



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 29 February, 2024

1. The House met at 11.08 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 28 February, 2024.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

(i) **Bereavement:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. David Agada Ogewu (*Oju/Obi Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of a former Member, Hon. Agi David Ogbaji (*Oju/Obi Federal Constituency, 1979 - 1983*), which occurred on Saturday, 24 February, 2024.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(ii) **Special Committee on Restructuring of Federal Agencies and Commissions:**

Mr Speaker announced members of the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Julius Ihonvbere | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Kabir Tukura | — | <i>Deputy Chairman</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Bukar Talba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Bala Sani Umar | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Oke Busayo Oluwole | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim Ayokunle | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Canice Moore Chukwugozie N. | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (8) | Hon. Ademorin Kuye | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (9) | Hon. Irom Michael Etaba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (10) | Hon. Ahmed Aliyu Abdullahi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (11) | Hon. Saidu Yusuf Miga | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (12) | Hon. Abiola Makinde | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (13) | Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde | — | <i>Member</i> |

(14)	Hon. Adegboyega Adefarati	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Ahmed Badau Yusuf	—	<i>Member</i>
(16)	Hon. Jallo Hussaini Mohammed	—	<i>Member</i>
(17)	Hon. Patrick Umoh	—	<i>Member</i>
(18)	Hon. Paul Nnamchi	—	<i>Member</i>
(19)	Hon. Iduma Igariwey Enwo	—	<i>Member</i>
(20)	Hon. Sada Soli	—	<i>Member</i>
(21)	Hon. Kabiru Amadu	—	<i>Member</i>
(22)	Hon. Abubakar Fulata Hassan	—	<i>Member</i>
(23)	Hon. Akande Sadipe Tolulope	—	<i>Member</i>
(24)	Hon. Kafilat Adetola Ogbara	—	<i>Member</i>

(iii) Appointment of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Committees:

Mr Speaker announced the following Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen:

(1)	Hon. Gboyega Nasiru Isiaka	—	<i>Chairman, Committee on Student Loans, Scholarships and Higher Education Financing.</i>
(2)	Hon. Lemke Inyang	—	<i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on Student Loans, Scholarships and Higher Education Financing.</i>
(3)	Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda	—	<i>Chairman, Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education.</i>
(4)	Hon. Shehu Dalhatu	—	<i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on Climate Change.</i>
(5)	Hon. Ifeoluwa Ehindero	—	<i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on Reformatory Institutions.</i>
(6)	Hon. Okonkwo Uchenna Harris	—	<i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on Food and Drugs Administration and Control.</i>

5. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Jos University Dental Students' Association (JUDENSA), on behalf of the Dental Students, on the non-accreditation of their programme by the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, was presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi Isolo II Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Stanley Ozodinobi-Sots, on alleged unauthorized use of his intellectual property by DSTV (MultiChioce Nigeria Limited), was presented and laid by Hon. George Ibezimako Ozodinobi (*Njikoka/Dunukofia/Anaocha Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Stephen Obiefule & Partners (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Elom Veronica Chinelo, on the termination of her employment by the Secondary Education Board, Ministry of Education, Ebonyi State, was presented and laid by Hon. Nwobasi Joseph (*Ezza North/Isielu Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) A petition from Stephen Obiefule & Partners (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Aketewei family, Sianlubo Compound in Agiama community, Southern Ijaw Local Government Area, Bayelsa State, on alleged oil spillage and environmental degradation by Shell Petroleum Development Company Nigeria Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochukwu (*Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) Extension of UTME Registration Period by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB):

Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi (*Shinkafi/Zurmi 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.

Extension of UTME Registration Period by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB):

The House:

Notes that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has the mandate to register and conduct the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) for the purpose of admitting candidates into the Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria;

Also notes that in 2024 UTME registration commenced from 15 January and ended 26 February, 2024, with most families constrained from registering their wards within timeline, due to prevailing harsh economic situation in the country;

Worried that online registration further constituted setback to non-conversant candidates hence they could not complete the exercise within the deadline required for registration;

Also worried that without extension of the registration, many candidates will not be able to register and participate in the exercise and therefore not having a wider coverage and participation in this year's UTME Examination in Nigeria;

Convinced of the need to encourage the parents of these candidates to persistently register their children in order to re-assure the public confidence in this current administration in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to extend the registration of the UTME for two (2) weeks to enable the anticipated potential candidates to register for the 2024 exercise;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Education, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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- (ii) ***Need for National Reconciliation and Integration Process to Build Confidence of a New Generational Order in Nigeria:***
Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka (*Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 - (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need for National Reconciliation and Integration Process to Build Confidence of a New Generational Order in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes with delight, various call for National Reconciliation and Integration process in Nigeria, as essential ingredients for building confidence in a new generational order to address historical divisions, promoting social cohesion, ensuring political stability, fostering economic development, empowering the youth, enhancing international reputation, preventing conflicts, and facilitating nation-building;

Also notes that Nigeria has a history of ethnic, religious, and regional diversity requiring cohesion and unity for social, national stability and development;

Agreed that reconciliation fosters a sense of common identity, reduce tensions and promote social cohesion for national integration and political stability in order to eliminate the risk of ethnic or regional conflicts;

Convinced that a united Nigeria will attract investments and engender economic development, investors are more likely to commit resources to a politically stable and integrated nation;

Further convinced that a reconciled and integrated society provides a conducive environment for the empowerment of the younger generation, focused on education, skill development and national progress;

Cognizant of the fact that Reconciliation helps to identify and address potential sources of conflict before it could lead to unrest;

Believes that building a new generational order requires as a foundation of unity and shared values, lays the groundwork for a collective vision, contributing to the development of a stronger and more inclusive nation;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to, as a matter of urgency, set in motion, the process for National Reconciliation and Integration;
- (ii) also urge leadership of the National Assembly, to set up a Joint Special Committee that will interface with the Federal Government on the actualization of the National Reconciliation and Integration in Nigeria (*Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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- (iii) ***Plight of Depositors and Customers of Financial Institutions Whose Licences were Revoked by the Central Bank of Nigeria:***
Hon. Dominic Okafor Ifeanyi (*Aguata 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.

Plight of Depositors and Customers of Financial Institutions Whose Licences were Revoked by the Central Bank of Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), in accordance with the provisions of Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (BOFIA), 2020, Act No. 5 revoked the Operational licenses of about one hundred and thirty-two Microfinance Banks, four Primary Mortgage Banks and three Finance Businesses in March 2023;

Also notes that sometime in September 2023, the Central Bank gave an "Approval-in-Principle" (AIP) to some Microfinance Banks outlining the requirements and conditions needed to grant approval of final licence to affected banks and financial houses;

Aware that some Microfinance Banks and other Finance Businesses have fulfilled the conditions of the Central Bank of Nigeria many months ago and applied for final approval for the issuance of a final operating Licence to their Banks;

Concerned that despite meeting the Capital requirement and other numerous verification documentation of the Central Bank of Nigeria many months ago, the operating Licenses of the revoked Microfinances banks and other finance businesses are yet to be restored and no communication to that effect has emanated from the apex Bank;

Worried that some of these Microfinance Banks commenced business as Community Banks with deposits largely made by whole Communities including retirees, schools, age grades, clubs, town unions, aged people, market women, kindreds, etc. who are presently stranded with some at the point of death for lack of access to their funds;

Also worried that the current economic hardship in the Country is taking a great toll on the citizens, resulting in the death of some depositors in affected Microfinance Banks and Finance Businesses;

Resolves to:

- (i) invite the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria to effectively address the House on issues warranting the delay of approval of final licences to affected Microfinance Banks and Finance Businesses or otherwise release same to them immediately;
- (ii) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to release trapped funds of depositors in Microfinance Banks and Finance businesses whose licences were revoked but are unwilling to comply with necessary requirements back to the depositors;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Banking Institutions, and Banking Regulations to collaborate with the Central Bank of Nigeria with the intent to expedite the release of final Licences to affected Microfinances Banks and Finance Businesses to ameliorate the hardships of the depositors (*Hon. Dominic Ifeanyi Okafor — Aguata Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to enable it take more than 3 matters of urgent public importance” (*Hon. Kama Nkemkanma — Ohaozara/Ivo/Onicha Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (iv) **Comprehensive Review of the 2012 Oronsaye Report, All Other Related Reports and White Papers before Implementation:**

Hon. Kama Nkemkanma (*Ohaozara/Ivo/Onicha Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
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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.

Comprehensive Review of the 2012 Oronsaye Report, All Other Related Reports and White Papers before Implementation:

The House:

Notes that in 2012, the President Goodluck Jonathan administration, set up a Presidential Committee on the Rationalisation and Restructuring of Federal Government Parastatals, Commissions and Agencies, headed by Stephen Oronsaye, a retired federal civil servant and former Head of Service of the Federation;

Also notes that the Oronsaye Committee, after their painstaking assignment, recommended the scrapping and merging of 220 out of the then existing 541 government agencies;

Aware that the Committee's 800-page report noted that the government's parastatals and agencies' functions are overlapping and therefore recommended the reduction of statutory agencies from 263 to 161, the abolition of 38 agencies, the merger of 52 and the reversion of 14 to departments in ministries and the management audit of 89 agencies capturing biometric features of staff as well as the discontinuation of government funding of professional bodies/councils;

Also aware that according to the Oronsaye Report, if the Committee's recommendation was implemented, the government would be saving over ₦862 billion between 2012 and 2015 with a breakdown which showed that about ₦124.8 billion would be reduced from agencies proposed for abolition; about ₦100.6 billion from agencies proposed for mergers; about

₦6.6 billion from professional bodies; ₦489.9 billion from universities; ₦50.9 billion from polytechnics; ₦32.3 billion from colleges of education and ₦616 million from boards of federal medical centres;

Further aware that after the committee's report, the White Paper committee set up by Jonathan's administration rejected most of the recommendations, while those accepted were not implemented;

Further notes that the in November 2021, the President Muhammadu Buhari administration inaugurated two Committees; one of the Committees chaired by Goni Aji, a retired Head of Civil Service of the Federation, was to review the Orosanye report and the second Committee, chaired by Ama Pepple, also a retired Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, was constituted to review Agencies created between 2014 and 2021;

Still notes that upon submission of their reports, the Muhammadu Buhari-led Federal Government in July 2022 set up another Committee chaired by Ebele Okeke, a former Head of the Civil Service of the Federation to produce a white paper on the reports;

Worried that the full implementation of a report 12 years after it was first made, which ordinarily may be described as outdated, especially because of how dynamic the society, economy, polity, technology and all facets of our national life has been;

Concerned that the contrary to the assumption that the full implementation of the report would reduce cost of governance, with the current realities, the full implementation of the report will not substantially reduce the cost of governance as it does not reflect the current situation in the Public Service of the Federation;

Also worried that the full implementation of 2012 Orosanye report in 2024 will certainly through up unintended consequences, implications and outcomes;

Committed to supporting all positive actions and policies of the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu administration which have minimum unintended consequences impacts, implications and outcomes;

Cognizant of the primary purpose of government being the security and welfare of the citizens as enshrined in Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Resolves to:

- (i) urge President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to comprehensively review the the 2012 Orosanye Report, the Goni Aji Report which reviewed Orosanye Report, the White Paper released by the President Jonathan administration, the Arna Pepple White Paper and the Ebele Okeke White Paper in line with current realities, while considering implementable alternatives that are in tune with current realities, and which at the same time would have minimum unintended consequences, impacts, implications and outcomes;
- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to develop and implement policies that will reposition the agricultural sector, the solid mineral sector and the informal sectors which will serve as alternatives to those that may be laid off consequentially while at the same time spurring economic growth (*Hon. Kama Nkemkanma — Ohaozara/Onicha/Ivo Federal Constituency and Two Others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Committed to supporting all positive actions and policies of the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu administration which have minimum unintended consequences impacts, implications and outcomes;

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- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to develop and implement policies that will reposition the agricultural sector, the solid mineral sector and the informal sectors which will serve as alternatives to those that may be laid off consequentially while at the same time spurring economic growth (**HR. 102/02/2024**).

Motion referred to the Ad-hoc Committee on Restructuring of Federal Agencies and Commissions.

7. Presentation of Report

64th Session of the Organization of African Caribbean, Pacific States and European Union (OACPS - EU):

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report to the Nigerian Delegation to the 64th Session of the Organization of African Caribbean, Pacific States and European Union (OACPS - EU) Parliamentary Assembly and 1st Session of the OACPS - EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly under the Samoa Agreement, held in Luanda, Angola 17 - 21 February, 2024” (*Hon. Adewunmi Onanuga — Ikenne/Shagamu/Remo North Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Geidam and for Related Matters (HB. 767) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Geidam and for Related Matters (HB. 767) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Produce (Enforcement of Exports Standards) Act, Cap. P23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Federal Produce Inspection Service (Enforcement of Exports Standards) (Establishment) Bill, 2024 to Provide for the Inspection and Enforcement of Grades and Quality Standards of Produce and Commodity intended for Export from Nigeria at Ports of Shipment and for Related Matters (HB. 616) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Coordinating and Conduct of the Practice of Broadcasting Profession in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.247) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Coordinating and Conduct of the Practice of Broadcasting Profession in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.247) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2010 and Enact the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts Bill to, among other things, Expand the Jurisdiction of the Area Courts to Entertain both Civil and Criminal Matters and for Related Matters (HB. 378) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2010 and Enact the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts Bill to, among other things, Expand the Jurisdiction of the Area Courts to Entertain both Civil and Criminal Matters and for Related Matters (HB. 378) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Peace Corps to facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Neighbourhood watch and Nation Building and for Related Matters (HB. 309 and HB. 482) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Peace Corps to facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Neighbourhood watch and Nation Building and for Related Matters (HB. 309 and HB. 482) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora and for Related Matters (HB.799) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora and for Related Matters (HB.799) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 984) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 984) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Niger Delta Development Commission Act, Cap N86, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for inclusion of Anambra State as an Oil Producing State and for Related Matters (HB. 154 and HB. 857) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Niger Delta Development Commission Act, Cap N86, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for inclusion of Anambra State as an Oil Producing State and for Related Matters (HB. 154 and HB. 857) be read a Second Time” (Hon. George Ibezimako Ozodinobi — Njikoka/Dunukofia/Anaocha Federal Constituency and One other).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Institute of Health Service Administrators of Nigeria to Provide for the Control, Health Administration and Regulation of the Activities of its Members and for Related Matters (HB.935) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Institute of Health Service Administrators of Nigeria to Provide for the Control, Health Administration and Regulation of the Activities of its Members and for Related Matters (HB.935) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Bassey Akiba — Calabar Municipal/Odukpani 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 Healthcare Services.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Coal Corporation Act, Cap. N95, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Coal Development Commission, Enugu and for Related Matters (HB.667) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Coal Corporation Act, Cap. N95, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Coal Development Commission, Enugu and for Related Matters (HB.667) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Chimaobi Sam Atu — Enugu North/Enugu South Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Solid Mineral Development.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Oke-Igbo, Ondo State and for Related Matters (HB.774) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal

College of Nursing and Midwifery Oke-Igbo, Ondo State and for Related Matters (HB.774) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Festus Ayodele Adefiranye — Ileoluji/Okeigbo/Idigbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Health Institutions.

19. Outstanding Bills from Preceding Assembly

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 17 of the Standing Orders, the House may, upon being re-gazetted or circulated, reconsider in the Committee of the Whole, without commencing de novo, the Bill(s):

- (a) which report was presented by the Committee before consideration,
- (b) passed by the House and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negative,
- (c) passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negative, or
- (d) passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding therefore was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the preceding Assembly;

Also notes that the under-listed Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly:

- (i) Mandatory Inclusion of Teachings on Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of all Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria Bill, 2023 (HB. 501),
- (ii) Mandatory Inclusion of Preventive Measures and Teachings on Sexual Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of all Levels of Secondary Schools in Nigeria Bill, 2023 (HB.502),
- (iii) Chartered Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security (HB.505),
- (iv) Counterfeit Medical Products, Fake Drugs and Wholesome Processed Foods (Prohibition and Control) Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.580),
- (v) National Primary Health Care Development Agency Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 806), and
- (vi) Federal University of Environment and Technology, Koroma/Saakpenwa, Tai Ogoni, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.1040);

Aware that the Bills were read for the first time as HB. 501, HB. 502, HB. 505, HB. 580, HB. 806 and HB. 1040 respectively;

Resolves to:

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

Agreed.

20. Need to Encourage the Growth and Development of Indigenous Construction Companies in Nigeria

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

21. Mandatory Drug Testing for Secondary School Students in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that adolescence is a critical period for drug abuse, influenced by factors such as experimental curiosity, peer pressure, poor socio-economic conditions at home and the need for extra energy for daily activities;

Also notes that the youth are critical stakeholders in fostering socio-economic development in the country and their vulnerability to societal vices necessitates strategic government intervention to secure their wellbeing and enhance their contributions to national development;

Worried that substance abuse among young people is fast becoming a global public health concern, gradually leading to complications like personality disorders, drug dependence and death;

Also worried that according to studies which showed a notable prevalence of drug and substance abuse across secondary schools in Nigeria, one in every four students between 15-19 years abused substances, syrup containing codeine and tramadol topped the list of drugs, ranking higher than cannabis;

Aware that Random Student Drug Testing (RSDT) is a drug prevention programme whereby students are tested for recent use of illegal substances, and is aimed at deterring drug use and identifying students who need help with staying drug-free;

Cognizant that a mandatory routine and random drug testing for students is for preventive, not punitive purposes, and early intervention is crucial for achieving success in tackling the menace of substance abuse.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Education and Health to collaborate and develop a mandatory drug testing programme for secondary school students in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the National Orientation Agency and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency to increase awareness about substance abuse among secondary school students nationwide; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, and Healthcare Services to ensure compliance and report within four weeks (4) (*Hon. Moshood Olanrewaju Oshun — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed.

The House:

Noted that adolescence is a critical period for drug abuse, influenced by factors such as experimental curiosity, peer pressure, poor socio-economic conditions at home and the need for extra energy for daily activities;

Also noted that the youth are critical stakeholders in fostering socio-economic development in the country and their vulnerability to societal vices necessitates strategic government intervention to secure their wellbeing and enhance their contributions to national development;

Worried that substance abuse among young people is fast becoming a global public health concern, gradually leading to complications like personality disorders, drug dependence and death;

Also worried that according to studies which showed a notable prevalence of drug and substance abuse across secondary schools in Nigeria, one in every four students between 15-19 years abused substances, syrup containing codeine and tramadol topped the list of drugs, ranking higher than cannabis;

Aware that Random Student Drug Testing (RSDT) is a drug prevention programme whereby students are tested for recent use of illegal substances, and is aimed at deterring drug use and identifying students who need help with staying drug-free;

Cognizant that a mandatory routine and random drug testing for students is for preventive, not punitive purposes, and early intervention is crucial for achieving success in tackling the menace of substance abuse.

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Education and Health to collaborate and develop a mandatory drug testing programme for secondary school students in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the National Orientation Agency and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency to increase awareness about substance abuse among secondary school students nationwide; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, and Healthcare Services to ensure compliance and report within four weeks (4) (**HR. 103/02/2024**).

22. Funds Disbursed to the Licensed Electricity Distribution Companies by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) as Loans under the National Mass Metering Program

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Mass Metering Program (NMMP) was launched by the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to provide funds as loans to the licensed Electricity Distribution Companies (DisCos) to improve customers metering and eliminate estimated billing;

Also notes that the NMMP aims to reach over 6 million households and businesses with meters before the end of 2021 as part of the power sector reform agenda to promote transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the power sector;

Concerned that there have been reports of discrepancies, mismanagement, and non-compliance with

the terms and conditions of the loans disbursed under the NMMP by some DisCos, leading to inefficiencies, underperformance, and failure to achieve the objectives of the NMMP;

Worried at the lack of proper oversight, monitoring and evaluation of funds disbursed under the National Mass Metering Program by the Central Bank of Nigeria, which has created opportunities for corruption, diversion, and misappropriation of public resources;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to prioritize the implementation of the Power Sector Recovery Program, which provides a roadmap for sustainable power sector reform;
- (ii) also urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to provide a detailed report on the implementation of the National Mass Metering Program (NMMP), including the number of loans disbursed, the amount disbursed, and the status of the loans, to the Committee on Banking and regulations;
- (iii) further urge the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) to provide a comprehensive assessment of the performance of the DisCos in metering customers and eliminating estimated billing;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations, Power, Rural Electrification Agency, Housing and Habitat, to investigate the disbursement and use of funds under the NMMP by the Central bank of Nigeria and ascertain the level of compliance with the terms and conditions of the loans;
- (v) also mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations and Power to investigate:
 - (a) cases of discrepancies, mismanagement, and non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the loans disbursed under the National Mass Metering Program, and
 - (b) the level of oversight, monitoring, and evaluation of the use of funds disbursed under the National Mass Metering Program by the Central Bank of Nigeria, and to recommend measures to enhance transparency, accountability, and performance in the National Mass Metering Program and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Uchenna Harris Okonkwo — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed.

The House:

Noted that the National Mass Metering Program (NMMP) was launched by the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to provide funds as loans to the licensed Electricity Distribution Companies (DisCos) to improve customers metering and eliminate estimated billing;

Also noted that the NMMP aims to reach over 6 million households and businesses with meters before the end of 2021 as part of the power sector reform agenda to promote transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the power sector;

Concerned that there have been reports of discrepancies, mismanagement, and non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the loans disbursed under the NMMP by some DisCos, leading to inefficiencies, underperformance, and failure to achieve the objectives of the NMMP;

Worried at the lack of proper oversight, monitoring and evaluation of funds disbursed under the National Mass Metering Program by the Central Bank of Nigeria, which has created opportunities for corruption, diversion, and misappropriation of public resources;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to prioritize the implementation of the Power Sector Recovery Program, which provides a roadmap for sustainable power sector reform;
- (ii) also urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to provide a detailed report on the implementation of the National Mass Metering Program (NMMP), including the number of loans disbursed, the amount disbursed, and the status of the loans, to the Committee on Banking and regulations;
- (iii) further urge the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) to provide a comprehensive assessment of the performance of the DisCos in metering customers and eliminating estimated billing;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations, Power, Rural Electrification Agency, Housing and Habitat, to investigate the disbursement and use of funds under the NMMP by the Central bank of Nigeria and ascertain the level of compliance with the terms and conditions of the loans;
- (v) also mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations and Power to investigate:
 - (a) cases of discrepancies, mismanagement, and non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the loans disbursed under the National Mass Metering Program, and
 - (b) the level of oversight, monitoring, and evaluation of the use of funds disbursed under the National Mass Metering Program by the Central Bank of Nigeria, and to recommend measures to enhance transparency, accountability, and performance in the National Mass Metering Program and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 104/02/2024**).

23. Deplorable State of Road Network in Federal Housing Estate, Alimosho Local Government Area, Lagos State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Gowon Estate and Federal Low-Cost Housing Estate also known as (Shagari Estate) in Alimosho Federal Constituency of Lagos State, were constructed and managed by the Federal Housing Authority in accordance with its mandate of development and management of Real Estate on both commercial and portable basis in all States of the Federation;

Also notes that the aforementioned Estates were built as part of plans by the Federal Government to cater for housing deficits and infrastructural inadequacies in Nigeria and like some other Housing Estates across the country, were provided with social amenities including but not limited to road networks to make human and vehicular movement within the Estates easy;

Concerned that over the years, the roads within Gowon and Shagari Housing Estates in Alimosho Federal Constituency have become dilapidated due to neglect and abandonment by the agencies responsible for their maintenance;

Also concerned that the deplorable state of the roads has caused pain and agony to residents, particularly during emergencies, resulting to loss of productive times, avoidable expenses on vehicle maintenance and depreciation of the value of properties within the Estates;

Cognizant that unless urgent steps are taken to rehabilitate the roads in the affected Estates, the situation could worsen, thus resulting in devastating consequences;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Authority and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence rehabilitation and reconstruction of the dilapidated roads in Gowon Estate and Federal Low-Cost Housing Estate in Alimosho Federal Constituency of Lagos State;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Housing and Habitat to visit Gowon and Shagari Estates, Alimosho Federal Constituency to assess the level of degradation of the road network and make budgetary provision for the rehabilitation of the Gowon and Shagari Estates, Alimosho, Lagos State in the subsequent budget estimates; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Housing and Habitat, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action. (*Hon. Ganiyu Adele Ayuba — Alimosho Federal Constituency*).

Agreed.

(HR. 105/02/2024).

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

24. Need to Revoke Non - Performing Modular Refinery Licenses and Re - Issue License to Competent Investors

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

25. Need to Convert Old Federal Government Press Building, Ajegunle to a Vocational and Skills Acquisition Centre for Youth Empowerment

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

26. Constitution of the Board of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Section 2 (1) of the Nigerians in Diaspora Establishment Act, 2017 states that there shall be a Governing Board for the Commission, which will be responsible for its general administration;

Also notes the genuine intent of President Muhammadu Buhari in signing the Nigerians in the Diaspora Commission Act, 2017 was in response to complaints Nigerian suffers in their host countries, resulting in a huge embarrassment to the image of Nigeria and its rating before the community of nations;

Further notes that the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission provides for the engagement of Nigerians in the Diaspora in the policies, projects, and participation in the development of Nigeria and the purpose of utilizing human capital and material resources of Nigerians in the Diaspora towards the overall socio-economic, cultural, and political development of Nigeria;

Aware that Nigeria has a huge, well-educated, and hardworking diaspora population across all the continents of the world and constitutes a significant percentage of active economic capital for our national growth and development;

Also aware that a recent World Bank report states that Nigeria is the highest remittance-recipient country in Sub-Saharan Africa, approximated at about \$20 billion in official remittances by the end of 2023, which is about 38% of remittances flowing to the regions. At the close of 2023, the exchange rate of ₦885.88 was about ₦17.71 trillion;

Concerned that the challenges faced by the Nigerians in the diaspora that necessitated the establishment of the Commission remain unresolved and have worsened, attributed to the fact that the Board of the Commission has yet to be constituted by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria since its establishment seven years ago;

Also concerned that Nigerians in the diaspora have contributed significantly to the country's economic growth, development, and social stability, and their welfare be given special attention by the government and its organs;

Worried that if the Board is not constituted immediately, the capacity of NIDCOM to address the challenges of Nigerians in the diaspora will worsen and that would present Nigeria from a negative perspective as a country that does not care for the welfare of its citizens, thus undermining the establishment of the Commission;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President to give effect to the provisions of Section 2 (1) of the NIDCON Establishment Act, 2017 by constituting the Board of Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM);
- (ii) also urge the President to inaugurate the Board after their confirmation and charge it to immediately address the numerous challenges facing Nigerians in the Diaspora; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Diaspora to ensure compliance (*Hon. Tochukwu Chinedu Okere — Owerri Municipal/Owerri North/Owerri West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed.

The House:

Noted that Section 2 (1) of the Nigerians in Diaspora Establishment Act, 2017 states that there shall be a Governing Board for the Commission, which will be responsible for its general administration;

Also noted the genuine intent of President Muhammadu Buhari in signing the Nigerians in the Diaspora Commission Act, 2017 was in response to complaints Nigerian suffers in their host countries, resulting in a huge embarrassment to the image of Nigeria and its rating before the community of nations;

Further noted that the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission provides for the engagement of Nigerians in the Diaspora in the policies, projects, and participation in the development of Nigeria and the purpose of utilizing human capital and material resources of Nigerians in the Diaspora towards the overall socio-economic, cultural, and political development of Nigeria;

Aware that Nigeria has a huge, well-educated, and hardworking diaspora population across all the continents of the world and constitutes a significant percentage of active economic capital for our national growth and development;

Also aware that a recent World Bank report states that Nigeria is the highest remittance-recipient country in Sub-Saharan Africa, approximated at about \$20 billion in official remittances by the end

of 2023, which is about 38% of remittances flowing to the regions. At the close of 2023, the exchange rate of ₦885.88 was about ₦17.71 trillion;

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Worried that if the Board is not constituted immediately, the capacity of NIDCOM to address the challenges of Nigerians in the diaspora will worsen and that would present Nigeria from a negative perspective as a country that does not care for the welfare of its citizens, thus undermining the establishment of the Commission;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the President to give effect to the provisions of Section 2 (1) of the NIDCON Establishment Act, 2017 by constituting the Board of Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NIDCOM);
- (ii) also urge the President to inaugurate the Board after their confirmation and charge it to immediately address the numerous challenges facing Nigerians in the Diaspora; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Diaspora to ensure compliance (**HR. 106/02/2024**).

27. Relocating of the Long-Time-Installed Fire Fighting Simulator and Other Equipment from the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology, Sabon Gari, Zaria, Kaduna State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace is allegedly relocating the long-time installed firefighting simulator from the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology, Sabon Gari, Zaria, Kaduna State which has been of great importance to the College, to an unknown destination;

Also notes that the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology is a higher education institution in Sabon Gari, Zaria, Kaduna State, established in 1964 specifically to train students on aircraft engineering, flying, and air traffic expertise advise;

Aware that the firefighting simulator was installed to train firefighting officials on twenty-eight types of fire and non-fire operational incidents involving aircraft in the aerodrome and its vicinity and tackle any fire incidence in the college;

Worried that the Minister's email to Alpha Metal Technology Company, who installed a firefighting simulator at the college, has caused tension, as the firefighting simulator benefits higher institutions in Zaria and environs;

Cognizant that the firefighting simulator is a national asset and an important tool in the training of firefighting officials within the aviation industry, and it also reduces the capital flights of training aircraft firemen and women overseas;

Resolves to:

- (i) invite the Hon. Minister of Aviation to brief the House on the relocation of the Fire Fighting Simulator; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to investigate the allegations about the relocation of the firefighting simulator and the location to be taken to and report within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Sadiq Ango Abdullahi — Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (i) and *insert* as follows:
"urge the Minister of Aviation to suspend the relocation of the Fire Fighting Simulator and other equipment pending the determination of the investigation" (*Hon. Jallo Muhammed Hussaini — Igabi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Leave out* Prayer (i) as amended (*Hon. Ibe Okwara Osomwa — Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace is allegedly relocating the long-time installed firefighting simulator from the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology, Sabon Gari, Zaria, Kaduna State which has been of great importance to the College, to an unknown destination;

Also noted that the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology is a higher education institution in Sabon Gari, Zaria, Kaduna State, established in 1964 specifically to train students on aircraft engineering, flying, and air traffic expertise advise;

Aware that the firefighting simulator was installed to train firefighting officials on twenty-eight types of fire and non-fire operational incidents involving aircraft in the aerodrome and its vicinity and tackle any fire incidence in the college;

Worried that the Minister's email to Alpha Metal Technology Company, who installed a firefighting simulator at the college, has caused tension, as the firefighting simulator benefits higher institutions in Zaria and environs;

Cognizant that the firefighting simulator is a national asset and an important tool in the training of firefighting officials within the aviation industry, and it also reduces the capital flights of training aircraft firemen and women overseas;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Aviation to investigate the allegations about the relocation of the firefighting simulator and the location to be taken to and report within two (2) weeks (**HR. 107/02/2024**).

- 28. United Nations (UN) Report on Terrorist Cells in Kastina State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that over the years, the North-Western States have been consistently associated with banditry, particularly Katsina State, where 23 out of the 34 Local Government Areas are directly attacked;

Aware of the recent United Nations Special Report on the ongoing security challenges in certain areas of Katsina State which has disclosed the existence of 24 terrorist cells spanning approximately 30 forests in the North-West region of Nigeria. The report also provides details on the numerical strength and leadership of the cells.

Also aware that the report identified the presence of encampments in Kankara, Safana, Jibia, and Batsari Local Government Areas of Katsina State, accommodating an estimated populace of no fewer than 1,920 terrorists;

Also notes that the bandits have destroyed lives and properties in Northern Nigeria, causing severe impacts on political and socio-economic development;

Cognizant of the need to address this organized crime of banditry, to prevent humanitarian and human rights consequences, security deterioration, and violence spread in conflict-affected communities.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the relevant security agencies to take advantage of the intelligence to combat banditry attacks in Katsina State and take stiffer measures to ensure the safety of lives and properties in affected the communities;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to intervene and assist the victims to alleviate the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the affected areas; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency Disaster Preparedness and Poverty Alleviation to ensure compliance (*Hon. Iliyasu Aliyu Abubakar — Batsari/Safana/Danmusa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed.

The House:

Noted that over the years, the North-Western States have been consistently associated with banditry, particularly Katsina State, where 23 out of the 34 Local Government Areas are directly attacked;

Aware of the recent United Nations Special Report on the ongoing security challenges in certain areas of Katsina State which has disclosed the existence of 24 terrorist cells spanning approximately 30 forests in the North-West region of Nigeria. The report also provides details on the numerical strength and leadership of the cells.

Also aware that the report identified the presence of encampments in Kankara, Safana, Jibia, and Batsari Local Government Areas of Katsina State, accommodating an estimated populace of no fewer than 1,920 terrorists;

Also noted that the bandits have destroyed lives and properties in Northern Nigeria, causing severe impacts on political and socio-economic development;

Cognizant of the need to address this organized crime of banditry, to prevent humanitarian and human rights consequences, security deterioration, and violence spread in conflict-affected communities.

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the relevant security agencies to take advantage of the intelligence to combat banditry attacks in Katsina State and take stiffer measures to ensure the safety of lives and properties in affected the communities;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to intervene and assist the victims to alleviate the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the affected areas; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency Disaster Preparedness and Poverty Alleviation to ensure compliance (**HR. 108/02/2024**).

29. Need to Address the Delay in Completing the Dualization of the Suleja-Minna Road Project

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the contract for the dualization of the 124.8km Suleja-Minna road was awarded in 2010 with an initial completion date of 2011, remains uncompleted to date;

Worried at the challenges faced by commuters plying the single-lane road due to the deplorable state and frequent accidents on the road;

Aware that at inception of the project, only 280 million Naira was released for the project in 2011, and has been supported by funding windows like the Sukuk Road Funds and NNPC Tax Credit Scheme, despite ongoing work;

Concerned that the project's completion date remains uncertain, despite multiple extensions over a decade, causing concern over economic activities, logistics issues, and citizen expectations and a decline in the quality of the work;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to conduct a special audit of the project's funds, monitor the progress, and ensure project delivery within a set timeframe;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to interface with the Federal Ministers of Works, Finance, Budget and National Planning to address timely release of funds, project implementation challenges and ensure timely delivery of the road dualization project; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Works to conduct oversight visits to the project site, interface with the contractor and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Yusuf Kure Baraje — Boso/Paikoro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed.

The House:

Noted that the contract for the dualization of the 124.8km Suleja-Minna road was awarded in 2010 with an initial completion date of 2011, remains uncompleted to date;

Worried at the challenges faced by commuters plying the single-lane road due to the deplorable state and frequent accidents on the road;

Aware that at inception of the project, only 280 million Naira was released for the project in 2011, and has been supported by funding windows like the Sukuk Road Funds and NNPC Tax Credit Scheme, despite ongoing work;

Concerned that the project's completion date remains uncertain, despite multiple extensions over a decade, causing concern over economic activities, logistics issues, and citizen expectations and a decline in the quality of the work;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to conduct a special audit of the project's funds, monitor the progress, and ensure project delivery within a set timeframe;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to interface with the Federal Ministers of Works, Finance, Budget and National Planning to address timely release of funds, project implementation challenges and ensure timely delivery of the road dualization project; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Works to conduct oversight visits to the project site, interface with the contractor and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 109/02/2024**).

30. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance effective Collaboration with relevant Law Enforcement Agencies and for Related Matters (HB. 315) (Committee of the Whole): Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance effective Collaboration with relevant Law Enforcement Agencies and for Related Matters (HB. 315)" (Hon. Soli Sada — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).*

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT, 2004 TO ENHANCE EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION WITH RELEVANT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Amendment of the Economic Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Section 1 (2) (c) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "is the designated Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in Nigeria" (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act.

Section 2 (1) (a) of the Principal Act is amended —

(a) by substituting the existing subparagraph (ii) for a new subparagraph (ii) as follows —

"(ii) be a Forensic Auditor, CISA certified computer Auditor, a Legal Practitioner, a detective, or any other person with technical experience in an investigation"; and

(b) in subparagraph (iii), by substituting the figure "15" for the figure "10" (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, after the existing provision, a new subsection (2) as follows —

"(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the position of the Chairman, the vacancy shall be filled within 3 months and any person appointed to act as chairman shall not hold office in acting capacity for a period of, not more than, 6 months and no more" (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Amendment of section 6 of the Principal Act.

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing paragraph (n) for a new paragraph (n) as follows —

"(n) coordination and collaboration with investigating units of relevant law enforcement agencies;" (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Amendment of section 7 of the Principal Act.

Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by:

(a) in subsection (1) (b), by substituting the words "if it appears" for the words "where there is evidence"; and

(b) by inserting, after the existing paragraph (b), a new paragraph (c) —

"(c) in carrying out the special powers under this section, the Commission shall collaborate and share information with other law enforcement agencies" (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Amendment of section 11 of the Principal Act.

Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by —

- (a) inserting, after the existing paragraph (g), a new paragraph (h) as follows —
- "(h) Fundamental Rights as contained under Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, the African Union Charter on Human and People's Rights and any international convention on Human Rights that is domesticated; and"
- (b) renumbering existing paragraph (h) and paragraph (i) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Amendment of section 13 of the Principal Act.

Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (1), by —
- (i) inserting, after the existing paragraph (c), a new paragraph (d) as follows —
- "(d) ensuring that when any person is arrested by the commission, the person shall not be paraded before the public unless if the person is convicted;"; and
- (ii) renumbering existing paragraphs (d) and (e) as paragraphs (e) and (f) respectively; and
- (b) in subsection (2), by —
- (i) inserting, after the existing paragraph (b), a new paragraph (c) as follows —
- "(c) ensuring that when any person is arrested by the commission, the person shall not be paraded before the public unless if the person is convicted;"; and
- (ii) renumbering existing paragraphs (c) and (d) as paragraphs (d) and (e) respectively (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Amendment of section 26 of the Principal Act.

Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended by —

- (a) in subsection (2) (a), by inserting, after the word "seal", the words "ensuring the property or asset is not defaced or degraded"; and
- (b) by inserting the following as new subsection (4) —
- "(4) The Commission shall cause to be published, quarterly in a public medium and its website, a comprehensive report of assets seized or forfeited and a list of active and concluded prosecutions by the Commission, the report shall also be contained in the Commission's annual report to the National Assembly" (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Deletion of section 33 of the Principal Act.

Section 33 of the Principal Act is deleted (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Clause 11: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004 to enhance effective collaboration with relevant law enforcement agencies (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004 to Enhance Effective Collaboration with Relevant Law Enforcement Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 315) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance effective Collaboration with relevant Law Enforcement Agencies and for Related Matters (HB. 315) and approved Clauses 1 - 11, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Mentoring and life Coaching Nigerian (CIMLCN) to be charged with the responsibility for Registration, Discipline of its Members to Systematize the Practice of Mentoring and Coaching and for Related Matters (HB. 753) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Mentoring and life Coaching Nigerian (CIMLCN) to be charged with the responsibility for Registration, Discipline of its Members to Systematize the Practice of Mentoring and Coaching and for Related Matters (HB. 753)” (Hon. Soli Sada — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MENTORING AND LIFE COACHING NIGERIA (CIMLCN) TO BE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION, DISCIPLINE OF ITS MEMBERS TO SYSTEMATIZE THE PRACTICE OF MENTORING AND COACHING AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART 1 — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MENTORING AND LIFE COACHING NIGERIA (CIMLCN).

Clause 1: Establishment of the Institute.

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Chartered Institute of Mentoring and Life Coaching Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute").
- (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with:
 - (a) perpetual successions;
 - (b) a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council direct.
- (3) May sue and be sued in its corporate name, and may acquire, hold and dispose of any property, movable and immovable (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Functions and Objectives of the Institute.

The Institute shall have the general duty of:

- (a) to develop and maintain high standard of professional competence in mentoring and coaching in Nigeria both in public and private sectors, conforms to the best professional standards
- (b) to conduct research into and publish materials relating to leadership, mentoring and coaching in Human Capital Development.
- (c) to provide certification, training mentorship and coaching programs and award certificates.
- (d) to promote and develop the science and practice of mentoring and coaching in all its ramifications.
- (e) to build individual with strong positive personality, resourceful, goal oriented who readily would adapt to change in this dynamic changing environment.
- (f) arranging conferences, seminars, symposia and meeting for discussion on mentoring, coaching and other related matters, delivery of lectures, publishing copies of abridgement of papers, books, lectures, records and other memoranda instilling high standard of professional ability and knowledge by means of periodic issue of journals of the institute and to

organize post qualification courses for its members (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Membership of the Institute.

Membership of the Institute is open to individuals who are interested in developing their mentoring, coaching and leadership capacity, and corporate organizations that wish to develop the leadership skills and competencies of their staffs and such admitted persons may be registered as members in any of the following categories:

- (i) ***Grand Chartered Institute of Mentoring and Life Coaching (GCIMLC):***
The Institute Grand Professional Mentor and Coach is the highest distinguished award invested by the board of mentors and coaches to individuals of high integrity, who are role model in our society and have contributed to the growths of the nation. This also will be done after due consultation have been made to the various quarters of our society. It is not solely for those who pass through the preceding membership grade. Members here will serve as advisor, counselor, mentors, and life coaches;
- (ii) ***Fellow Chartered Institute of Mentoring and Life Coaching (FCIMLC):***
The fellowship grade is an award usually granted by the council to distinguished individual who have excel in the field of mentoring and coaching, leadership sustainability, administrative efficiency and must have contributed immensely to the realization of a better generation. Individual honour with this award will be saddled with the responsibility of mentoring and coaching of members and client of the institute. They will have a greater responsibility in our pairing system;
- (iii) ***Member Chartered Institute of Mentoring and Life Coaching (MCIMLC):***
To hold a membership of the institute the individual must have undergone mentoring periods by a person of higher grade OR must have been a mentor or life coach with proof in any field of endeavor. The membership status can also be attained by recommendation from an organization, community or employer, where an individual as attained a level of a senior manager or team leader or its equivalent, he/she will be admitted into the membership of the institute;
- (vi) ***Associate Chartered Institute of Mentoring and Life Coaching (ACIMLC):***
Individuals are admitted into this grade as a coach, mentor or a mentee of the institute. It is also a route to the highest grade of the institute. To move to a higher grade, the individual will pass through mentoring training in our pairing system.
- (v) ***Affiliate Mentor and Coach (Af.MC):***
Individuals are admitted into this grade as affiliate coach, mentor or a mentee of the institute. It is also a route to professional grade of the institute. To move to a higher grade, the individual will pass through mentoring training in our pairing system;
- (iv) ***Chartered Professional Membership:***
To hold chartered membership and niche certification of the institute by practitioners the individual must have undergone coaching and mentoring periods by a person of higher grade or must have been a mentor or life coach with proof in any field of endeavor. The requirement shall be determined by the council from time to time;

(iv) **Corporate Membership:**

The corporate membership of the institute is open to organizations and institution in the private and public sector, who desire to keep the vision of their organization in motion through sustainable leadership and career development for future excellence. The organization must be a registered institution with a workforce of not less than five (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 2 — ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 4: Election of President and Vice President.

- (1) There shall be a President and Two Vice President of the Institute who shall be fellow professional mentor and coach of the Institute.
- (2) The president and Vice-presidents shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute and each shall hold office for a term of two years from the date of election.
- (3) The president shall be the Chairman of the Governing Council established by Section 1- of this bill and in his absence the First Vice-president, shall be the Chairman of the Governing Council.
- (4) The president shall preside at meetings of the Institute and in the event of his absence, death, permanent incapacity or disability, the First-Vice president or in the absence of the First Vice-President; the second Vice president shall preside.
- (5) The First Vice-president or Second Vice president shall in the event of the death, resignation, removal from office or permanent incapacity of the president or First Vice president in that order act for the unexpired term of his office as the case may be and reference to the president of First Vice president, shall be construed accordingly.
- (6) If the president or any of the Vice-Presidents ceases to be a member of the Institute, he shall ipso Facto cease to hold any of the offices designated under this section (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 3 — GOVERNANCE COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE, ETC.

Clause 5: Governance of the Council.

There is hereby established for the Institute of 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 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Member of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) a Chairman who shall be President of the Institute;

- (b) two Vice-Chairmen who shall be the Vice Presidents of the Institute;
 - (c) a treasurer who shall be elected by the Institute;
 - (d) one representative each of the following:
 - (i) Federal Ministry of Education,
 - (ii) Federal Ministry of Youth and Sport,
 - (iii) five Board Members of the institute incorporated;
 - (e) seven persons elected by the Institute;
 - (f) all past Presidents of the Institute including the past presidents of the incorporated Institute of Mentoring and Coaching Nigeria;
 - (g) the Director General.
- (2) The Provision of First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and the other matters therein mentioned (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Tenure.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the Council shall hold office for a period of one years beginning with the date of his election or appointment.
- (2) Any member of the Institute who ceases to be a member thereof shall, if he is also a member of the Council, cease to hold office of the Council.
- (3) Any member of the Council may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President, resign his office.
- (4) A person who retires from 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 reappointed.
- (5) Members of the Council shall at their next meeting before the annual general meeting of the Institute arrange for four members of the Council appointed or elected and longest in office to retire at that general meeting.
- (6) Elections to the Council shall be held in such a manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and until so prescribed, they shall be decided by secret ballot.
- (7) If for any reason a member of Council vacates office and:
 - (a) such member was appointed by the Council or any other body, the Council or that body may appoint another fit and proper person from the area in respect of which the vacancy occurs;
 - (b) such member was elected; 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 carrying on of the activities of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Power of the Council.

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. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 4 — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 9: Financial provisions.

- (1) There shall be established for the Institute a fund which shall be managed and controlled by the Council.
- (2) There shall be paid into the Fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) all fees and other moneys payable to the Institution in pursuance of this Bill;
 - (b) such other moneys 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 Secretary and 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 Council as the Council may determine; and
 - (c) any other expense occurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under the Bill.
- (4) The council may invest moneys 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.
- (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.
- (6) All the Institutional members in Nigeria shall cause to be paid to the fund, an annual subscription as may be determined by the Council from time to time.
- (7) The Council shall on behalf of the Institute keep proper books of accounts in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited by an

external auditor and when audited, the accounts shall be presented to the members of the Institute for approval at a general meeting (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 5 — THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Clause 10: Appointment of Director General.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person to be the Director General for the purpose of this Bill, and such other persons as the Council may from time to time, deem necessary to assist the Director General in the performance of his functions under this Bill.
- (2) The Director General, 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 committees thereof.
- (3) The Director General appointed under subsection (1) of this section shall be the Chief Executive of the Institute and shall report to the Council of the Institute.
- (4) The Council shall appoint other principal officers such as:
 - (a) Director, Education and Training;
 - (b) Director, Finance and Administration;
 - (c) Director, Membership and Certification;
 - (d) Director, Research and Development;
 - (e) to any other position that it may be deemed necessary.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council shall make rules with respect to the form and keeping of registers and the making of entries thereon, and in particular:
 - (a) standardize 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 application;
 - (b) provide for the notification to the Director General, by the person to whom any registered particular relates or any change in those particulars;
 - (c) authorize an enrolled or registered person to have any qualification;
 - (d) 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, as he may elect, in substitution for any other qualification so registered;
 - (e) specify the 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 Director General until such fees specified for the entry has been paid;
- (f) specify the standards of conduct required of a member of the institute and actions or omissions that amount to a misconducts; and
 - (g) specify anything failing to be specified under the foregoing provisions of this section; but rules made for the purpose of paragraph (d) of this sub-section shall not come into force until they are confirmed at a general meeting of the institute.
- (6) The Director General 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, from time to time, any necessary alterations in the registered particulars of registered persons;
 - (c) remove from the register the name of a deceased member or members whose names he is directed to strike off as a result of disciplinary action; 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 thereto (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 of any year may be re-registered subject to payment of outstanding subscription and re-registration fees as may be approved by the Council.
- (7) The rule made pursuant to subsection 6 of this section shall provide for a procedure for updating members particularly in the register, and conditions under which the registrar may remove the name of a member from the list for failing to update his particulars, and the manner to cause a restoration of such a member in the list.
- (8) The Director General shall:
- (a) cause the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public not later than two years from the commencement of this Bill;
 - (b) thereafter in each year, cause to be printed, published and put on sale as aforesaid, either a corrected edition of the register or list of corrections made to the register, since it was last printed;
 - (c) cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of the corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute; and
 - (d) keep the register and list so deposited and make the register and such lists available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the public, physically and through an internet portal (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Approval of Qualification.

- (1) The Council may approve any qualification for the purpose Approval 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 become or are already Mentor and Coach and which the Council considers is designed to confer on persons completing it, sufficient knowledge and skill for admission to the institute;
 - (b) any qualification which as a result of the examination taken in conjunction with a course of training, approved by the Council under this section, is granted to candidates having reached a standard in the examination, indicating in the opinion of the Council, that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill to practice as Mentor and Coach.
- (2) The Council may, if it deems fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing such an approval, the Council shall:
 - (a) give notice that it proposes to do so to each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be the 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 such person an opportunity to make to the Council representations with regard to the proposal;
- (3) A course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved during any period if the approval is withdrawn under subsection (2) of this section;
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, the withdrawal of approval under subsection (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 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 of the institute;
 - (b) not less than seven days before its publication as aforesaid, send a copy of the instrument to the institution affected (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Supervision Instruction.

- (1) It shall be the duty of this Council to keep itself informed of Supervision of the content and methods of:
 - (a) the Instructions given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training;
 - (b) the examinations as a result of which approved qualifications are granted and for the purposes of performing that duty the Council may appoint, either from its own members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions or observe such examinations.
- (2) It shall be the duty of a person appointed under subsection (1) of this section to report to the council on:
 - (a) the adequacy of the instructions given to persons attending approved courses of training at institutions visited by him;
 - (b) the adequacy of the examination attended by him;
 - (c) any other matter relating to the institution or examinations on which the Council may, either generally or in particular cases, request them to report, but no such person shall interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.
- (3) On receiving a report made pursuant to this section, the Council may, if it deems fit, and shall, if so required by the instruction, 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 that request (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 5 — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE**Clause 13: Establishment of Investigation Panel and Disciplinary Tribunal.**

- (1) There shall be constituted a body to be known as the Chartered mentor and coach investigating committee (in this Bill referred to as "Committee") which shall be charged with the duty to Institute of Mentor and Coach "The Investigating":
 - (a) conduct a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member of the institute is involved in misconduct in his capacity as a Mentor and Coach or shall for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the disciplinary panel;
 - (b) decide whether the case should be referred to the disciplinary panel or not.
- (2) The investigating committee shall be appointed by the council and shall consist of five members as follows:

- (a) two members of the Council, one of whom shall be Chairman of the Committee;
 - (b) three Members of the Institute who are not members of the Council.
- (3) The tenure of any member of the Investigating Committee shall be two years' renewable for a further period of two years.
- (4) The Council may make rules not inconsistent with this Bill as regard acts, which constitute professional misconduct.
- (5) The investigating Committee shall act independently in receiving and investigating allegations under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section and shall have power to receive complaints directly from any individual or organization.
- (6) There shall be established a panel to be known as the Chartered Institute of Mentor and Coach disciplinary panel (in this Bill referred to as "the Disciplinary Panel"), which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the investigating committee constituted under subsection (1) of this section.
- (7) The disciplinary panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of two members of the Council, one of whom shall be the Chairman, and three other members of the Institute who are not members of the council.
- (8) The Council shall have power to confirm, rescind or amend, as the case maybe, any directive to be conveyed by the disciplinary panel, to any person, adjusted by the panel to be guilty of professional misconduct, in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of this Bill: provided that, the council shall prior to taking any decision on the matter, first give to the person concerned the opportunity of being heard.
- (9) The provisions of Third Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as applicable to the investigating committee and disciplinary panel respectively, has effect with respect to those bodies (Third Schedule) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Penalties for Professional Misconduct.

- (1)
 - (a) A member is adjusted by the Disciplinary Panel to be guilty of professional misconduct in any professional respect.
 - (b) A member is convicted by any Court of law having power to award imprisonment for an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment), which in the opinion of the disciplinary Panel is incompatible with the conduct required of a member of the institute.
 - (c) The Disciplinary Panel is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently enrolled or registered; the disciplinary Panel shall order the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register.
- (2) A person who is found guilty of misconduct by the decision of the Disciplinary Panel shall have his name struck out from the Register of Members.

- (3) The Disciplinary Panel shall always give its decision and directions promptly, and in all cases within three months of conclusion of proceedings.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (1) (b) of this section, a person shall not be treated as guilty as therein mentioned, unless the guilt stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time), be brought in connection with the directive subsist.
- (5) The person to whom such a directive is given under subsection (4) of this section 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 where necessary to the court of Appeal and the Disciplinary Panel and complainant if any may appear as a respondent to the appeal and for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the cost of the appeal and of proceedings before the Federal High Court or Court of Appeal, the disciplinary Panel and complainant 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 Panel given under subsection (1) of this section 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 as for want of prosecution, on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal;
 - (c) such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out as aforesaid, if and when the appeal is dismissed, and shall take no effect except in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.
- (7) A person whose name is struck off the Register in pursuance of a direction of the disciplinary Panel under this section, shall not be entitled to be enrolled or registered again, except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf 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 directive (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application), as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 6 — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 15: Application of this Bill to Unregistered Persons.

A person who is not a member of the incorporated Institute of Mentor and Coach, established before the commencement of this Bill, but it is qualified to apply for and obtain membership if the Institute, may apply for membership of the Chartered of Mentor and Coach, 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 he possesses (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: A Mentor and Coach.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a person shall be practice as a Mentor and Coach if in consideration of remuneration received or to be received and whereby himself/herself or in partnership with any other persons he:
 - (a) engages himself in the practice of share registration or holds himself out to the public as a Mentor and Coach;
 - (b) renders professional service or assistance in, or about matters of principles or details, relating to the practice of share registration;
 - (c) renders any other service which may, by regulations made by the Council, be designated as service constituting practice as a Mentor and Coach.
- (2) Nothing in Subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as to apply to persons who, while in the employment of any government, perform the duties or any of the duties of a Mentor and Coach.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as restricting registered Mentor and Coach from the performance of professional duties to their clients (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Rules as to Practice.

- (1) Council may make rules to guide training in share registration methods and practice.
- (2) The Council may also make rules:
 - (a) prescribing the amount and due date for the payment of the annual subscription and for such purposes, different amounts may be prescribed by rules according to the category of membership;
 - (b) prescribing the form of license of practice to be issued annually, or if the Council deems fit, by endorsement on an existing license;
 - (c) restricting the right to practice as a Mentor and Coach 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 a member of the profession if the qualification granted outside Nigeria, does not entitle the holder to practice as a member of the profession;
 - (e) prescribing the period of practical training in the office of a professional 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, be published in the official newsletter, website and magazine of the institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Functions of the Institute.

The Institute shall:

- (a) provide and maintain a library comprising of books and publications for the advancement of the knowledge of share registration and such other books, publications and internet communication technology media, as may be considered necessary;
- (b) encourage research into share registration methods and allied subjects, to the extent that the Council may, from time to time, consider necessary (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Offences and Penalties.

- (1) A person who, 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 any material particular; and
 - (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in any material particular; commits an offence.
- (2) If on or after the coming into force of this Bill, a person who is not member of the institute practices or holds himself out as a Mentor and Coach for, or in expectation of reward or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description, implying that he is in practice as a Mentor and Coach, commits an offence.
- (3) In the case of a person failing within section 16 of this Bill:
 - (a) the provision of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of three months;
 - (b) if within that period he duly applies for membership of the Institute then unless within that period he is notified that his application has not been approved, the provision of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is enrolled, or registered or notified as aforesaid.
- (4) The registrar 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.
- (5) A person who commits an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction to a minimum fine of One Hundred Thousand Naira (₦100,000.00); or impoundment for a maximum term of two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (6) 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 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 have committed the offence and shall be liable on conviction by court of competent jurisdiction in the case of an individual to the punishment prescribed in subsection (5) of this section and in the case of a body corporate, to a fine of ₦500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira) and or imposition of a ban on practice of share registration for a specific period of time not less than five (5) years (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Regulations.

- (1) Any regulations, made pursuant to this Bill shall be published in the Institute's journal.
- (2) Rules made for the purpose of this Bill shall be subjected to confirmation by the Institute at its next general meeting, and shall not have effect until so confirmed (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Transfer to the Institute of Certain Properties.

- (1) From the commencement of this Bill:
 - (a) assets and liabilities held or incurred immediately before the commencement date, by or on behalf of the incorporated Institute shall, by Virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the Institute and be held by it for the purpose of the Institute;
 - (b) subject to subsection (2) of this section, any act, matter or thing made or done by the Incorporated Institute shall be deemed to have been done by the Institute except otherwise stated.
- (2) The provisions of the second schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to matters arising from the transfer of assets and liabilities of the incorporated to the institute with respect to other matters mentioned in that schedule (Second Schedule) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Interpretation.

In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires:

"Mentor and Life Coach" means any person registered to practice Mentoring and Life Coaching under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Mentor and Life Coach" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Mentoring" means a structured and dynamic relationship between an experienced and knowledgeable individual and a less-experienced or less-knowledgeable person for holistic guidance and development (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Life Coaching" means partnering with clients in a thought-provoking and creative process that inspires them to maximize their personal and professional potential (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Life Coaching" 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. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Disciplinary Panel" means the Chartered Institute of Mentoring and Life Coaching established under subsection (6) of section 14 of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Fees" includes annual subscription, examination, annual conference, and specialized trainings fees (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Mentoring and Life Coaching established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Investigation Committee" means the Chartered Institute of Mentoring and Life Coaching established under subsection (1) of section 14 of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Members" means Grand, Fellow, Member, Associate, Affiliate, Chartered and Corporate as the case maybe and membership of the institute shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister for Education (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" and "Vice President" respectively means the holder of offices under those names in the institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Director General" means the register and secretary maintained pursuant to section 9 of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 23: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Instituted of Mentoring and Coaching Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may in the name of the Institute, making standing orders, regulating its proceedings or proceedings of any Committee of the council or the institute thereof, excepting rules of the Investigation Committee of the Disciplinary Panel.
- (2) The standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members and in the event of the equality of votes, the President or the Chairman, as the case may be, shall have a second or casting vote.
- (3) The standing orders made for a committee of the Council shall provide for the Committee to report to Council on any matter referred to it by the Council.
- (4) The quorum at any meeting of the Council shall be 10 and the quorum of a Committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.

General Meeting of the Institute

2. (1) The Council shall convene the Annual General Meeting of the Institute once a year, at such time and place as may be determined by the Council, but, if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous Annual General Meeting, not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings:

Provided that, notice of the annual general meeting shall be given to all members of the Institute, not later than Twenty-One days, from the date of the meeting.

- (2) A special general meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council at any time if, not less than Thirty members of the Institute so require, by notice in writing, addressed to the chairman of the Council, setting out the objects of the proposed meeting, the chairman of the council shall convene a special general meeting of the institute:

Provided that, notice of the annual general meeting shall be given to all members of the institute not later than twenty-one days, from the date of the meeting.

- (3) The quorum of any general meeting of the Institute and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be thirty-five members.

Meeting of the Council

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council, the council shall meet quarterly in a year.
- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman or in his absences, or in the absence of the first Vice-Chairman too, the second Vice-Chairman shall preside, but if the Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman and the second vice-chairman are absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their member to preside
- (3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council deems fit, but a person who is a member by 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

Committees

4. (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 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 his letter of appointment
- (3) A decision a Committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council, except the council otherwise authorizes

Miscellaneous

5. (1) The fixing of the seal of the institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or of some other members of the council authorized generally or specifically 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 an authorized to act for the purpose by the Council, person generally or specifically.
- (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the institute, shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

Validity of Proceedings

6. The validity of any proceeding of the Institute' or the Council, or of a Committee of the Council shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership or any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute, or of the Council, or of a person to serve on the committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

7. Any member of the Institute or the Council, and any person holding office on a Committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract 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 the Council, as the case may be and he shall not vote on any question relating to that contract or arrangement.
8. A person shall not by reason only of his membership of the Institute be treated as holding an office in the public service of the Federation (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTIES

Transfer of Properties

1. Every agreement to which the incorporated Institute was a part immediately before the commencement of this Bill, whether it be in writing or not and whether or not of such nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations there under could be assigned by the incorporated institute, shall have effect from the appointed day so far as it relates to property transferred by this Bill to the institute as if—
 - (a) the Institute had been a party to the agreement;
 - (b) for any reference (however worded) and whether express or implied to the incorporated institute, there were substituted as respects anything failing to be done on or after the commencement of this Bill, a reference to the institute;
 - (c) for any reference (however worded) and whether (express or implied) to a member or members of the Council of the incorporated institute as respect anything failing to be done on or after the commencement of the Act, a reference to a member or members of the Council under this Bill.
2. Other documents referring to, whether specifically or generally to the incorporated institute, shall construct in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph so far as applicable.
3. Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending on the commencement of this Bill by or against the incorporated institute may be continued on or after that day by or against the institute.
4. On the commencement of this Bill, any person holding any paid appointment in the incorporated institute shall hold corresponding appointment in the institute on the same terms and conditions as already exist.
5. However, on the commencement of this Bill, primary, post primary, tertiary and related educational institution started, established and owned by incorporated institute shall not be transferred by Act to institute during and after.
6. Any regulations, rules and similar instruments made for the purpose of the incorporated institute and in force immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall, except in so far as they are subsequently revoked or amended by any authority, having power in that behalf, have effect with any necessary modifications as if daily made for the corresponding purposes of the institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE
DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL AND INVESTIGATION PANEL

The Disciplinary Committee

1. The quorum of the Disciplinary Panel shall be six members inclusive of chairman of the governing council.
2. (1) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Disciplinary Panel for the purpose or any proceedings, the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in the proceedings before the Disciplinary Panel.
(2) The rules shall in particular provide:
 - (a) for securing that any part to the proceedings shall be entitled to be heard and given fair opportunity to defend the allegations against him oilier by the Disciplinary Pane;
 - (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 Panel;
 - (d) for securing that any party to the proceedings may be represented by a legal practitioner;
 - (e) for requiring, in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of misconduct in any professional respect, that where the Disciplinary Panel adjudges that the allegation has been proved it shall record a finding that the person is guilty of such misconduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates;
 - (g) requiring that the registrar shall publish and carry out decisions and directions of the Disciplinary Panel which has taken effect including striking out a person's name off the register.
3. For the purposes of any proceeding before the Disciplinary Panel, any member of the Disciplinary Panel may administer oaths, and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the registry of The Federal High Court by writs of "Subpoena ad testificandum and ducestecum" but no person appearing before the Disciplinary Panel Shall be compelled:
 - (a) to make any statement before the Disciplinary Panel tending to incriminate himself;
 - (b) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action

Assessor

4. (1) For the purpose of advising the disciplinary Panel on questions of law, arising in proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the

Disciplinary Panel, who shall be appointed by the Council, on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation, and he shall be a legal practitioner of not less than ten year standing.

- (2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of the assessor appointed under this paragraph and in particular such rules shall contain provisions for securing;
 - (a) that where an assessor advises the Disciplinary Panel on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matter specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence, of every party or a person representing a party to the proceeding, who appear thereat or, if the advice is tendered while the Disciplinary Panel is deliberating in private that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed of what advice the assessor has given, with any opportunity to respond to it;
 - (b) that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the Disciplinary Panel does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question as aforesaid.
- (3) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph wither generally or for any particular proceedings or class of proceedings, and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with (he terms of the letter by which he is appointed).

The Investigating Panel

5.
 - (1) The quorum of the investigation Committee shall be three.
 - (2) The Governing Council may, at any of its meetings attended by all members, make standing orders with respect to the investigation committee.
 - (3) Subject to the provision of any such standing order, the investigation committee may Standardize its own proceedings.

Miscellaneous

6.
 - (1) A person whose tenure as a member of the Disciplinary Panel, or the investigation committee has expired, shall be eligible for re-appointment as a member of the Disciplinary Panel or investigation committee, as the case may be, however, nobody shall serve in the investigating Committee for more than two consecutive terms, totalling four years.
 - (2) A person may, if otherwise eligible be a member of both the Disciplinary Panel and investigation committee, but no person who acted as a member of investigating committee with respect to any case, shall act as a member of the Disciplinary Panel with respect to that case.
7. The Disciplinary panel or the Investigation 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 6 (2) of this schedule, by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in die proceedings of that body.
8. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Disciplinary Panel or the investigation committee shall be served on the Registrar.

9. All Expense of the disciplinary Panel or the investigation Committee shall be defrayed by the institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

(This Note does not form a part of the above but is Intended to Explain Purpose)

This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Institute of Mentor and Coach, with the responsibility of developing and maintaining high standard of professional competence in mentoring and coaching in Nigeria (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Mentoring and Life Coaching Nigeria (CIMLCN) to be Charged with the Responsibility for Registration, Discipline of its Members to Systematize the Practice of Mentoring and Coaching and for Related Matters (HB. 753) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Mentoring and life Coaching Nigerian (CIMLCN) to be charged with the responsibility for Registration, Discipline of its Members to Systematize the Practice of Mentoring and Coaching and for Related Matters (HB. 753) and approved Clauses 1 - 23, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State to Provide Training, Information, Supervision, Guidance and advice to Students, researchers and Personnel in Iron and Steel, and Oil and Gas Industries for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 109) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State to Provide Training, Information, Supervision, Guidance and advice to Students, researchers and Personnel in Iron and Steel, and Oil and Gas Industries for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 109)” (Hon. Soli Sada — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL
METALLURGICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, SAGAMU, OGUN STATE
TO PROVIDE TRAINING, INFORMATION, SUPERVISION, GUIDANCE

AND ADVICE TO STUDENTS, RESEARCHERS AND PERSONNEL IN
IRON AND STEEL, AND OIL AND GAS INDUSTRIES FOR NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 109)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL
METALLURGICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, SAGAMU, OGUN STATE

Clause 1: Establishment of the National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State.

- (1) There is hereby established the National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") which shall have the functions assigned to it in this Bill
- (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and it may sue or be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Objectives of the Institute.

The objectives of the Institute shall be to:

- (a) establish, organize and run training courses for low and middle level manpower for the iron, gas, oil, steel and related industries in the area of welding technique;
- (b) minimize the need to send Nigerians overseas for professional training in metallurgy (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Governing Board of the Institute.

- (1) The Institute shall give a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") Which shall consist of:
 - (a) a chairman to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister;
 - (b) one representatives of the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel development;
 - (c) one representatives of the Nigerian Metallurgical Society;
 - (d) one representatives of the Federal Ministry of Education;
 - (e) the Rector of the Institute;
 - (f) one representatives of National Board for Technical Education;
 - (g) one representative of the Manufacturer's Association of Nigeria (Steel Group);
 - (h) two other persons to be appointed by the Minister who by reason of their ability, experience and specialized knowledge of the Metallurgical and allied industries are capable of making useful contribution to the work of the Institute;

- (i) the Registrar of the Institute who shall also be the secretary to the Board.
- (2) The Chairman and members of the Board, who are not *ex-officio* members, shall be appointed by the president on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the schedule to this Bill shall have effect with Respect to the proceedings of the board and the other matters contained therein (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Tenure of office of the members of the Board.

- (1) The Chairman shall hold office for a period of four years and may be re-appointed by the president for a final term of four years.
- (2) A member of the Board, other than an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years and may be re-appointed for a final term of four years (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Remuneration of the members of the Board.

- (1) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be paid such emoluments as may be Specified in their letters of appointment.
- (2) The allowances payable to members of the Board shall be in accordance with such rates as may be specified and approved by the Federal Government from time to time (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Removal from office of a member of the Board.

- (1) If it appears to the Minister that the Chairman or any other member of the Board Should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Minister shall make a recommendations to the President.
- (2) If the President, after making such inquiries as he considers necessary approved the recommendation, he shall remove such member from office.
- (3) A member of the Board may resign his appointment by a letter to the President through the Minister (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FUNCTION AND POWERS OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 7: Functions of the Institute.

The functions of the Institute shall be to:

- (a) engage in the training of low and middle level manpower in metallurgy and related Fields in the use of iron, gas, oil and steel industries for national development

- (b) conduct courses in metallurgy and related subjects for students and provide them with practical exercise
- (c) provide relevant information, supervision guidance and advice to personnel in iron, gas oil and industries;
- (d) carry out other activities as are necessary and expedient for the full discharge of any of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Functions of the Board.

The Board:

- (a) subject to the provision of this Bill, be the government body of the Institute and shall be charged with the general control and supervision of the policy, staff, finances and property of the Institute;
- (b) ensure that the Institute is staffed by persons with competences in relevant Fields;
- (c) ensure that proper accounts of the Institute are kept and that those accounts are audited annually as specified in this Bill; and
- (d) control courses of study of the Institute and examinations held in those courses (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Powers of the Institute.

For carrying out its objectives and function under Act, the Institute shall have power to:

- (a) establish such unit and or departments within the Institute as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary;
- (b) institute and award fellowship, scholarships, bursaries, medal, prize and other awards;
- (c) provide for the discipline and welfare or the staff of the Institute;
- (d) hold examinations and grant, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons approved by the Institute as having satisfied the requirements of the Institute;
- (e) determine and demand from any student or any other person attending the Institute For the purpose of instruction and training, such fees as the Institute may from time to time fix;
- (f) acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of moveable and Immovable property;
- (g) accept gifts, legacies and donations for particular purposed provided the terms and Conditions attached thereto are not detrimental to the objectives of the Institute;

- (h) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustees solely or jointly with any other Person and employ and act through agents;
- (i) erect provide, equip and maintain libraries, lecture halls or residence, sport grounds, dining halls and other buildings suitable for the objectives of the Institute;
- (j) undertake publishing and book sales and liaise with other professional bodies and Institutions in respect of book publishing for activities suitable for the objectives of the Institute;
- (k) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by this Bill, invest any money accruing to the Institute by way of endowment, whether for general or special purposes and such other money as may not be immediately required for current expenditure in investments, securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary such investment;
- (l) make gifts for any charitable purposes and donations to professional bodies; and
- (m) do all such other things which are incidental to the foregoing (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Powers of the Board.

- (1) Subject to the provision of this Bill, the Board shall:
 - (a) exercise on behalf of the Institute, the powers conferred on its under this Bill; and
 - (b) do such other things as are necessary for the successful performance of its Function and those of the Institute.
- (2) The Board may subject to its standing orders, appoint such standing and ad hoc Committees as the Board may think fit to consider and report on any matter with the Institute is concerned.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, a committee appointed by virtue of that subsection shall be presided over by a member of persons, not necessarily member of the Board as the Board may determine (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Powers of the Minister to give directives.

The Minister may give to the Institute or Board, directives of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the performance by the Institute or the Board and it shall be the duty of the Institute or the Board to comply with those directives (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Appointment of principal Officers of the Institute.

- (1) The Principal Officers of the Institute shall consist of:
 - (a) the Rector;
 - (b) the Director of Studies;
 - (c) the Registrar;
 - (d) the Bursar;
 - (e) the Librarian; and
 - (f) such other officers as may from time to time appointed;
- (2) The principal officers of the institute other than the Rector shall be appointed by the Board (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Appointment of Rector of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be appointed for the Institute by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister, a Rector who shall be a graduate of a recognized university and has since his qualification been actively employed or engaged in the metallurgical or allied industry in managerial capacity for a continuous period of not less than ten years.
- (2) The Rector shall be the Chief Academic and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute and shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the Institute.
- (3) The Rector shall hold office for a period of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for final term of four years.
- (4) Subject to the provision of this section, the Rector shall hold office on such terms As maybe specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Director of Studies.

- (1) There shall be a Director of Studies who shall be responsible to and assist the Rector of the Institute in the execution of his duties.
- (2) Subject to the Provision of subsection (1) of this section, the Director shall be in charge of co-ordinating the activities of the Heads of Department in training, collation and publication of courses materials and maintenance of infrastructure of the Institute.
- (3) The Director of Studies shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Rector and shall hold office on such terms as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Appointment of Registrar of the Institute.

There shall be for Institute a Registrar who shall be the Head of Administration of the Institute and shall be responsible to the Rector for the day- to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Appointment of Bursar of the Institute.

The Bursar shall be the Chief Finance officer of the Institute and shall be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Appointment of Librarian.

The Librarian shall be responsible to re Rector for the administration of the Institute's Libraries (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Appointment of other employees of the Institute.

- (1) The Board may, from time to time appoint for the Institute, such other staff as it may deem necessary, to assist the Rector in the performance of his functions under this Bill.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, the Board may appoint persons or employees of the Institute, either by way of transfer or secondment from any of the public service in the federation (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Conditions of service of employees of the Institute.

The remuneration, tenure and conditions of service of employees of the Institute shall be as those applications to similar tertiary institutions in Nigeria (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Removal from office of the Rector.

- (1) If it appears to the Board that the Rector should be removed from office, the Board Shall make a recommendations to the Minister, who after making such inquires as he deem fit, approve the recommendation.
- (2) The Minister shall, with the written approval of the president declare the office of the Rector Vacant (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Removal and Discipline of Senior Staff.

- (1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing that a person employed as a member of the senior staff of the Institute, other than the Rector, should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to discharge the function of his office, the Board through its appropriate committee shall:

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- (a) give notice of those reasons to the person concerned;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representation on the matter to the board in person;
 - (c) if the person concerned or any other member of the Board so requests, within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangement:
 - (i) for the Appointments and Promotion Committee of the Board or an ad hoc committee of Board to investigate the matter and report to Board, and
 - (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee.
 - (2) If the Board, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Board may remove the person concerned by an instrument in writing signed by the Chairman of the Board
 - (3) For a good cause, an employee may be suspended from office or his appointment may be terminated by the Board.
 - (4) For the purpose of sub-section (3) of this section, "good cause" means:
 - (a) physical or mental incapacity, which the Board after obtaining medical advice considers to be such as to render the person concerned unable to discharge the function of his office;
 - (b) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Board considers to be such as to render the person unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (c) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute a failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
 - (5) A person suspended pursuant to sub-section (3) of this section shall be placed on half pay and Board shall within six month of the suspension come to a decision as to:
 - (a) whether to continue that person's suspension;
 - (b) whether to reinstate that person to his office, in which case the Board shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of the suspension;
 - (c) whether to terminate that person's appointment, in which case the person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments which might have been withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) where to take such lesser disciplinary action against that person (including the restoration of the proportion of his emoluments which might have been withheld).

- (6) Where the Board, pursuant to this section, decides to suspend and officer, the Board shall, within six months come to a final determination of the officer's case.
- (7) It shall be duty of the person who signed the instrument of removal by virtue of sub-section (2) of this section to serve or cause to served on the person concerned, a copy of the instrument.
- (8) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Board from making such regulations for the discipline of other categories of employees and workers of the Institute as it may fit (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Discipline of Junior Staff.

- (1) Where a junior member of staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Rector may suspend him for the junior staff Disciplinary Committee to make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Rector.
- (2) In all cases under this section, the junior member of staff shall be informed in writing of the charge him and be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself.
- (3) The Rector may, after considering the recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, downgrade, retire or dismiss the junior officer or terminate the appointment.
- (4) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Rector under sub-section (3) of this Section may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the receipt of the loner Communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Board to reconsider his case and the board's decision thereon shall be final (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Services in the Institute to be Pensionable.

- (1) It is hereby declared that service in the Institute shall be approved service for the purpose of Pension Reform Act, and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the Institute shall in respect of their service in the Institute, be entitled to pension, and other retirement benefit so however that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which Preclude the grant of a pension in respect of the office.
- (2) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the pension Reform Act any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations under Section 23 thereof is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Board and not by any other authority (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — ACADEMIC BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 24: Establishment of the Academic Board of the Institute.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Institute an Academic Board which shall consist of:

- (a) the Rector of the Institute as Chairman;
 - (b) the Director of Studies;
 - (c) all Heads of Department;
 - (d) two members elected by the Congregation;
 - (e) the Librarian;
 - (f) the Registrar of the Institute who shall be the Secretary to the Academic Board.
- (2) The Rector shall preside at the meeting of the Academic Board and in his Absence the Director of studies shall preside but in their absence the members present shall elect one of their numbers to preside at the meeting.
 - (3) The Academic Board shall meet at least once in a semester.
 - (4) Subject to sub section (2) and (3) of this section; the Academic Board shall regulate its own procedure (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: Function of the Academic Board.

Subject to sub-section (2) of this section the Academic Board shall formulate, Regulate and continuously evaluate the academic programmes of the Institute including —

- (a) the organization and control of courses of study and the examination held in Connection with those courses;
- (b) the award of diplomas, certificates and such other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examination held as aforesaid;
- (c) such other functions as the board may from time to time assign to it (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 26: Creation of Departments.

- (1) The Institute shall create such departments as may be necessary from time to time.
- (2) Each academic department shall have a Departmental Board.
- (3) Each academic department shall elect from among its members, five members to serve on its Departmental Board two of such persons being elected as Chairman and Secretary respectively and all members so elected to the Departmental Board shall each hold office for a period of two academic sessions.
- (4) Subject to such standing orders that may be made by the Academic Board for that purpose, each Department Board may carry out its duties as it deems fit

- (5) Each academic Department shall appoint a board of examiners and that Board shall be charged with the conduct of examination under this Section and thereafter make its recommendation to the Academic Board.
- (6) Member of the Department Board and board of examiners shall not be entitled to any emoluments other than expenses reasonably incurred in the course of the business of the Board of the board, respectively (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 27: Candidates for Examination.

Any candidate for any examination shall satisfy the appropriate Departmental Board:

- (a) that he is a registered student of the Institute;
- (b) that he is in possession of and is therein named as the holder of a Certificate that qualified him for admission to the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 28: Award of diplomas and Certificates.

Diplomas and certificates shall be awarded to students of the institute who are of good character and learning and who have passed the examinations prescribed by the Academic Board for the award of same (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 29: Congregation.

- (1) There shall be for the Institute a body known as congregation which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Rector;
 - (b) the Director of Studies;
 - (c) members of the Academic Boards;
 - (d) the Registrar;
 - (e) the Bursar;
 - (f) the Librarian; and
 - (g) every member of staff who holds a minimum of Higher National Diploma or its equivalent from a recognized institution.
- (2) The Director of Studies shall be the Chairman at all meetings of congregation when he is present, and in his absence such other member of congregation present at the meeting as congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of congregation shall be one third (or the number nearest to one third) of the total number of members of congregation whichever is less.

- (4) Subject to the foregoing provision of this Bill congregation may regulate its own Procedure.
- (5) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or otherwise its opinion on all matter affecting the interest and welfare of the Institute and shall have such other function in addition to function of electing a member of the Academic Board (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 30: Fund of the Institute.

- (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) such monies as may, from time to time, be granted to the Institute by the Government of the Federation or of state or any of their agencies;
 - (b) all monies raised for the purposes of the Institute by way of gifts, grant-in-aid, testamentary disposition or otherwise; and
 - (c) all subscriptions or fees, and charges for services rendered by the Institute.
- (3) The fund shall be managed in accordance with guidelines given by the Minister and without prejudice to the generality of the power to give guidelines under this subsection, the guidelines shall in particular contain such provision specifying the manner in which the assets of the Institute are to be held, and regulating the making of payments into and out of the fund (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 31: Expenditure of the Institute.

The Institute may, from time to time, apply its fund:

- (a) to the cost of administration of the Institute and of any research under the Institute's administration;
- (b) for reimbursing a member of any Committee set up by the Institute for Expenses expressly authorised by the Institute;
- (c) for the provision of scholarships and other awards for the training of Staff of the Institute;
- (d) for payment of salaries, fees or other remunerations, allowances, Pensions or superannuation payable to the employees of the Institute;
- (e) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 32: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The Institute may accept gift of land or other, 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 Institute shall not accept a gift if the conditions attached by the person or Organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the objective and function of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 33: Power to borrow.

- (1) The Institute may, with the consent of the Minister or in accordance with the General authority given by Federal Government, borrow by way of loan or overdraft, from any source any monies required by the Institute for meeting its obligation and discharging its functions under this Bill, so however that where the sum or the aggregate of the sums involved at any one time lines not exceed the limit set by Minister, no such consent or authority shall be required.
- (2) Notwithstanding, subsection (1) of this section, where the sum to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Institute shall not borrow the sum without the prior approval of the Minister (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 34: Annual Estimate Accounts and Audit.

- (1) The Board shall cause to be prepare not later than 30th September in each year, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute during the next succeeding year, and when prepared, they shall be submitted to the Minister through the Board.
- (2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Institute and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Board the accounts shall be audited as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed by the Board from list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor General for the Federation and the fees of the auditors and expenses of the auditors generally shall be paid from the funds of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 35: Annual Report.

The Board shall, not later than 31 July in each, submit to the President report, in such Form as the President may, from time to time, direct on the activities of the Institute During the preceding year, and shall include in the report the audited account of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — DISCOVERIES INVENTIONS AND
IMPROVEMENTS BY EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 36: Discoveries Inventions and Improvements by Employees of the Institute.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act, the results in all researched discoveries, Inventions and in all improvements in respect of processes, apparatus and machine made by:
 - (a) employees of the Institute;
 - (b) persons assisting the Institute with any investigation or research, shall vest in the Institute.
- (2) Where the rights in any discoveries, inventions or improvements are vested in the Institute by virtue of subsection (1) of this section, the Board may award to the person responsible for the discoveries, inventions or improvements such bonus as it deems fit and make provisions for financial participation by him in the profit derived from such discoveries, inventions or improvements to such an extent as the Minister may determine.
- (3) The provision of this section shall not apply in respect of a discovery or an invention or improvement contemplated in subsection (1) of this section, if in the opinion of the Board such discovery, invention or improvement was not made by the persons:
 - (a) in the course of his employment as an employee of the Institute;
 - (b) during the performance of functions in respect of which he has been placed at the disposal of the Institute;
 - (c) in the course of any investigation or research in which he assisted the Institute;
 - (d) in the course of any research in respect of which he receives a bursary or grant-in-aid from the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Clause 37: Office and Premises.

- (1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions the Institute may:
 - (a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, building or property;
 - (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.
- (2) The Institute may, subject to the Land use Act, sell or lease out land, office or premises held by it, which is no longer required for the performance of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 38: Provision of Library Service.

The Institute shall establish and maintain a library comprising such books, record, and other publications as may be directed by the Board for the advancement of knowledge in the areas of work undertaken by it, for research purposes and for other purposes connected with the functions conferred on the Institute under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 39: Procedure in respect of suit against the Institute, etc.

- (1) No suit against the Institute, a member of the Board or an employee of the Institute of any act done in pursuance of or in execution of any law or any public duties or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of such law or duties shall lie or be instituted in any court unless it is commenced within twelve months next after the act, neglect or default complained of or, in the case of a continuance of damage or injury, within twelve month next after the ceasing thereof.
- (2) No suit be commenced against the institute before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending plaintiff or his agent, and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state:
 - (a) the cause of action;
 - (b) the particulars of claim;
 - (c) the name and place of above of the intending plaintiff, and
 - (d) the relief which he claim (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 40: Service of documents.

The notice referred to in subsection (2) of section 39 of this Bill and any summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served upon the Institute under the provisions of this Bill or any other law may be served by delivering the same to the Chairman or the Rector at the principal office of Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 41: Indemnity of members of the Board and employees of the Institute.

Every member of the Board agent, auditor or employee for the time being of the Institute shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Institute against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding whether civil or criminal, if any such proceeding is brought against him his capacity as such member, agent, auditor or employee and aforesaid (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 41 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 42: Power to make Regulations.

- (1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations for

giving Effect to the provision of this Bill and without prejudice to the foregoing the regulations shall provide for matters including:

- (a) the entry into and the type of courses and programmes approved by the Institute;
 - (b) the duration of the courses and programmes, and
 - (c) the diplomas, and certificates if any to be awarded by the Institute.
- (2) Any regulations made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section need not be published in the Federal Gazette, but the Board shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may from time to time determine (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 42 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 43: Establishment of National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State.

- (1) The Institute is hereby Established as the National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State in accordance with the provision of this Bill.
- (2) A person who at the commencement of this Bill was a member of staff or an employee of the institute shall as from commencement of this Bill, become the holder of the appointment in the Institute with the status, rank designation and functions which corresponds as far as possible to those which appertained to him as a member of staff or employee of the Institute.
- (3) All assets, right, liabilities and obligations which immediately before the commencement of this Bill were assets, right, liabilities and obligations of the institute shall by virtue of this Bill and without further assurance vest in or be taken over by the Institute.
- (4) Anything made or done or having effect as if made before the commencement of this Bill by the institute and having any resulting or continuing effect shall be treated as from the commencement of this Bill as if it were made or done by the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 43 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 44: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Rector" means the Rector of the Institute appointed under the Act (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chairman means the Chairman of Board of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Board" means the Board of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means the National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State established by section 1 of the Act (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member" means a member of Board and includes the Chairman (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charge with responsibility for steel Development (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Principal Officer" means the Principal Officers of the Institute appointed under Section 12 of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Academic Board" means the Academic Board established pursuant to Section 24 of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that Clause 44 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 45: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu Ogun State Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 45 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATION TO THE BOARD, ETC.

1. Subject to the provisions of this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board shall

have power to regulate its proceedings and may make standing orders with respect to the holding of its meetings and those of any of its committees, the notice to be given, the proceedings thereat, the keeping of minutes of those proceedings and the custody and production for inspection of the minutes.

2. The quorum of the Board shall be five and the quorum of a committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.
3.
 - (1) Subject to the provision of any application standing orders, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required so to do by notice given to him by not less than six other member he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within twenty one days from the date on which the notice is given.
 - (2) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside but if he is absent the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting
 - (3) Where the Board wishes to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as a member 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.

Committees

4. The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out on behalf of the Board, such of its function as the Board may determine.
5. The Committee appointed under this schedule shall consist of such number of person (not necessarily members of the Board) as may be determine 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 appointments.
6. A decision of a committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board
miscellaneous
7.
 - (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and Rector.
 - (2) Any document purposing to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute, shall be received in evidence and shall unless the contrary is proved be presumed to be so executed.
8. The validity of the proceeding of the Board or any of its committees shall not be affected by:
 - (a) a vacancy in the meeting of the Board or of the committee; or
 - (b) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings; or
 - (c) a defect in the appointment of a member.
9. A member of the Board and a person holding office on a committee of the Board, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or Committee —

- (a) shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Board or Committee as the case may be; and
- (b) shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

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

This Bill seeks to establish the National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State, to provide training, information, supervision, guidance and advice to students, researchers and personnel in iron and steel, and Oil and gas industries for national development (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State to Provide Training, Information, Supervision, Guidance and Advice to Students, Researchers and Personnel in Iron and Steel, and Oil and Gas Industries for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 109) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State to Provide Training, Information, Supervision, Guidance and advice to Students, researchers and Personnel in Iron and Steel, and Oil and Gas Industries for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 109) and approved Clauses 1 - 45, the Schedule, Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (iv) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB. 584) (Committee of the Whole): Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB. 584)” (Hon. Soli Sada — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).***

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL RICE
PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE,

IGBEMO-EKITI, EKITI STATE; AND FOR
RELATED MATTERS (HB. 584)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE

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

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

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

Clause 2: Objects of the Institute.

The objects of the Institute shall be:

- (i) to increase the annual growth rate of the real GDP;
- (ii) to increase the value and growth rate of rice exports; and
- (iii) to contribute to reduction of poverty and food insecurity in rural and urban areas (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Functions of the Institute.

The functions of the Institute shall be to:

- (a) to undertake, promote and encourage scientific research aimed at improving the quality and yield of rice;
- (b) to initiate programmes aimed at controlling pests and diseases of rice;
- (c) establish research centres and sub-stations in different regions of Nigeria for carrying out research on different problems of rice;
- (d) establish project areas for demonstration of new varieties of rice developed by the Institute and training of farmers for the cultivation of these varieties of rice;
- (e) publish annual reports, monographs, bulletins and such other literatures relating to rice research and the activities of the Institute;
- (f) establish a laboratory and a library in the Institute;
- (g) train extension officers and progressive farmers in modern improved techniques of rice production;
- (h) to secure the most favourable arrangements for the purchase, inspection, grading, sealing and certification and sale of rice;
- (i) to establish or encourage the establishment of industrial processing factories for the processing of rice into marketable product;

- (j) acquire and hold any interest in the business of any person carrying on functions (whether in Nigeria or outside Nigeria) similar or related to the objects of the Board and may dispose of such interest;
- (k) provide seedlings, credit and other facilities to rice farmers to plant new farms or rehabilitate old ones or redeem pledged farms, as the case may be;
- (l) do and perform all other activities which may be necessary for the achievement of the objects of the Institute; and
- (m) the institute also arrange for a milling plant, i.e. to rid rice of all its impurities by removing the husk and bran layers (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — GOVERNING COUNCIL

Clause 4: Governing Board of the Institute, etc.

- (1) The government of the Institute and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the Board of Governors of the Institute (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").
- (2) The Board shall consist of:
 - (a) the Director General, *ex-officio*, who shall also be the Chairman of the Board;
 - (b) two eminent scientists, from outside the Institute, one in any social science and the other in the field pertaining to the speciality of the Institute, to be nominated by the Minister;
 - (c) the Directors of the Institute, *ex-officio*;
 - (d) two representatives, one from among the farmers and the other from among the Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) performing functions similar to those of the Institute, to be nominated by the Minister; and
 - (e) two representatives, one from the Ministry of agriculture and the other from the Ministry of finance, not below the rank of Deputy Secretary, to be nominated by the respective Ministry.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, a person appointed as a member of the Board (not being an *ex-officio* member) shall hold office for four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further period of three years.
- (4) The President may terminate the appointment of a member of the Board (not being an *ex-officio* member) if satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Institute that the person concerned should continue in office.
- (5) Provided that such members may resign their membership in writing addressed to the Chairman.
- (6) A person shall cease to be a member, if he:

- (a) dies;
- (b) remains absent, without permission of the Chairman, from three consecutive meetings of the Board;
- (c) is declared by a competent court to be of unsound mind; or
- (d) is an undischarged insolvent; or
- (e) has been, on conviction for a criminal offence involving moral turpitude, sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months or to a fine not less than fifty thousand Naira and unless a period of two years has elapsed since his release or realisation of the fine, as the case may be, a person so sentenced shall not be eligible to be a member (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Functions of the Board.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board shall be responsible for the general superintendence, direction and control of the affairs of the Institute and shall exercise all the powers of the Institute not otherwise provided for by this Bill.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1), the Board shall:
 - (a) take decisions on questions of policy relating to the administration and working of the Institute;
 - (b) institute courses of study at the Institute;
 - (c) institute and appoint persons to academic as well as other posts in the Institute;
 - (d) consider and pass resolutions on the annual report, the annual accounts and the budget estimates of the Institute for the next financial year as it thinks fit and submit them to the Minister together with a statement of its developments plans; and
 - (e) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by this Bill.
- (3) The Board shall have the power to appoint such committees as it considers necessary for the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Meetings of the Board.

- (1) The meetings of the Board shall be convened by the Secretary of the Board, in consultation with the Chairman, at least once in a quarter of the year but meetings may be convened as frequently as may be necessary.
- (2) At least fourteen days' notice shall be given for convening a meeting of the Board and such notice shall be sent under the signature of the Secretary of

the Board stating the date on, and the time and place at, which the meeting shall be held.

- (3) Emergency meetings may be convened on twenty-four hours' notice.
- (4) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board; and if for any reason he is unable to preside over a meeting, a member elected by the members present shall preside over that meeting.
- (5) Four members shall form a quorum of a meeting.
- (6) All matters at a meeting shall be decided by majority votes of the members present.
- (7) Each member of the Board shall have one vote, and in the event of equality of votes, the Chairman or the member presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Director General of the Institute and other staff.

- (1) There shall be an officer of the Institute to be known as the Director General who shall be appointed by the President.
- (2) The Director General shall act as the Secretary of the Board.
- (3) The Director General shall be the chief executive of the Institute and shall be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Institute.
- (4) The Director General shall hold office for a fixed term of four years, subject to renewal by the President for only one more term of the same duration.
- (5) There may be appointed, from time to time, by the Board such other staff as may be required for the purpose of the efficient performance of the functions conferred on the Institute under or pursuant to this Bill.
- (6) The terms and conditions of service (including terms and conditions as to remuneration, allowances, pensions, gratuities and other benefits) of the persons employed by the Board shall be determined by the Board from time to time.
- (7) The control of the employees (including their promotion and discipline) shall vest in the Board (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — RICE PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING

Clause 8: Rice, paddy production.

- (1) Rice grain after threshing and winnowing. Also known as rice in the husk and rough rice. Used mainly for human food.
- (2) In 2020, rice, paddy production for Nigeria was 8.17 million tonnes. Rice, paddy production of Nigeria increased from 388,000 tonnes in 1971 to 8.17 million tonnes in 2020 growing at an average annual rate of 8.74% (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Rice processing.

Rice processing involves several steps: removal of the husks, milling the shelled rice to remove the bran layer, and an additional whitening step to meet market expectations for appearance of the rice kernels (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISION

- Clause 10:**
- (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.
 - (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the Federation;
 - (b) fees charged for services rendered by the Institute; and
 - (c) all sums accruing to the Institute by way of gifts, testamentary disposition and endowments or contributions from philanthropic persons or organisations or otherwise howsoever (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gifts.
- (2) The Institute shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift to the acceptance thereof are inconsistent with the functions of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Borrowing power.

- (1) The Institute may, with the consent of the Minister or in accordance with the general guidelines approved by the President, borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source any moneys required by the Institute for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Bill.
- (2) The Institute may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds with the like consent or general authority.
- (3) The Board may invest any surplus funds of the Institute in such securities as may be approved by the President (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Annual estimates accounts and audit.

- (1) The Board shall cause to be prepared not later than 30 June in each year an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute during the next succeeding year and when prepared they shall be submitted to the Minister.
- (2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Institute and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Board such accounts shall be audited as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited as soon as may be after the end of each year (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Annual report.

The Board shall, not later than 30 September in each year, submit to the Minister a report on the activities of the Institute and its administration during the immediately preceding year and shall include in such report the audited accounts of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 15: Staff regulations.

- (1) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the employees of the Institute and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such regulations may provide for:
 - (a) the appointment, promotion and disciplinary control (including dismissal) of employees of the Institute; and
 - (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measure, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of officers in the civil service of the Federation shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be necessary, to the employees of the Institute.
- (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) or this section, shall not have effect until approved by the Minister and when so approved they need not be published in the Federal Gazette but the Board shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Procedure in respect of suits against the Institute.

No suit shall be commenced against the Institute before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending plaintiff or his agent; and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state:

- (a) the cause of action;

- (b) the particulars of the claim;
- (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
- (d) the relief which he claims (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Service of documents.

The notice referred to in section 18 of this Bill and any summons, notice or other document required or authorised to be served upon the Institute under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by delivering the same to the chairman or the Director General of the Institute, or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Director General of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Restriction on execution against the property of the Institute.

In any action or suit against the Institute, no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Institute, but any sums of money which may, by the judgment of the court, be awarded against the Institute shall subject to any directions given by the Institute, be paid from the general reserve fund of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Power to give directions.

The Minister may give the Board directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual or case) with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with such directions (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Rice" means the seed of the grass species *Oryza sativa* (Asian rice) or less commonly *Oryza glaberrima* (African rice). The name wild rice is usually used for species of the genera *Zizania* and *Porteresia*, both wild and domesticated, although the term may also be used for primitive or uncultivated varieties of *Oryza* (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Rice paddy" means a field planted with rice. This farmland is filled with vast rice paddies and plantations of bananas, pineapples, tea, and other crops (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Rice husk" means an agricultural waste. It is the outer hard protective covering which surrounds the paddy grain and accounts for 20%-25% of its weight (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute constituted as provided in section 2 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chairman" means the chairman of the Board (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Director" means the Director of the Institute (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means the National Rice Production, Process and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State established by section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"member" means any member of the Board and includes the chairman (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Agriculture and Rural Development (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" mean the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 21: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Note:

This Bill seeks to make provision for an Institute to be known as the National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State to provide for its organization, control and operation (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB. 584) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB. 584) and approved Clause 1, approved Clause 2 as amended, approved Clauses 3- 7, rejected Clauses 8 -9, and deferred further consideration 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 Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB. 585) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB. 585)” (Hon. Soli Sada — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, ADO-EKITI,
EKITI STATE, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 585)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COLLEGE

Clause 1: Establishment.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Federal College to be known as the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State.
- (2) The College shall:

- (a) have the status of a tertiary institution with right and privileges of such institution; and
- (b) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal with powers to sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Object.

The object of College shall be:

- (a) to provide training and research in general Nursing, Midwifery and other specialties of Nursing leading to the award of Professional Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other post Basic Certificates;
- (b) to provide avenues for continuing education in Nursing, Midwifery and other specialties of Nursing; and
- (c) to provide such services that is necessary and incidental to the object of the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Powers of the College.

- (1) The College shall be a teaching and examining body and shall subject to the provisions of this Bill and the regulations of the College have powers to:
 - (a) provide rules and conditions under which persons may be admitted as Student for any particular course of study provided by the College;
 - (b) provide courses of instruction in the Academic and Professional programmes for Students;
 - (c) make provision for research and the dissemination of knowledge;
 - (d) establish Department and such other units of learning and research as the purpose of the College may require;
 - (e) create such Offices and Posts as the purpose of the College may require and to appoint persons to and remove person from such Office or Post and prescribe their conditions of service;
 - (f) maintain libraries, laboratories, workshops lecture halls, hostels, dining halls, sport field and other building or facilities of the College;
 - (g) provide for residence, recreation and welfare of members of staff and students of the College as may be deemed necessary;
 - (h) demand and receive from students and other persons attending the College for the purpose of instruction such fees as the College may from time to time determine;
 - (i) prescribe rules for the discipline of student of the College;

- (j) conduct examination and arrange for award of certificates and distinctions to persons who pursue courses of studies approved by the College and who satisfy such other requirement as may from time to time be prescribe;
 - (k) subject to specific limitations or conditions that may imposed by extant Government regulations or circular, invest any fund apportioned to the College by way of endowment, whether for general or special purpose and such monies as may not immediately be required be require for current expenditure in any investment or securities.
 - (l) print or publish works or undertake service as may be deemed consistent with the object of the College;
 - (m) do such other acts and things necessary under this Bills for the attainment of the object of the object of the College or incidental to the powers of the College; and
 - (n) carry out any special or general directive consistent with Government policy as the Secretary of Health may give in writing.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provision of section 2 of this Bill and subsection (1) this section, the College may by special arrangement with the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria or other Examination bodies prepare it Students for award of certificates or other distinctions.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of any other statute. The power conferred on the College by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercise on behalf of the College by the Council and the Committees established for the College or by such Officers and other Staff of the College as may be authorize in that behalf and may also be exercised through Schools established under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 4:**
- (1) The Provost shall have custody of the common seal of the College and shall be responsible for affixing same to documents.
 - (2) The common seal of the College shall not be used save upon the direction of the council and shall be authenticated by the signature of the Provost (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — GOVERNMENT COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE

Clause 5: Establishment of Governing Council of the College.

- (1) There shall be establish for the College, a Government Council to be known as the Governing council of the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
- (2) The Council shall consist of:

- (a) a Chairman who shall be appointed on part time basis by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Secretary of Health;
- (b) a representative of the Secretary of Health;
- (c) the Provost of the College;
- (d) a representative of the Ekiti State Chapter of National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives;
- (e) two members to represent the interest of the public to be appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the Secretary of Health;
- (f) a representative of Ekiti State Treasury;
- (g) a representative of Ekiti State Legal Service Secretariat;
- (h) a representative of Ekiti State Education Secretariat;
- (i) the Director, Finance and Administration in the Secretariat;
- (j) the Director of Nursing in Ekiti State Hospitals Management Board; and
- (k) the Director, Nursing Service of the Secretariat who shall also serve as the Secretary (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Tenure of Members.

- (1) Members of the Council other than *ex-officio* members shall hold office for a period of four (4) years from the date of their appointment and shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term of four (4) years and no more.
- (2) Any member of the Council other than an *ex officio* member may by notice to the Council resign his appointment.
- (3) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council shall be filled by the appointed of a successor who shall represent the same interest as his predecessor for the remainder of the term of the predecessor (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Functions of the Council.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council shall:
 - (a) be the Governing Authority of the College;
 - (b) be charged with general control and superintendence of the policies, finances and properties of the College;
 - (c) make regulations for the day to day management of the College; and

- (d) do any other thing necessary or incidental to attainment of objects of the College.

Functions of the Academic Committee.

- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Council shall:
- (a) ensure that the courses and instructions provided by the College conform to the required standard laid down from time to time by the Nursing And Midwifery Council of Nigeria;
 - (b) regulate the teaching of course offered by the College, and also regulate the conduct of examination with respect to the College;
 - (c) approve contracts for procurement of equipment, furniture and other properties required for the purpose of the College;
 - (d) approve contracts for maintenance of the premises and other properties of the College;
 - (e) formulate policies and initiate programmes in all field of learning conducted by the College;
 - (f) assess from time to time the course offered by the College; and
 - (g) perform such other function as may be necessary.
- (3) The council may delegate any of its functions, other than the power to make regulates, to the Chairman or any other person, Board or Committee it deems it fit in that behalf, but no decision of such person or Committee shall take effect unless ratified by Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Secretary to the Council.

The Director, Nursing Service of the Secretariat shall be the Secretary to the Council, and for any particular meeting that he may be absent, he shall send a representative to act in that behalf (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Directives.

- (1) The Secretary of Health may give to the Council directions as to the discharge of its function in relation to matters appearing to the Secretary of Health to affect public interest and the Council shall give effect to such directive.
- (2) The Council shall afford the Secretary of Health Facilities for obtaining information with respect to the property of the College and the functions of the Council and he shall be furnished with returns, accounts and facilities for verification of the information in such manner and at such times as he may require (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — SCHOOLS, DEPARTMENTS AND UNITS WITHIN THE COLLEGE

- Clause 10:**
- (1) There shall be within the College a School of Nursing and a School of Midwifery and such other schools as the Secretariat may with the approval of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria establish.
 - (2) Each School shall provide instruction for courses, conduct research and carry out such functions as may be prescribed by the Council with the approval of the Secretary of Health.
 - (3) The constitution of and other matters relating to each Schools may be prescribed by the council with the approval of the Secretary of Health (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 11:** In furtherance of the provisions of section 3 (1) (c) of this Bill, the Council shall with the approval of the Secretary of Health establish for each School such Department as the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria may from time to time prescribe (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 12:** Subject to the provision to this Bill, the Council may with the approval of the Secretary of Health establish units for special purposes within the College; and the name, constitution and functions of any such units may be prescribe by director of the Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND STAFF OF THE COLLEGE

- Clause 13: Provost of the College.**
There shall be for the College a Provost and other Principal Officers, the designations, qualifications, functions, appointments and removal of whom shall be as spelt out in section 15 to 22 of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 14: Principal Officer of the College.**
- (1) The Principal Officers of the College shall include:
 - (a) the Deans of the Schools in the College;
 - (b) the Deputy Deans (Academics and Administration) of the Schools in the College;
 - (c) the Registrar;
 - (e) the College Librarian; and
 - (e) the Bursar.
 - (2) The Principal Officers of the College other than Deans and Deputy Deans of Schools in the College shall be appointed by the Council subject the approval of the Minister through the Secretary of Health.

- (3) The Deans and the Deputy Deans of Schools in shall be appointed by the Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Appointment of Provost.

- (1) The Provost shall be appointed from amongst the Academic Staff of the College and shall be the Chief Executive and Administrator of the College and also be responsible to the Council for maintaining and promoting efficiency and discipline in the College.
- (2) The Provost shall hold a Degree in Nursing and shall be a registered Education in Nursing, Midwifery or other specialty areas of Nursing with not less than fifteen (15) years of teaching experience (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Deans.

- (1) The Deans of Schools in the College shall be responsible to the Provost for the Administration of the Schools.
- (2) The Deans of Schools in the College shall hold Degree in Nursing and shall be registered Educators in the Nursing specialty related to their respective Schools and with not less than Ten (10) years of teaching experience (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Deputy Deans.

- (1) The Deputy Deans of Schools in the College shall be the assistants to the Deans of their respective Schools and shall perform such duties as may be assign to them by the Deans.
- (2) The Deputy Deans of schools in the College shall hold Degree in Nursing and shall be Registered Educator in the Nursing specialty related to their respective schools with less than seven (7) years teaching experience (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: The Registrar of the College.

- (1) The Registrar of the College shall be the Head of Administration of the College shall be responsible to the Provost.
- (2) The Registrar shall be an experienced Graduate of Humanities with not less than fifteen (15) years' experience in Public Administration.
- (3) The person holding the office of the Registrar of the College shall by virtue of that office be the Secretary to the Academic Board and the Finance and General Purpose Committee (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: The Bursar.

- (1) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and shall be responsible to the Provost for the day to day administration of the financial affairs of the College.
- (2) The Bursar shall be a qualified Accountant with not less than Ten (10) years post qualification experience (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: The Librarian.

- (1) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the Co-ordination of Library Services in College.
- (2) The Librarian shall have a Degree in Library Sciences with not less than ten years post qualification experience as a Librarian (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: The Council may appoint such other persons to be Staff of the College as it may deem fit on such terms and conditions as may specified in their instructions of appointment (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Removal from Office.

- (1) The Principal Officers and other Senior Staff of the College may be removed from office by the Commissioner for misconduct, incompetence or any other justifiable reason on the recommendation of the council.
- (2) The Council shall have power to remove any Junior Staff of the College for justifiable reasons (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEES**Clause 23: Finance and General Purpose.**

There shall be a Committee of the Council to known as the Finance and General Purpose Committee (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 24: Composition of the Committee.

- (1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chairman of the Governing Council who shall be the chairman;
 - (b) the respective of the Secretary of Health;
 - (c) the Provost of the College;
 - (d) the Director of Finance and Administration in the Secretariat;

- (e) the Director of Nursing Services in the Secretariat;
 - (f) one member of the Academic Committee to be appointed by the Council; and
- (2) The Registrar shall be Secretary of the Committee (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: Functions of the Committee.

The finance and general purpose committee shall:

- (a) exercise control over property, revenue and expenditure of the College;
- (b) award contracts for the execution of project of the College; and
- (c) perform such other functions as the Council may delegate to it (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 26:**
- (1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to constitute Committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorize a Committee established by it:
 - (a) to exercise, on its behalf, such of its function as it may determine; and
 - (b) to co-opt Members, and may direct whether or not co-opted members if any, shall be entitle to vote in that Committee
 - (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of Joint meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of Committees consisting of members of those bodies for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them and either of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.
 - (3) The quorum and procedure of a committee establish or meeting held in pursuance of this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decide to establish the Committee or hold the meeting (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — ACADEMIC BOARD

- Clause 27:** There shall be for each School of the College an Academic Board which shall be responsible for the academic work of the School (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 28:** The Academic Board of each school of the College shall be composed of:

- (a) the provost of the College, as Chairman;
- (b) the Dean of the school, as Deputy Chairman;
- (c) the Deputy of Dean of the School;
- (d) all Heads of Department of the Schools;
- (e) one Academic Staff not below the rank of Senior Lecturer to be selected from each of the Department of the School;
- (f) a representative of the Director, Nursing Service in the Secretariat;
- (g) the School Librarian; and
- (h) the Registrar who shall be the Secretary of the Board (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 29: Subject to the overall control and direction of the council, the Academic Board of each school of the College shall perform the following functions:

- (a) regulating and organizing the process of admission, conduct of Examinations, award of Certificates and all formalities relating to the registration and licensing of graduates;
- (b) making recommendation to the council on appointment of Academic Staff of the School and on the organization of Department, Libraries and other Units of learning and Research in the School;
- (c) making guidelines for the purpose of exercising any of the functions conferred on it under the provisions of this section;
- (d) preparing curriculum for the school in line with guidelines from the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria and or other regulatory bodies;
- (e) performing such other functions that may be assigned to it by the Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Clause 30: The supplementary provisions contained in the schedule shall have effect in relation to the proceeding of the various bodies appointed under the provision of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 31: In the absence of the Council and until it is constituted for the College, the functions and powers of the Council under this Bill may be Exercise by the Secretary of health in consultation with the Director of Nursing Services in the Secretariat (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — PROPERTY AND FINANCE

Clause 32: Transfer of Property.

The Government of Ekiti State may, by order transfer any property whether movable or immovable to the College and from the date of such order, any property so transferred shall vest in the College and shall be used for the purpose of the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 33: Property of the College.

The Council may, subject to the provision of this Bill:

- (a) acquire and hold such movable or immovable property as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;
- (b) invest the funds of the College in such manner and to such extent as it may deem necessary or expedient; and
- (c) enter into contractual agreement on behalf of the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 34: Expenditure of the College.

- (1) The Council shall have power to approve expenditure of over ₦100,000.00 but not exceeding ₦1,000,000.00 per unit transaction for the procurement of the goods, works and services and shall refer procurements exceeding the amount to the secretary of Health.
- (2) The Provost shall approve procurement of works, goods and services not exceeding N100,000.00.
- (3) The threshold mentioned in this section may be adjusted, in the case of:
 - (a) subsection (1), by the Secretary of Health; and
 - (b) subsection (2), by the Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 35: Revenue of the College.

The revenue of the College shall include:

- (a) revenue from time to time accruing to the College by way of Government grant, subvention or endowment or other forms of grant-in aid;
- (b) fees charges by and payable in respect of Students;
- (c) any other amounts charges or dues recoverable by the College;
- (d) receipts for publications or services;
- (e) interest on investments;

- (f) donations and Legacies (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 36: Annual Estimate.

Before the end of each financial year or at such other time as may be required by the Council the Director, Finance and Administration or the Provost shall present for Council estimate of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing financial year and the accepted estimates shall be presented to the Secretary Health and Human Services Secretary who shall cause same to be placed before the Commissioner for approval (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 37: Statement of Account.

- (1) The College shall prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of account in such form as may be approved by the Secretary of Health and the said annual statement of account shall be a fair and accurate statement of the financial position of the College for the financial year to which it relates.

Account Audit.

- (2) The said annual statement of accounts shall be audited by the Auditor-General of the Federation or by such competent auditor appointed by him.
- (3) The said audited statement of accounts, after verification by the Council shall together with the auditor's report is forwarded to the secretary of Health who shall cause the same to be placed before the Minister (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 38: Interpretation.

In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires:

"Academic Board" means the Academic Board established under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Governing Council of the College or where the context requires Chairman of the respective Committees established under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"College" means the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the governing council established under section 4 (1) of this Bill for the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Executive Committee" means the Ekiti State Executive Committee (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Ekiti State (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Junior staff" is a reference to staff on CONHESS 01-05 or salary Grade levels 01-06 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Members" means members of the council and includes the chairman of the Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Provost" means the provost of the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Regulations" means any regulation formulated for the College by the council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Secretariat" means Health and Human Services Secretariat of Ekiti State (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Secretary" means the Secretary to the council of the College and other-wise means the Secretary of any Committees established under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Secretary of Health" means the Secretary of Health and Human Services or such

other official as may be from time to time designation as head of the body responsible for Health service under Ekiti State (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Senior staff" is a reference to staff on CONHESS 06-16 or salary Grade Levels 07-17 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 39: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State Bill, 2023 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Note:

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, and to provide training and research in general Nursing, Midwifery and other specialties of Nursing (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for An Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, and for Related Matters (HB. 585) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB. 585) and approved Clauses 1 - 39, 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 Amend the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act, Cap. No. 5, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to clearly define the scope of Powers of the Chairman of the Commission; to Revoke Order or Notice under the Act; to avoid Arbitrariness and Ensure Effective Collaboration between the Commission and Other Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 316) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act, Cap. No. 5, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to clearly define the scope of Powers of the Chairman of the Commission; to Revoke Order or Notice under the Act; to avoid Arbitrariness and Ensure Effective Collaboration between the Commission and Other Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 316)” (Hon. Soli Sada — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES ACT, CAP. C31, LAWS OF FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND OTHER AGENCIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 316)

Clause 1: Amendment of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offence Act, Cap. C31, LFN, 2004.

The Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, Cap. C31, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out under this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of section 10 of the Principal Act.

Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by —

- (a) deleting the words "any other law prohibiting corruption" in paragraph (a);
- (b) deleting the word "and" immediately after the words "related offences" in paragraph (e); and
- (c) inserting, after the existing paragraph (f), new paragraphs "(g) and (h)" as follows —
 - "(g) collaborate by referring matters within the jurisdiction of other agencies to such agency; and
 - (h) collaborate where necessary with other agencies of the government to carry out the functions provided under this Bill" (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of section 51 of the Principal Act.

Section 51 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the existing subclause (2), a new subclause (3):

- "(3) Every order for revocation by the Chairman is subject to review by the Attorney General of the Federation" (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, Cap. C31, Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004, to ensure effective collaboration between the Commission and other agencies (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, Cap. C31, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Ensure Effective Collaboration Between the Commission and Other Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 316) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act, Cap. No. 5, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to clearly define the scope of Powers of the Chairman of the Commission; to Revoke Order or Notice under the Act; to avoid Arbitrariness and Ensure Effective Collaboration between the Commission and Other Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 316) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, 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 the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun Ekiti to Provide full-time Courses in Agricultural Technology, Applied Science Management and other Fields of Studies and to make Provisions for the General Administration of the College and for Related Matters (HB.875) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun Ekiti to Provide full-time Courses in Agricultural Technology, Applied Science Management and other Fields of Studies and to make Provisions for the General Administration of the College and for Related Matters (HB.875)” (Hon. Soli Sada — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, OTUN EKITI TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES IN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCE MANAGEMENT AND OTHER FIELDS OF STUDY AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART I : ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, OTUN EKITI

- Clause 1: Establishment of Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun Ekiti.**
- (1) There is established the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun Ekiti (in this Bill referred to as "the College").
 - (2) The College —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and
 - (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 2: Establishment of Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun, Ekiti.**
The College shall —
- (a) provide full-time courses of instruction in industrial and agricultural production;
 - (b) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the opportunity of acquiring a higher education in agricultural technology and applied science;
 - (c) develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of ordinary national diplomas (OND) and higher national diplomas (HND) research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may determine;
 - (d) arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relative to the fields of learning specified in this section and higher diplomas which emphasize planning, adaptive, technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in agriculture, agricultural technology and allied disciplines with the aim of producing socially mature persons with capacity to improve on those disciplines and develop new ones and contribute to the scientific transformation of agricultural technology in Nigeria;
 - (e) act as agent and catalyst through post HND training, research and innovation for the effective and economic utilisation, exploitation and conservation of Nigeria's natural, agricultural, economic and human resources;
 - (f) offer to the general population, as a form of public service, the results of training and research in agricultural technology and allied disciplines and to foster the practical application of those results;
 - (g) establish appropriate relationships with other national institutions involved in training, research and development of agricultural technology;
 - (h) identify the agricultural technological problems and needs of Nigeria and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national development;
 - (i) provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a foundation for the development of agricultural technology and allied disciplines, taking into account indigenous culture, the need to enhance national unity, the need to vastly increase the practical content of student training, and adequate preparation of graduates for self-employment in agricultural technology and allied disciplines; and

- (j) perform other functions as the Council may direct to promote the objects of the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Establishment and constitution of the Council, etc.

- (1) There is established a Council for the College (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").
- (2) The Council shall consist of a Chairman and —
- (a) one person to represent the universities;
 - (b) one person to represent the Manufacturers' Association of Nigeria;
 - (c) one person to represent professional bodies whose disciplines are taught at the College;
 - (d) one person of standing in the community where the College is situate;
 - (e) the Rector of the College;
 - (f) one representative of the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to College;
 - (g) one representative of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry charged with responsibility for matters relating to industries;
 - (h) one representative of the academic board of the College;
 - (i) one representative of the State Commissioner of Education; and
 - (j) five other persons, at least one of whom shall be a woman, to be selected each on his personal merit based on his contribution to either the development of agriculture, agricultural technology, technology or commerce or special interest in industry.
- (3) The Chairman and members of the Council other than ex-officio members shall be appointed by the President.
- (4) The provisions set out in the First Schedule to this Bill shall apply in relation to the constitution of the Council and the other matters specified in the First Schedule (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Visitation.

- (1) The Minister of Education shall be the Visitor to the College.
- (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every five years, conduct a visitation of the college or appoint a Visitation Panel, consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation for —
- (a) the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the College; and

- (b) other purpose or in respect of other affairs of the College as the Visitor may deem fit (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Registrar of the College.

- (1) There shall be a Registrar for the College who shall be responsible to the Rector for the day- to-day administration of the College and shall discharge other duties as the Council or the Rector may require him to discharge.
- (2) The Registrar is the secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and any committee of the Council and shall attend all the meetings of those bodies unless excused for good reason by the Chairman of the Council.
- (3) In the absence of the Registrar, the Chairman of the Council may, after consultation with the Rector, appoint a suitable person to act as secretary for any particular meeting of the Council.
- (4) The secretary to the Council or a person appointed to act under sub clause (3) shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum unless he is entitled as a member of the Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Tenure of office of the Registrar General functions of each Council.

- (1) The Registrar —
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on the terms and conditions as may be specified in the letter of his appointment; and
 - (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of five years and no more.
- (2) Where, on the commencement of this section, a Registrar has held office for —
 - (a) five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be re-appointed for a further term of five years;
 - (b) more than five years but less than 10 years, he shall complete the maximum period of 10 years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College; and
 - (c) ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: General Functions of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall be the governing body of the College and shall have —
 - (a) the general management of the affairs of the College, and in

particular, the control of the property and finances of the College;
and

- (b) power to do anything which, in its opinion, is calculated to facilitate the carrying out the activities of the College and promote its best interests.
- (2) The Council may acquire and hold such movable or immovable property as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill, and for the same purpose may sell, lease, and mortgage or otherwise alienate or dispose of any property so acquired.
- (3) The Council may enter into contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill.
- (4) The Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not any individual person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions and the Council shall comply with the directions (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II : STAFF

Clause 8: The Rector of the College.

- (1) There is a Rector of the College (in this Bill referred to as "the Rector") who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this clause.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Rector, the Council shall —
- (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying the—
- (i) qualities of the person who may apply for the post, and
- (ii) terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter, draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;
- (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of —
- (i) a member of the Council, not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman,
- (ii) two members of the Academic Board, not below the rank of Chief Lecturer,
- (iii) two members of the Academic Community of the college not below the rank of Chief Lecturer, to be selected by Council, to identify and draw up a short list of persons who are not likely to apply on their own volition because they feel that it is not proper to do so.
- (3) A Joint Council and Academic Board Selection Board consisting of —

- (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board;
 - (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates on the short list drawn up under subclause (2) through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend, through the Council, to the President, three candidates for his consideration.
- (4) The President shall appoint, as Rector, one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of subclause (3).
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Rector shall be the Chief Executive of the College and shall be charged with responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management operations of the College.
- (6) The Rector —
- (a) shall hold office for four years beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of four years and no more (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Deputy Rector.

- (1) There is for the College, a Deputy Rector.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Rector from among the chief lecturers in the College —
- (a) from a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by the Rector;
 - (b) on the recommendation of a Selection Board constituted under this clause for that purpose; or to identify and draw up a short list of persons who are not likely to apply on their own volition because they feel that it is not proper to do so.
- (3) A Joint Council and Academic Board Selection Board consisting of —
- (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board;
 - (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates on the short list drawn up under subclause (2) through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them

and recommend, through the Council, to the President, three candidates for his consideration.

- (4) The President shall appoint, as Rector, one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of sub clause (3).
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Rector shall be the Chief Executive of the College and shall be charged with responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management operations of the College.
- (6) The Rector —
 - (a) shall hold office for four years beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of four years and no more (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Other principal officers of the College.

- (1) There shall be for the College following other principal officers in addition to the Registrar the —
 - (a) Bursar; and
 - (b) College Librarian,who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and is responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the College.
- (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the administration of the College library and the co-ordination of the library services in the teaching units of the College.
- (4) The Bursar or Librarian —
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of five years in the first instance and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;
 - (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of five years and no more.
- (5) Where on the commencement of this section, a Bursar or Librarian has held office for —
 - (a) five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;
 - (b) more than five years but less than 10 years, he shall complete the

maximum period of 10 years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College; and

- (c) ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Resignation of appointment of principal officers.

A principal officer may resign his appointment —

- (a) in the case of the Rector, by notice to the Visitor; and
- (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Selection Board for other principal officers.

(1) There shall be, for the College, a Selection Board for other principal officers which shall consist of —

- (a) the Chairman of the Council;
- (b) the Rector;
- (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board; and
- (d) two members of the Academic Board.

(2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under sub clause (1) shall be as the Council may determine (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Other Employees of the College.

(1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Rector and the principal officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this Bill.

(2) The power to appoint all other employees of the College shall be exercised, in the case of —

- (a) senior employees, by the Council on the recommendation of the Appointment and Promotions Committee set up under the provisions of paragraph 3 (2) (a) of the Second Schedule; and
- (b) junior employees, by the Rector on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee constituted under paragraph 3 (2) (b) of the Second schedule.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the remuneration, tenure of office and

conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Application of the Pensions Act.

- (1) The Federal Civil Service Commission may by order published in the Federal Gazette declare the office of the Rector or any other person employed by the Council to be a pensionable office for the purposes of the Pensions Act.
- (2) Nothing in the provisions of subclause (1) shall prevent the appointment of any person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in that office (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III : ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Clause 15: The Academic Board.

- (1) There is established for the College aboard (in this Bill referred to as "the Academic Board") which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Rector of the College, as the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy-Rector of the College;
 - (c) all Heads of Departments;
 - (d) the College Librarian; and
 - (e) not more than two members of the academic staff, other than heads of departments, who may be appointed by the Academic Board.
- (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for the —
 - (a) direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates and diplomas, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;
 - (b) making of periodic reports on academic matters to the Council as the Academic Board may deem fit or as the Council may direct; and
 - (c) performance of any other functions which the Council may delegate to it (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV : TENURE OF OFFICE

(*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Removal from office of members of the Council and the Rector.

- (1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member) or the Rector should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect to the President, and if the President, after making such inquiries as he considers necessary, approves the recommendation, the President, shall, in writing, declare the office of the member vacant.
- (2) The President may remove any member of the Council if he is satisfied that it is not in the public interest or in the interest of the College that the member should continue as a member of the Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

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

- (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or technical staff of the College, other than the Rector, should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall —
 - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Council; and
 - (c) if he or any three members of the Council so request within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements —
 - (i) if he is an academic staff, for a joint committee of the Council and the Academic Board to investigate the matter and report on it to the Council,
 - (ii) for a committee of the Council to investigate the matter, where it relates to any other member of the staff of the College and report on it to the Council; or
 - (iii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
- (2) The Rector may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which, in the opinion of the Rector, is prejudicial to the interests of the College, suspend the member and the suspension shall immediately be reported to the Council.
- (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from office or his appointment may be terminated by the Council, and for the purpose of this sub clause, "good cause" means —

- (a) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the performance of the functions of his office;
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to perform the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
- (4) Any person suspended under subclause (2) or (3) , shall be placed on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of the period of three months after the date of the suspension, consider the case against that person and come to a decision whether to —
- (a) continue the person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
 - (b) reinstate the person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;
 - (c) terminate the appointment of the person in question, in which case the person, will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) take a lesser disciplinary action against the person (including the restoration of the proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine, and in any case where the Council, pursuant to this clause, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall, before the expiration of a period of three months from the decision, come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any the person.
- (5) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed under subclause (1) shall use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (6) Nothing in the provisions of this clause shall prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of other categories of staff and workers of the College as it may deem fit (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V : DISCIPLINE

Clause 18: Discipline of students.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this clause, where it appears to the Rector that

any student of the College has been guilty of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or regulations made under this clause direct that the —

- (a) student shall not, during the period as may be specified in the direction, participate in activities of the College, or make use of facilities of the College, as he may specify;
 - (b) activities of the student shall, during the period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in any manner as may be specified;
 - (c) student be suspended for a period as may be specified in the directions; or
 - (d) student be expelled from the College.
- (2) Where there is temporarily no Rector or where the Rector refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council, either directly or through some other staff, may apply the disciplinary actions as are specified in sub clause (1) to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.
 - (3) Where a direction is given under subclause (1) (c) or (d) in respect of any student, the student may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the Council and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing an inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in a manner as the Council may deem fit.
 - (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought under sub clause (3) shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
 - (5) The Rector may delegate his power under this clause to a disciplinary committee consisting of members of the College as he may nominate.
 - (6) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Polytechnic otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
 - (7) A direction under subclause (1) (a) may be combined with a direction under sub clause (1) (b).
 - (8) In all cases under this clause, the decision of the Council shall be final (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V : FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 19: Discipline of junior staff.

- (1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Rector may suspend him for not more than three months and shall immediately direct the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee to —
 - (a) consider the case; and

- (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Rector.
- (2) In all cases under this clause, the officer shall be —
 - (a) informed of the charge against him; and
 - (b) given reasonable opportunity to defend himself.
- (3) The Rector may, after considering the recommendation made under to subclause (1) (b) dismiss, terminate, retire or down-grade the officer concerned.
- (4) Any person aggrieved by the Rector's decision under sub clause (3) may within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Council to reconsider his case and the Council's decision on the case shall be final.
- (5) In any case of gross misconduct on the part of a junior staff, the Rector shall forthwith suspend him and thereafter refer the matter to the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee to be dealt with according to the foregoing provision of this section (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Audits of accounts.

- (1) The Council shall keep proper accounts and proper records in relation to the accounts and shall cause to be prepared, not later than 1 October in each financial year, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the ensuing financial year and when prepared, the estimate shall be submitted to the National Board for Technical Education for approval.
- (2) At the end of each financial year but not later than 30 June, the Council shall cause to be prepared a statement of its income and expenditure during the previous financial year.
- (3) The statement of accounts referred to in sub clause (2) shall, when certified by the Rector, be audited by a firm of auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation and shall be published in the annual report of the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Establishment of Funds of the College.

- (1) There is established a fund of the College into which shall be paid funds accruing to the College
- (2) Funds of the College shall include —
 - (a) fees charged by and payable to the College in respect of students;
 - (b) any other amounts due to or recoverable by the College;
 - (c) revenue accruing to the College from the Federal Government by way of subvention, grants-in-aid, endowment or otherwise; and

- (d) donations and legacies accruing to the College from any source for the special purpose of the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Donations for particular purposes.

- (1) Donations of money to be applied to any particular purpose shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account approved by the Council until such time as they may be expended in fulfillment of such purpose.
- (2) The Council shall not be obliged to accept a donation for a particular purpose unless it approves of the terms and conditions attached to the donation (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Payment into bank.

All sums of money received on account of the College shall be paid into such bank for the credit of the College as may be approved by the Council (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 24: Annual report.

The Council shall, on or before 31 December in each year, prepare and submit to the President through the Minister, a report of the activities during the preceding financial year and shall include in the report, the audited accounts of the College in respect of that financial year and the auditors' comments on the account (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI : MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Clause 25: Power to make bye-laws.

- (1) The Council may make bye-laws relating to any matter within its competence under this Bill other than matters for which provision is to be made by standing orders pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) The bye-laws shall be in writing and shall come into force when sealed with the seal of the College unless some other date for their commencement is prescribed in the bye-laws.
- (3) Nothing in sub clause (2) shall make it obligatory for the Council to publish any 0 bye-law in the Federal Government Gazette but the Council shall bring the bye- laws to the notice of all affected by the bye-laws (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 26: Exclusion of discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.

No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth or of the family origin or religious or political persuasion or as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the Polytechnic or as a holder of any certificate of the College, or of any appointment

or employment at the College, or a member of any body established under of this Bill and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the College by reference to any of those matters: Provided that, nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the College from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons mentioned where the person will fully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all the persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining to it is, in the opinion of the College, reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 27: Quorum and procedure of bodies established under this Bill.

Subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 (2) of the Second Schedule and any standing orders or bye-law made under this Bill, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall be determined by that body (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 28: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Academic Board" means the board established under section 10 of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Appointments and Promotions Committee" means a body by that name established under paragraph 3 (2) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

"Junior Staff Appointments and Promotion Committee" means the body set up under paragraph 3 (2) (b) of the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Junior Staff Appointments and Promotion Committee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to education (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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 College appointed under section 5 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 29: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun, Ekiti Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

[Section 7.]

PUBLIC OFFICERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Supplementary Provisions Relating to the Council

Terms of office of members

1. (1) A member of the Council other than an ex-officio member shall hold office for a period of three years beginning with the date on which he was appointed and shall be eligible for re- appointment for a further term of three years and thereafter he shall no longer be eligible for re- appointment.
- (2) Members of the Council holding office as specified in paragraph 1 (1) of this Schedule, shall be paid remuneration or allowance in accordance with rates specified from time to time by the National Council of Ministers.
- (3) A member of the Council holding office as specified in paragraph 1 (1) of this Schedule may by notice in writing to the Minister resign his office.
2. (1) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, that vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor; so however that the successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.
- (2) The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any member or that a person not entitled to do so took part in its proceedings.

Committees

3. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to which it may delegate any of its functions.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality to sub-paragraph (1) of this Schedule, the Council shall appoint the following committees, that is —
 - (a) the Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall without prejudice to section 7 (4) of this Bill —
 - (i) consist of a chairman to be appointed by the Rector from members of the senior staff of the Polytechnic and four other members who shall be appointed by the Council,
 - (ii) be charged with the responsibility for making recommendations to the Council on the appointment and promotion of the academic and senior staff of the Polytechnic and have a quorum of three members;

- (b) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall consist of a chairman and four other members to be appointed by the Council and shall have the powers set out in sections 7 (5) and 14 of this Bill;
 - (c) the Committee on Students' Affairs which shall consist of the following members —
 - (i) a chairman who shall be appointed by the Rector from among the senior employees of the Polytechnic,
 - (ii) one member of the Council,
 - (iii) two members of the academic staff of the Polytechnic, and
 - (iv) four students of the Polytechnic, and the Committee on Students' Affairs shall be charged with the duty of —
 - (i) considering any matter which relates to the welfare of students,
 - (ii) any other matter referred to it by either the Council or students of the Polytechnic,
 - (iii) any matter which the students wish to refer to the Council shall be referred to the Committee on Students' Affairs in the first instance.
- (3) No decision of a committee shall have effect unless it is confirmed by the Council.

Proceedings of the Council

4. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times as the chairman of the Council may appoint but shall meet not less than twice in a year.
- (2) The chairman of the Council may at any time and shall at the request in writing of not less than five members of the Council summon a meeting of the Council.
- (3) Particulars of the business to be transacted shall be circulated to members with the notice of the meeting at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.
5. Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, it may co-opt such person as a member for a meeting whether or not expressly convened for the purpose of considering the particular matter but no eo-opted member shall be entitled to vote or shall count towards quorum.
6. (1) Every question put before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
- (2) Seven members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Council.
- (3) The Chairman shall, at any meeting of the Council, have a vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, may exercise a casting vote.
7. Subject as aforesaid, the Council may make standing orders with respect to the holding of meetings, the nature of notices to be given, the proceedings thereat, the keeping of minutes of such proceedings and the custody and production for inspection of such minutes.

8. If the Chairman of the Council is absent from a meeting of the Council, the members present shall elect one of their number to act as chairman for the purposes of that meeting.

Miscellaneous

9. Any contract or instrument which if entered into by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may in like manner be entered into or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specifically authorised by it for that purpose.
10. (1) The common seal of the Council shall not be used or affixed to any document except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes of such meeting.
- (2) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman of the Council and some other member authorised generally or specifically by the Council to act for that 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 the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
11. Any member of the Council or a committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun Ekiti to provide full-time courses in agricultural technology, applied science management and other fields of studies and to make provisions for the general administration of the College (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun Ekiti to Provide Full-time Courses in Agricultural Technology, Applied Science Management and Other Fields of Study and to Make Provisions for the General Administration of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 875) (*Hon. Sada Joli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun Ekiti to Provide full-time Courses in Agricultural Technology, Applied Science Management and other Fields of Studies and to make Provisions for the General Administration of the College and for Related Matters (HB.875) and approved Clauses 1 - 29, the Schedule, 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.

31. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 5 March, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Soli Sada — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.07 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker