapers, maps, musical scores, films and recordings), instructional materials, training equipment and all forms of infrastructure, including buildings for use of National Assembly Library and Museum; and
 - (e) to supplement all budgetary appropriation with projects as regards to the library and not limited to the construction of the National Assembly Library and Museum;
 - (f) to provide for the establishment of a state-of-the-art printing press and publishing centre for the National Assembly;
 - (g) for the provision and maintenance of a research and robust e-library platform;
 - (h) administer the National Assembly Museum;
 - (i) provide for modern equipment and facilities for archiving and publishing, as well as the necessary resources for digitization, preservation, and dissemination of important legislative and historical documents;
 - (j) provide for the publishing of transcripts of parliamentary debates in the Senate and House of Representatives;
 - (k) facilitate the sharing of legislative research and information with State Houses of Assembly; and
 - (l) provide for the establishment and operation of a dedicated legislative Television Station (NASS TV).
- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this or any other Act of the National Assembly, the National Assembly Library and Resource Centre is exempted from any form of taxation and shall not be subject to any levy imposed under this or any other Act of the National Assembly".
- (3) Section 22 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 (as amended) shall not apply to the Resource Centre (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 7: Functions of the Resource Centre.

The Resource Centre shall —

- (a) receive all money accruing to it under this Bill;
- (b) utilise all money accruing to the Resource Centre under this Bill to meet the stated objective of this Bill;
- (c) carry out such other activities considered necessary for the attainment of the objective of this Bill; and
- (d) administer the National Assembly Library and Museum (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Establishment of the Governing Council.

The Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section "(6)", a new section (6) as follows:

- "(1) There is established the National Assembly Library and Resource Centre Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Governing Council").
- (2) The Governing Council shall consist of —
 - (a) the President of the Senate or his Representative;
 - (b) the Speaker of the House of Representatives or his Representative;
 - (c) a former President of the Senate to be nominated by the President of the Senate;
 - (d) a former Speaker of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Speaker;
 - (e) the Clerk to the National Assembly or his representative not below the rank of a secretary or its equivalent;
 - (f) the Director General of the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies;
 - (g) three persons to be nominated by the President of the Senate;
 - (h) three persons to be nominated by the Speaker of the House of representatives; and
 - (i) the Director General, who shall serve as the Secretary to the Governing Council.
- (3) The Chairman of the Governing Council shall be the President of the Senate.
- (4) A member of the Governing Council other than the Director General, shall hold office for 4 years: Provided always that a person appointed to fill any vacancy created by death, resignation or removal of any member of the Governing Council, shall only hold office for the residue of the term of the predecessor.

- (5) Where for any reason, the Governing Council is not constituted or where the Governing Council stands dissolved by reason of the expiration of the tenure of the members of the Council, or for any reason whatsoever, the Clerk to the national Assembly shall act as the Chairman and shall perform such functions of the Governing Council as may be required, until such time as the Governing Council is fully constituted (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: Cessation of office.

- (1) A member of the Governing Council ceases to hold office if he —
- (a) becomes of unsound mind;
 - (b) becomes bankrupt;
 - (c) is convicted of a felony or any offence; or
 - (d) is guilty of corrupt practices or misconduct in relation to his duties.
- (2) A member of the Governing Council may be removed from office for gross misconduct if a resolution for his removal is supported by not less than two-third of the entire members of the Governing Council.
- (3) A member of the Governing Council, may resign his appointment by a notice in writing addressed to the Chairman of the Governing Council (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Functions of the Council.

The Governing Council is responsible for —

- (a) determining the general policy direction of the Resource Centre;
- (b) ratification of staff employment and promotion;
- (c) approving the disbursement of all monies above the Director General's threshold to finance capital projects;
- (d) carrying out such other activities as are considered necessary for the attainment of the objective of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 11: Powers of the Governing Council.

The Principal Act is amended in section 9 by deleting section 9 (1) (a) and subsection (2).

- (1) The Governing Council shall have powers to —

- (a) invest money accruing to the Resource Centre and approve the utilisation of the returns on investment in the same way as money accruing to the Resource Centre (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Establishment of the Directorates of the Resource Centre:

- (1) There is established three directorates within the Resource Centre namely:
 - (a) Directorate of Human Resources;
 - (b) Directorate of Finance and Accounts; and
 - (c) Directorate of ICT, Research and Documentation.
- (2) Each directorate shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Governing Council and shall hold office for a term of 4 years only.
- (3) There shall be such number of staff in each directorate as may be decided by the Director General subject to the ratification of the Governing Council"
- (4) Each Executive Director shall be responsible for the efficient management of the directorate with which such directorate is charge in accordance with the policy and directives of the Governing Council and the Director General (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 13: Appointment of the Director-General and other staff of the Resource Centre.
Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) by substituting for the existing subsection (3), a new subsection "(3)" as follows —
 - "(3) The Director General shall hold office —
 - (a) for an initial term of five years and be eligible for appointment for another term of five years and no more; and
 - (b) on such other terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment."
- (b) by inserting a new subsection (4) as follow —
 - "(4) In the appointment of a person to the office of the Director General, under subsection (1) of this section the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall evenly rotate the appointment to all geo-political zones and shall also ensure that such appointment is rotated between the Senate and the House of Representatives" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Function of the Director General.

- (1) The Director General shall —
 - (a) be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Resource Centre;
 - (b) be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Resource Centre;
 - (c) produce and implement the strategic plan as approved by the Governing Council;
 - (d) be the Secretary of the Governing Council;
 - (e) be a standing member of all committees constituted by the Governing Council;
 - (f) set out the policies and programmes for the research training and re-training of legislators and staff of the National Assembly;
 - (g) update the Governing Council on the activities and progress of the Resource Centre through annual and audited reports;
 - (h) be responsible for reviewing progress and suggesting improvement within the provisions of this Bill;
 - (i) be in charge of the general direction and control of the Executive Directors and all other employees of the Resource Centre;
 - (j) keep proper records of the proceedings of the Governing Council; and
 - (k) discharge such other duties as may be directed by the Governing Council.
- (2) In addition to the functions of the Director General under subclause (1) of this clause, the Director General shall, subject to ratification by the Governing Council, have the authority to make decisions relating to the management of the Resource Centre, including but not limited to:
 - (a) determining the allocation of financial resources for the development and maintenance of the library and museum facilities infrastructure, and services;
 - (b) approving expenditure on the acquisition of books, e-books periodicals, digital resources, subscriptions and other educational materials necessary for enhancing the library's collection;
 - (c) awarding contracts of any kind or description, whether in local or foreign currency in conformity with the due process requirements as provided under any law, rule, guideline or regulation;
 - (d) developing strategic plans and programs for the expansion,

modernization, and promotion of library services, in consultation with the Governing Council;

- (e) formulating policies and guidelines for the effective coordination and utilization of the resources of the Resource Centre;
 - (f) establishing partnerships and collaborations with national and international organizations to enhance the library's resources and services;
 - (g) appointing and overseeing personnel for the efficient functioning of the Resource Centre;
 - (h) any other decision necessary for the proper running and progression of the Resource Centre.
- (3) For the purpose of performing any of the functions under this Bill, or for the purpose of achieving the objectives of this Bill, the Resource Centre shall on real time basis or within 48 hours or such reasonable time be granted unlimited access to records of debates, motions, committee reports, Bills passed, budget passed and other legislative documents or activities, of each house of the National Assembly (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Staff of the Resource Centre.

- (1) Subject to the approval of the Governing Council, the Director General shall appoint for each directorate either from the public or private sector, or may appoint either on transfer or secondment from the Public Service of the Federation or a State, such number of staff required for the effective performance of the functions of the Resource Centre under this Bill.
- (2) Subject to the ratification of the Governing Council, the Director General shall, appoint such other junior staff as may be necessary to assist him to perform the functions and duties of his office under this Bill.
- (3) The terms and conditions of services (including terms and conditions as to the remuneration, payment of allowances and other benefits) of the staff of the Resource Centre shall be determined by the Governing Council and shall be accorded such special status to enable the Resource Centre attract, employ and retain such highly skilled professionals and experts that are necessary for the attainment of the objectives of the Resource Centre.
- (4) The retirement age for staff of the Resource Centre shall be 65 years of age or 40 years in service whichever comes earlier (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Estimates of Expenditure.

The Director-General shall, not later than 30th June of every year, submit to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the overseeing committee an estimate of its income and expenditure of the succeeding year (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 17: Account and audit.

The Director General shall cause to be kept for the Resource Centre proper accounts and Account and audit records and when certified by the Governing Council, these accounts shall be audited by auditors appointed from the list supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 18: Bi-Yearly Report.

The Director General shall, at the end of every six months, submit to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Committee in each House responsible for overseeing the National Assembly Library, a report on its activities and the administration of the Resource Centre (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 19: Annual Report.

The Director-General shall, not later than six months before end of each year, submit to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee in each House responsible for overseeing the National Assembly Library, a report on the activities and the administration of the Resource Centre during the preceding year and shall include in such reports the auditor's report (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 20: Power of the President to issue directives.

The Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 22, a new section "22" as follow —

"Power of the President to issue directives.

The President of the Senate in consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives may give to the Director General, directives of a general nature with regards to the performance of his function under this Bill" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 21: Transitional and Savings Provisions.

Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, new Subsections "(2)" and "(3)" as follows —

"(2) As from the commencement of this Bill, all Legislative Research, Library services, National Assembly Museum, Archiving of Legislative materials and documents, publishing of legislative journals, magazines, reports, digital contents as well as any other aspects of the defunct library of the National Assembly, shall be under the Resource Centre"

- (3) All contracts, documents or appointments made, done or executed in or under, or using any of the names changed herein, shall continue to be in force as if such contracts documents or appointments were made in the new names set out in this Bill" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 22: Regulations.

The Director General may make such regulations deemed necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 23: Interpretation.

"staff" means officers and employees of the National Assembly Library and Resource Centre (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Junior staff" includes drivers, cleaners, office secretaries, messengers, receptionist and other staff employed to perform clerical duties (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

"Resource Centre" Means National Assembly and Resource Centre (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 24: Amendment of Schedule.

The Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by substitution for the existing paragraph "2", a new paragraph "2" as follows —

- "2. The quorum of the Governing Council shall be one-third of the Members of the Governing Council or four, whichever is less. The Governing Council shall determine the quorum of any committee" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 25: Amendment of Act No. 13 of 2011.

The National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011 is consequentially amended in section subsection (3), by inserting, after the existing paragraph (f), a new paragraph "(ff)" as follows —

"(ff) the Director General of the National Assembly Library and Resource Centre; and" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 26: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the National Assembly Library and Resource Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Library Trust Fund (Establishment) Act, No. 11 of 2022, Change the Name of the National Assembly Library Trust Fund to National Assembly Library and Resource Centre, Eliminate the Ambiguity in the Chairmanship Position of the Governing Council, Streamline the Functions and Duties of the Governing Council and the Office of the Director General, and to Provide for the Application of the Funds of the National Assembly Library Resource Centre to set up the National Assembly Museum and for Related Matters (HB. 1259) (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Legislative Library, Research and Documentation on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Library Trust Fund Act, No. 11 of 2022, change the Name of the National Assembly Library Trust Fund to National Assembly Library and Resource Centre, eliminate the ambiguity in the Chairmanship position of the Governing Council, Streamline the functions and duties of the Governing Council and the Office of the Director – General and to Provide for Application of the Funds of the National Assembly Library Resource Centre to set up the Assembly Museum and for Related Matters (HB. 1259) and approved Clauses 1 - 26, the Schedule and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

24. A Bill for an Act to prescribe the Salaries, Allowances and Fringe Benefits of Judicial Office Holders in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1282) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to prescribe the Salaries, Allowances and Fringe Benefits of Judicial Office Holders in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1282) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

25. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers Act, Cap. C9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments Bill, 2024 to set Standards of Knowledge, Ethical Conduct and Practice, Train, Certify, discipline its Members, Promote and Advance the Practice of Securities and Investments Profession and for Related Matters (HB. 416) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Chartered Institute of

Stockbrokers Act, Cap. C9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments Bill, 2024 to set Standards of Knowledge, Ethical Conduct and Practice, Train, Certify, discipline its Members, Promote and Advance the Practice of Securities and Investments Profession and for Related Matters (HB. 416) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

26. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security and for Related Matters (HB. 505) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security and for Related Matters (HB. 505) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

27. A Bill for an Act to Establish Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 473) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 473) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

28. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Students Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a Body Corporate to Receive, Manage and Invest Funds to Provide Loans to Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.1266) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Students Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a Body Corporate to Receive, Manage and Invest Funds to Provide Loans to Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.1266) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

29. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1285) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1285) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

30. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1286) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Supplementary Appropriations Act, 2023 to Extend the Implementation year from 31 March, 2024 to 30 June, 2024 and for Related Matters (HB. 1286) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

31. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Library Trust Fund Act, No. 11 of 2022, change the Name of the National Assembly Library Trust Fund to National Assembly Library and Resource Centre, eliminate the ambiguity in the Chairmanship position of the Governing Council, Streamline the functions and duties of the Governing Council and the Office of the Director-General and to Provide for Application of the Funds of the National Assembly Library Resource Centre to set up the Assembly Museum and for Related Matters (HB.1259) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Library Trust Fund Act, No. 11 of 2022, change the Name of the National Assembly Library Trust Fund to National Assembly Library and Resource Centre, eliminate the ambiguity in the Chairmanship position of the Governing Council, Streamline the functions and duties of the Governing Council and the Office of the Director-General and to Provide for Application of the Funds of the National Assembly Library Resource Centre to set up the Assembly Museum and for Related Matters (HB.1259) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

32. **Adjournment of First Sitting**

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 2.30 p.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.00 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker