



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 22 October, 2024

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1. The House met at 11.38 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
 2. The House sang the National Anthem and recited the National Pledge.
 3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 17 October, 2024.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker announced the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of the Central Emirates International Academy, Anagada, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of NEWGATE University Minna, Niger State.

5. **Petitions**

- (i) A petition from Usraph Ubadike & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Victor Ugwu, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Mark Obetta (*Nsukka/Igbo-Eze Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Human Rights Radio & TV (Berekete Family), on behalf of some senior staff of Biwater Nigeria Limited on alleged non-payment of pension and other obligations by the Management, was presented and laid by Hon. Rotimi Akintunde Oluwaseun (*Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**(i) *Resurgence of "One Chance" Taxi Operators:***

Hon. Dabo Ismail Haruna (*Toro 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.

Resurgence of "One Chance" Taxi Operators:

The House:

Aware that in recent years, the nation's capital has experienced an uprise in the rate of kidnappings and robbery incidents, including "one chance", from those kidnapped from far flung suburbs to those kidnapped along the Airport Road, from those picked from their Estates, to those kidnapped at the City centre to those abducted by renegade one-chance taxi operators;

Also aware that it has been a tumultuous and scary situation for people living within the Federal Capital Territory as the use of unregistered and unpainted taxis has further worsen. the situation, providing an easy conduit for criminal activities within the capital city;

Worried that (the residents of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) are living in fear as the security of the nation's seat of power has continued to deteriorate as brutal criminals go about with their daily operations without mercy on citizens;

Further aware that on Thursday, 17 October, 2024, one Miss Nimah Sulaiman, a Legislative Aide of Hon. Dabo, was kidnapped and brutally murdered on her way home to Jahi District, around 6.15 p.m., where she was taken at gunpoint at Bannex Junction in Wuse 2, by one chance operators;

Recalls that despite paying ransom in full, her life was tragically cut short and her body was found between the hours of 9.00 to 10.00 p.m. at Maitamaj around Ministers' Hill Bridge;

Disturbed that this heinous crime has sent shockwaves through the community, confirming the escalating insecurity in the FCT. It is the collective responsibility of lawmakers to ensure the safety and security of the citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of late Nimah Sulaiman;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to invite the FCT Minister, FCT Commissioner of Police, DG, DSS and other relevant stakeholders to brief the Committees on the current security situation within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT);
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on FCT to investigate the use of unregistered/unpainted taxis within the capital city and recommend measures to regulate their operations;

- (iv) further mandate the Committees on FCT, Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the activities of kidnapping and arm robbery within the capital city and report within three (3) weeks (*Hon. Dabo Ismail Haruna — Toro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that in recent years, the nation's capital has experienced an uprise in the rate of kidnappings and robbery incidents, including "one chance", from those kidnapped from far flung suburbs to those kidnapped along the Airport Road, from those picked from their Estates, to those kidnapped at the City centre to those abducted by renegade one-chance taxi operators;

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A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(ii) ***Need for the Federal Government to Come to the Aide of the People of Iguovbiobo Community, Edo State and to Find a Lasting Solution to the Gully Erosion Ravaging the Community:***

Hon. Billy Famous Osawaru Adesuwa (*Orhionmwon/Uhunmwode* 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 the Federal Government to Come to the Aide of the People of Iguovbiobo Community, Edo State and to Find a Lasting Solution to the Gully Erosion Ravaging the Community:

The House:

Notes with deep concern the ongoing environmental degradation caused by severe gully erosion in the Iguovbiobo community of Edo State, which has resulted in significant damage to infrastructure, homes, and farmlands, threatening the livelihoods and safety of the residents;

Also notes that despite efforts by the Edo State Government and the relevant Local Government Authorities, the scale and intensity of the gully erosion have exceeded their capacity, making it imperative for the intervention of the Federal Government;

Perturbed that the erosion continues to deepen and expand, posing serious risks to lives, property, agricultural and economic activities, which are the primary source of sustenance for the community;

Aware that the Federal Government, through the Ecological Fund Office and other agencies such as the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP), has a mandate to address environmental challenges, including gully erosion, across the country;

Cognizant of the need for immediate and coordinated action involving the Federal, State, and Local Governments to halt further degradation and provide lasting solutions, including proper drainage systems, and community engagement to prevent further erosion;

Convinced that proactive intervention by the Federal Government will not only save lives and properties but also protect the economic viability of the community and prevent further environmental disasters in the region;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
 - (a) direct the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Ecological Fund Office, and the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) to urgently assess and take immediate action on the gully erosion affecting Iguovbiobo community of Edo State,

- (b) declare Iguovbiobo a disaster zone and mandate/direct the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, visit the affected community and provide emergency relief/materials to the affected residents while long-term erosion control measures are being implemented;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Environment to investigate the extent of damage caused by the erosion and ensure that adequate budgetary provisions are made in the next Appropriation Bill for erosion control in the community;
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Environment, Ecological Fund and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Billy Famous Osawaru — Orhionmwon/Uhunnwode Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 124/10/2024).

Motion referred to the Committees on Environment, and Ecological Fund. pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

(iii) *Need to Rehabilitate Otuocha-Omor-Omasi-Adani Road in Oyi and Ayamelum Local Government Areas of Anambra State:*

Hon. Gwacham Maureen Chinwe (*Oyi/Ayamelum Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Need to Rehabilitate Otuocha-Omor-Omasi-Adani Road in Oyi and Ayamelum Local Government Areas of Anambra State:

The House:

Aware that the Otuocha-Omor-Omasi-Adani road is a key federal road linking several towns and communities in Anambra and Enugu States, facilitating socio-economic activities and access to markets, schools, healthcare facilities, and other critical services;

Also aware that over the years, this road has dilapidated significantly due to neglect and adverse weather conditions, severely impacting the livelihoods of the residents and businesses along its route;

Notes that this road has significantly deteriorated over time, causing severe inconvenience, insecurity, and economic losses to residents, commuters, and businesses in the region. The road's current condition impedes transportation, agricultural activities, access to healthcare, and overall socio-economic progress;

Also notes that the current condition of this road has led to increased travel times, high vehicular maintenance costs, and disruptions in the movement of agricultural produce from

the rich farming communities of Ayamelum and Adani to urban markets, thereby threatening food security and economic livelihoods in the region;

Worried that this road is a federal responsibility and that its strategic importance necessitates prompt intervention by relevant federal agencies, as continued neglect will only exacerbate the suffering of the people, damage local economies, and jeopardize safety;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to as a matter of urgency prioritize the rehabilitation of Otuocha-Omor-Omasi-Adani road in order to safeguard lives, support economic growth, and enhance transportation infrastructure in Oyi/Ayamelum Federal Constituency, and Southeast sub-region;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to allocate funds for the rehabilitation of Otuocha-Omor-OmasiAdani road; and
- (iii) also mandate Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Gwacham Maureen Chinwe — Oyi/Ayamelum Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 125/10/2024).

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

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

Agreed to.

- (iv) ***Need to Investigate the Brutal Murder of Over Ten Youths in Nibo Community in Awka South Local Government Area, Anambra State:***

Hon. Oby Lilian Orogbu (*Awka North/Awka South Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Need to Investigate the Brutal Murder of over Ten Youths in Nibo Community in Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State:

The House:

Notes that on Sunday, 20 October, 2024, over ten youths were dastardly murdered in Nibo community during the celebrations of new yam festival;

Also notes that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria guarantees the right to life, liberty, and security of all citizens;

Concerned that the recent killings in Nibo have created widespread fear, and sense of insecurity among the residents of the constituency;

Aware that the violent killings have become a common occurrences in several parts of Anambra State in the past two years;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the Executive Arm of Government to immediately deploy more security personnel not just to Awka South/North Federal Constituency but to the entire State to restore order and ensure the protection of lives and properties;
- (iii) also urge the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and the Directorate of State Services (DSS) to investigate the killings and ensure that the perpetrators are brought to book within a reasonable time;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Interior, National Security and Intelligence, and Legislative Compliance to send a delegation to Anambra State to hold discussions with the State Government and relevant Stakeholders on the escalating insecurity in the State and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Oby Lilian Orogbu — Awka North/South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Sunday, 20 October, 2024, over ten youths were dastardly murdered in Nibo community during the celebrations of new yam festival;

Also noted that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria guarantees the right to life, liberty, and security of all citizens;

Concerned that the recent killings in Nibo have created widespread fear, and sense of insecurity among the residents of the constituency;

Aware that the violent killings have become a common occurrences in several parts of Anambra State in the past two years;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the Executive Arm of Government to immediately deploy more security personnel not just to Awka South/North Federal Constituency but to the entire State to restore order and ensure the protection of lives and properties;
- (iii) also urge the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and the Directorate of State Services (DSS) to investigate the killings and ensure that the perpetrators are brought to book within a reasonable time;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Interior, National Security and Intelligence, and Legislative Compliance to send a delegation to Anambra State to

hold discussions with the State Government and relevant Stakeholders on the escalating insecurity in the State and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 126/10/2024**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

7. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition, Obolio, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1628).
- (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1665).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Completion of Part – Heard Cases by Elevated Judges) Bill, 2024 (HB.1704).
- (4) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Accessing Verbatim Record of Proceedings by Litigants) Bill, 2024 (HB.1705).
- (5) Federal Institute of Industrial Research (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1823).

8. **Presentation of Report**

Committee on Health Institutions:

Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ikole-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.1037).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Institute of Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Governance and for Related Matters (HB.1681) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Institute of Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Governance and for Related Matters (HB.1681) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Commerce.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to create New Oyo State with Oyo town as the Capital City from Oyo State, effect Consequential change of the Name of the remaining Part of Oyo State to Ibadan State with Ibadan City as Capital City and define the Local Government Areas comprising the two States and for Related Matters (HB.1679) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to create New Oyo State with Oyo town as the Capital City from Oyo State, effect Consequential change of the Name of the remaining Part of Oyo State to Ibadan State with Ibadan City as Capital City and define the Local Government Areas comprising the two States and for Related Matters (HB.1679) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adeyemi Akeem Adeniyi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency and 6 others*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council Act to Establish Sugarcane Research Centre, Makarfi, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB.1667) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council Act to Establish Sugarcane Research Centre, Makarfi, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB.1667) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Umar Shehu Ajilo — Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Eket, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB. 363) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Eket, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB. 363) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Etteh Okpolupm Ikpong — Eket/Esit Eket/Ibena/Onna 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.

13. **Need to Safeguard Nigeria's Orbital Slots to Prevent Potential Financial Loss of \$400 Million to Nigeria**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has been granted three orbital slots by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), essential for satellite placement in geostationary orbit. These slots are vital for telecommunication, broadcasting, weather monitoring, and national defence purposes;

Also notes that presently, just one of these slots is utilised through NigComSat-1, leaving the other two vulnerable to reassignment if left unused by the deadline of December 6, 2024;

Further notes that the expense of acquiring a new orbital slot is approximately \$200 million USD, and the loss of these slots would not only result in a significant financial loss but also impede Nigeria's technological progress and economic development;

Aware that numerous factors contribute to the under-utilisation of these slots, such as financial limitations, inadequate technical infrastructure, and delays in policy implementation;

Also aware that the critical significance of these orbital slots goes beyond technological progress to include national security, disaster response, connectivity, and navigation capabilities;

Concerned over Nigeria's increasing competition with other countries for orbital slots, driven by the rising global demand for satellite services, which could lead to the permanent forfeiture of Nigeria's assigned positions;

Acknowledges that it is imperative for Nigeria to expedite satellite development processes, secure necessary funding, and explore partnerships with private companies and international space agencies to fully utilise these orbital slots;

Recognizing that protecting Nigeria's orbital slots goes beyond technical aspects; it is a critical element for national security, economic empowerment, and global standing. It is crucial to optimise the use of these slots to establish Nigeria as a significant player in the ever-changing space sector;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
 - (a) prioritise the protection of Nigeria's orbital slots and investment in satellite technology to ensure the full utilisation of Nigeria's allocated orbital slots before the impending deadline,
 - (b) ensure timely registration and renewal of Nigeria's orbital slots and establish an oversight mechanism to monitor progress regarding the utilisation of orbital slots and ensure compliance with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) regulations;
- (ii) also urge the Nigeria Communications Satellite Limited (NIGCOMSAT) and the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) intensify efforts in developing and launching satellites that will occupy our slots to prevent their forfeiture;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Digital and Information Technology to conduct a comprehensive review of Nigeria's current utilization of its orbital slots and report within two (2) weeks; and
- (iv) also mandate the Committees on Digital and Information Technology, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Muktar Tolani Shagaya — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria has been granted three orbital slots by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), essential for satellite placement in geostationary orbit. These slots are vital for telecommunication, broadcasting, weather monitoring, and national defence purposes;

Also noted that presently, just one of these slots is utilised through NigComSat-1, leaving the other two vulnerable to reassignment if left unused by the deadline of December 6, 2024;

Further noted that the expense of acquiring a new orbital slot is approximately \$200 million USD, and the loss of these slots would not only result in a significant financial loss but also impede Nigeria's technological progress and economic development;

Aware that numerous factors contribute to the under-utilisation of these slots, such as financial limitations, inadequate technical infrastructure, and delays in policy implementation;

Also aware that the critical significance of these orbital slots goes beyond technological progress to include national security, disaster response, connectivity, and navigation capabilities;

Concerned over Nigeria's increasing competition with other countries for orbital slots, driven by the rising global demand for satellite services, which could lead to the permanent forfeiture of Nigeria's assigned positions;

Acknowledged that it is imperative for Nigeria to expedite satellite development processes, secure necessary funding, and explore partnerships with private companies and international space agencies to fully utilise these orbital slots;

Recognized that protecting Nigeria's orbital slots goes beyond technical aspects; it is a critical element for national security, economic empowerment, and global standing. It is crucial to optimise the use of these slots to establish Nigeria as a significant player in the ever-changing space sector;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
 - (a) prioritise the protection of Nigeria's orbital slots and investment in satellite technology to ensure the full utilisation of Nigeria's allocated orbital slots before the impending deadline,
 - (b) ensure timely registration and renewal of Nigeria's orbital slots and establish an oversight mechanism to monitor progress regarding the utilisation of orbital slots and ensure compliance with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) regulations;
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- (iii) mandate the Committee on Digital and Information Technology to conduct a comprehensive review of Nigeria's current utilization of its orbital slots and report within two (2) weeks; and
- (iv) also mandate the Committees on Digital and Information Technology, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 127/10/2024**).

14. Need to Investigate the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme was established in 2019, by Executive Order No. 007;

Also notes that the Tax Credit Scheme aims to encourage private sector involvement in road infrastructure development in Nigeria; it enables companies to recover the costs for constructing or refurbishing eligible roads as tax credits against future Companies Income Tax (CIT) liability;

Recalls that the then Federal Government indicated that Nigeria needs 348 trillion Naira over 10 years to bridge the nation's infrastructure gap;

Observes that five years after its inception, the scheme's effectiveness, which depends on the viability and cost efficiency of projects undertaken, is yet to be determined;

Also observes that the selection process and onboarding of beneficiary companies by the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme Management Committee lack transparency and clear eligibility criteria;

Concerned of the limited information on the project evaluation and approval process given that the tax credit utilization may not align with the scheme's objectives, potentially hindering its intended impact on the nation's road infrastructure;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Finance to:
 - (a) determine Beneficiary Eligibility and Selection Process of the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme by examining the criteria used by the Scheme's Management Committee in selecting participating companies and determine if it align with the scheme's objectives,
 - (b) ascertain the impact on Road Infrastructure Development through the evaluation of the Impact of the scheme on road infrastructure development in Nigeria,
 - (c) identify the challenges and limitations faced by participating companies and make recommendations,
 - (d) review the transparency and accountability mechanisms in place to ensure the scheme's effectiveness; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Finance to investigate the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme to address the efficiency and Corruption in the Scheme and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Mansur Musa Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (ii), line 1, immediately after the word “on”, *insert* the words “Works, and” (*Hon. Mohammad Murktar — Kazaure/Roni/Gwiwa/Yankwashi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Leave out* Prayer (i) (*Hon. Hart Cyril Godwin — Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme was established in 2019, by Executive Order No. 007;

Also noted that the Tax Credit Scheme aims to encourage private sector involvement in road infrastructure development in Nigeria; it enables companies to recover the costs for constructing or refurbishing eligible roads as tax credits against future Companies Income Tax (CIT) liability;

Recalled that the then Federal Government indicated that Nigeria needs 348 trillion Naira over 10 years to bridge the nation's infrastructure gap;

Observed that five years after its inception, the scheme's effectiveness, which depends on the viability and cost efficiency of projects undertaken, is yet to be determined;

Also observed that the selection process and onboarding of beneficiary companies by the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme Management Committee lack transparency and clear eligibility criteria;

Concerned of the limited information on the project evaluation and approval process given that the tax credit utilization may not align with the scheme's objectives, potentially hindering its intended impact on the nation's road infrastructure

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Works, and Finance to investigate the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme to address the efficiency and Corruption in the Scheme and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 128/10/2024**).

15. Repositioning Nigeria Incentive Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) for Agricultural Lending and De-Risking of Agribusiness in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the ailing economy of Nigeria, severe impoverishment across the nation, as well as the increase in hunger due to decreased agricultural productivity triggered by low capital investment and insufficient funding of agricultural production;

Also notes that in 2011, the Central Bank of Nigeria launched and incorporated the Nigeria Incentive Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) as a dynamic, holistic \$500 million public-private initiative to define, measure, price, and share agribusiness credit risk;

Aware that the objectives of NIRSAL is to enhance agricultural value and financial value chains, by promoting good practices in agricultural financing, loan utilisation, and repayment, thus reducing the risk of agricultural lending;

Concerned that the agricultural sector, which accounts for 40% of the nations' Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and provides for over 60% of employment, has experienced slower growth recently and is underperforming despite enormous potential;

Convinced that to reverse the trend, there is need to tackle the challenge of underfinancing of agricultural value chains by providing NIRSAL with additional 3 billion Dollars for lending to agricultural value chain actors in Nigeria;

Cognizant of the need to reduce banks break-even interest rates to agricultural value chain borrowers from 7.5-10.5%;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to increase agricultural lending by banks from 1.4 - 7% of total lending within the next five years, ensure 50% of lending to Smallholder Farmers (SHF) through Microfinance Institutions (MFIs), Farmer Cooperatives, and the value chain commodity association at an interest rate of 7.5-10.5%; and

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations, Agricultural Production and Services, Nutrition and Food Security, and Finance to monitor compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Uchenna Harris Okonkwo — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)”, insert the words “and Bank of Agriculture (BOA)” (*Hon. Usman Zannah — Kaga/Gubio/Magumeri Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the ailing economy of Nigeria, severe impoverishment across the nation, as well as the increase in hunger due to decreased agricultural productivity triggered by low capital investment and insufficient funding of agricultural production;

Also noted that in 2011, the Central Bank of Nigeria launched and incorporated the Nigeria Incentive Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) as a dynamic, holistic \$500 million public-private initiative to define, measure, price, and share agribusiness credit risk;

Aware that the objectives of NIRSAL is to enhance agricultural value and financial value chains, by promoting good practices in agricultural financing, loan utilisation, and repayment, thus reducing the risk of agricultural lending;

Concerned that the agricultural sector, which accounts for 40% of the nations' Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and provides for over 60% of employment, has experienced slower growth recently and is underperforming despite enormous potential;

Convinced that to reverse the trend, there is need to tackle the challenge of underfinancing of agricultural value chains by providing NIRSAL with additional 3 billion Dollars for lending to agricultural value chain actors in Nigeria;

Cognizant of the need to reduce banks break-even interest rates to agricultural value chain borrowers from 7.5-10.5%;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), and Bank of Agriculture (BOA) to increase agricultural lending by banks from 1.4 - 7% of total lending within the next five years, ensure 50% of lending to Smallholder Farmers (SHF) through Microfinance Institutions (MFIs), Farmer Cooperatives, and the value chain commodity association at an interest rate of 7.5-10.5%; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations, Agricultural Production and Services, Nutrition and Food Security, and Finance to monitor compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 129/10/2024**).

16. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration and other Matters Connected therewith, Ondo City, Ondo State (SB.40) (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 National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration and other Matters Connected therewith, Ondo City, Ondo State (SB.40)” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION, ONDO CITY, ONDO STATE;
AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (SB.40)**

**PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, ETC. OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE
FOR EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION
AND THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Clause 1: Establishment, etc. of the Institute.

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Institute for Planning and Administration (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute").
- (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Objectives of the Institute.

The objectives of the Institute shall be to promote the study and practice of educational planning and administration in Nigeria and explore all relevant and available avenues, potentials and resources to make the Institute:

- (a) an active learning centre in skills acquisition in educational planning and;
- (b) a national centre of excellence for capacity building in the education for planners and managers in education sector (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Establishment and membership of the Governing Council.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Institute a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall, subject to this Bill, have general control of the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of —
 - (a) a Chairman and four other members;
 - (b) one representative each of the following —
 - (i) the Federal Ministry of Education,

- (ii) one person each to represent the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria, National Teachers Institute, and Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council,
 - (iii) one person to represent ANCOPS on rotation for one term at a time, and
 - (iv) the Director General of the Institute who shall be the Secretary of the Council,
 - (v) the Director General of the Institute, and
 - (vi) the Registrar of the Institute shall be the Secretary to the Council.
- (3) The Chairman and members of the Council, other than ex-officio members, shall be appointed by the President.

First Schedule.

- (4) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and other matters contained therein (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Tenure of Office.

The Chairman and members of the Council, other than *ex-officio* members, shall each hold office —

- (1) for a term of four years only; and
- (2) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 5: Cessation of Membership.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of this Bill, a person shall cease to hold office as the Chairman or member of the Council if —
- (a) he becomes bankrupt, suspends payment or compounds with his creditors; or
 - (b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or fraud; or
 - (c) he becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his duties; or
 - (d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or
 - (e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, he is disqualified or suspended, other than at his request, from practicing his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority made in respect of that member; or

- (f) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.
- (2) If a member of the Council ceases to hold office for any reason whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed, another person representing the same interest as that member shall be appointed to the Council for the unexpired term.
- (3) A member of the Council may be removed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Institute or the interest of the public for the member to continue in office (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 6: Emoluments, Allowances, etc. of Members of the Council.

Members of the Council shall be paid such emoluments, remunerations and allowances as may be specified in their letters of appointment or as may be approved by the Federal Government from time to time (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 7: Functions of the Council.

The Council shall —

- (a) formulate the policies of the Institute and be charged with the general control of such policies, and of the finance and property of the Institute;
- (b) collaborate with relevant Agencies in the conduct of research and development that relate to education administration and planning;
- (c) ensure that the Institute is staffed with persons possessing high communicative competence in the theory and practice of educational planning and administration and other professions;
- (d) ensure proper management of the assets of the Institute;
- (e) ensure effective organization of the Institute in accordance with the provisions of this Bill;
- (f) subject to this Bill, provide for the welfare and discipline of the staff of the Institute; and
- (g) perform such other duties as the President or the Minister may, from time to time, assign to it (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART II — FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 8: Functions of the Institute.

The Institute shall:

- (1) develop a critical mass of education sector planners and managers for the effective and efficient planning and management of the education system through:

- (i) continuous training, seminars, workshop; research & information dissemination,
 - (ii) providing practical and demonstrable internship for educational planners and administrators, for professionalism and award of certificate of participation,
 - (iii) development and implementation of programmes for in-service training, re-training and orientation of workers at all levels of the educational sector in Nigeria leading to award of certificates of attendance,
 - (iv) enhancing quality managers administrators at all levels of education;
- (2) hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the opportunity of acquiring proficiency in the learning, teaching and application of both the theory and practice of educational planning and administration in the educational system in Nigeria;
 - (3) develop appropriate modules to suit the needs of the various clientele of the Institute;
 - (4) provide an ambience having all the socio-cultural, physical and psychological facilities, that will facilitate the learning of educational planning and administration through a carefully coordinated simulation process (including problem solving approach, demonstration, group syndicate discussions, field trips and interactive activities) that allow the participants to achieve the understanding, use and practice of educational planning and administration in the educational system in Nigeria;
 - (5) serve as a centre for exchange of information, information gathering, processing, retrieval and dissemination on educational planning and administration;
 - (6) promote research into the theory and practice (including the problems) of educational planning and administration in Nigeria;
 - (7) promote the development and publication of materials in educational planning and administration; and
 - (8) carry out such other activities as are necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: Powers of the Institute.

The Institute shall have power to:

- (a) coordinate the capacity building activities of education sector planners and managers;
- (b) establish such departments within the Institute as may, from time to time; be necessary or desirable;
- (c) award fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals, prizes and other forms of titles, distinctions and awards;

- (d) hold examinations and award in diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the Institute and have satisfied such other requirements as the Council may, from time to time, determine;
- (e) acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property anywhere in Nigeria and elsewhere;
- (f) enter into contracts and establish trusts either solely or jointly with any other person, organization employ or act through agents;
- (g) erect, provide, equip and maintain infrastructure or facilities necessary, suitable or convenient for the objectives of the Institute under this Bill;
- (h) hold public lectures, seminars, conferences and workshops and undertake the publication and sale of books and proceedings thereof;
- (i) give grants and gifts for any charitable purpose that is consistent with the functions of the Institute under this Bill; and
- (j) do any other thing which in its opinion will facilitate the performance of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART III — STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 10: Director General of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be for the Institute a Director General who shall be —
 - (a) appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister;
 - (b) the chief executive and accounting officer of the Institute; and
 - (c) responsible for the execution of the policies and the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Council.
- (2) A person shall not be qualified to be appointed as the Executive Secretary of the Commission unless the person possesses an academic qualification in education and cognate experience of not less than ten years.
- (3) The Director General shall hold office for a term of 5 years only; and on such terms and conditions as may be contained in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 11: Directors and other staff of the Institute.

- (1) The Institute may, subject to the approval of the Council, appoint staff as it deems necessary for the Institute—
 - (a) for the performance of its functions under this Bill; and
 - (b) on terms and conditions with allowances and benefits as may be determined by the Institute in consultation with the National Salaries Incomes and Wages Commission.

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, staff of the Institute may be appointed by way of transfer, secondment, or posting from the public services of the Federation.
- (3) The staff of the Institute shall comprise of the following:
 - (a) Director General;
 - (b) Registrar;
 - (c) Deputy Director (Director of programs);
 - (d) Bursar
 - (e) Librarian;
 - (f) Director of Works; and
 - (g) holders of other offices that shall be created by the Council on recommendation of the Director General (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: Powers and Functions of the Principal Officers of the Institute.

- (1) Director General:
 - (a) the chief accounting officer of the Institute;
 - (b) responsible for the execution of the policies and day to day administration of the affairs of the Council.
- (2) Registrar:
 - (a) Secretary of the Council, Board of studies;
 - (b) supervises and direct all heads of units;
 - (c) advices the Council on the day to day running of the Institute;
 - (d) put in place all extant rules and regulations to oversee the coordination of all activities.
- (3) Deputy Director:
 - (a) coordinate daily administrative duties;
 - (b) any other duties as maybe directed by the Registrar.
- (4) Bursar:
 - (a) Chief financial officer of the Institute and responsible to the Director General for day to day administrative and control of the financial affairs of the Institute.
- (5) Librarian:
 - (a) responsible to the Director General for the administration of the Institute library and the coordination of the library service in the Institute.

- (6) Director of Works:
 - (a) Chief Technical Officer of the Institute and responsible to the Director General for the day to day running and maintenance (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 13: Pensions.

- (1) It is hereby declared that service in the Institute shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Act, and accordingly, employees of the Institute shall be entitled to pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.
- (3) For the purposes of the application of the Pensions Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Federal Government, other than the power to make regulations under section 23 thereof, is hereby conferred on and shall be exercisable by the Council and not by any other person or authority.

Second Schedule.

- (4) A staff of the Institute, other than the Director-General, shall be removed from office in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES OF THE INSTITUTE, ETC.

Clause 14: Establishment and membership of the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration Board of Studies.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Institute, a Board to be known as the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration Board of Studies (in this Bill referred to as "the Board of Studies") which shall, subject to the provisions of this Bill, be an integral part of the Institute.
- (2) The Board of Studies shall consist of —
 - (a) the Director-General of the Institute who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Head of Research Department;
 - (c) the Head of Training Department;
 - (d) the Head of Library Services;
 - (e) all Academic Staff of the Training and Research Departments;
 - (f) one person to represent the members of the academic staff of the Institute on rotation for one term at a time; and
 - (g) the Registrar who shall be the Secretary of Board of Studies and the Coordinator of the Secretariat

- (3) The Director-General shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Studies and in his absence he shall nominate any member to chair the meeting.
- (4) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the Board of Studies shall regulate its own procedure (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 15: Functions of the Board of Studies.

The Board of Studies shall —

- (a) subject to this Bill, formulate, regulate and continuously evaluate the academic programmes of the Institute and determine the award of certificates and honours of the Institute; and
- (b) perform such other functions as the Council may, from time to time, assign to it (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 16: Funds of the Institute.

- (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the discharge of its functions under this Bill.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) any subvention or budgetary allocation from the Federal Government;
 - (b) all moneys raised for the purposes of the Institute by way of gifts, grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition to the Institute.
 - (c) all subscriptions for fees and charges for services rendered by the Institute.
 - (d) all interests received in respect of moneys invested by the Institute.
 - (e) all other assets, from time to time, accruing to the Institute.
- (3) The Institute may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund accruing to it pursuant to subsection (2) of this section to:
 - (a) cost of administration of the Institute and any research program or body under the administration of the Institute;
 - (b) provision of scholarships and other awards for the training of staff or employees of the Institute;
 - (c) payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration, allowances, pensions and gratuities or superannuation payable to the Director-General and the staff and employees of the Institute;

- (d) maintenance of any property vested in the Institute;
- (e) all matters in connection with the functions of the Institute under this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 17: Power to Borrow.

The Institute may, with the approval of the Minister or in accordance with the general given by the Federal Government, borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source any moneys required by the Institute to meet its obligations and its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 18: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The Institute may accept any gift of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.
- (2) The Institute shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organization offering the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Institute or the policy of the Federal Government (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 19: Investments.

The Institute may, with the approval of the Minister, invest all or any of its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investments Act or in such other securities or investments in accordance with the provisions of this Bill and in accordance with the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property or maintain a general reserve or otherwise utilize any surplus fund on such other securities as may, from time to time, be approved by the Minister (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 20: Exemption from tax.

The Institute shall be exempted from the payment of income tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Institute or otherwise (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 21: Annual Estimates and Accounts.

- (1) The Institute shall, not later than 30th September in each year, submit to the Minister an estimate of its expenditure and income (including payments to the Institute Fund) for the next succeeding year.
- (2) The Institute shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year And proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 22: Annual Report.

The Institute shall prepare and submit to the Minister not later than 30th June in each year a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the activities of the Institute during the immediate preceding year; and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Institute for that year and of the auditor's report thereon (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 23: Legal Proceedings.

- (1) 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 on the Institute by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state the:
 - (a) cause of action;
 - (b) particulars of the claim;
 - (c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
 - (d) relief which he claims.
- (2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) of this section and any summons, notice or other documents required or authorized to be served upon the Institute under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law, may be served by —
 - (a) delivering the same to the Director- General; or
 - (b) sending it by registered post, addressed to the Director-General at head office of the Institute.
- (3) 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 directives given by the Institute, be paid from the fund of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 24: Directives by the Minister.

The Minister may give to the Council or the Director-General such directives of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise of its or his functions as he may consider necessary and it shall be the duty of the Council or the Director-General to comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 25: Mandatory training for, officers, etc in the educational sector and at the Institute.

As from the commencement of this Bill, any officer or staff employee in the management cadre who is newly employed, promoted or transferred into the educational sector of the public service of the Federation shall undertake training or orientation in educational planning and administration at the Institute for such period as the Minister may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 26: Power to make regulations.

The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Council, make regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Bill and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, shall provide in particular for:

- (a) the entry into and the type of courses programmes approved for the Institute; and
- (b) the duration of the courses and programmes, and the certificates, if any, to be awarded by the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 27: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Board of Studies" means the board of studies of the Institute established under section 14 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council of the Institute; "Council" means the Governing Council of the Institute established under section 3 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"fund" means the fund of the Institute established under section 16 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Institute" means the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Institute clientele" includes students or other category of persons who participate or engage in any activity in the Institute or for whom the Institute carries out certain

functions and responsibilities (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"member" means a member of the Council and includes the Chairman'

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to education (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

Clause 28: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SCHEDULE

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 3 (4)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE

1. (1) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its committees.
- (2) The quorum of the Council shall be the Chairman and two-thirds of the other members including the Chairman and the quorum of any committee of the Council shall be as determined by the Council.
2. The Council shall, for the purpose of this Bill, meet on a quarterly basis, except for an extra-ordinary sitting/meeting prompted by peremptory exigency.
3. Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him to the Council for such period as it thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this paragraph shall not be entitled to sitting allowance and to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.
4. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on its behalf such functions under this Bills as Council may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Council as may be determined by the Council); and a person, other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by Council.

5.
 - (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the Director General or of any other person authorized generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Council or the Director General.
 - (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 but may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute by the Director General or any person generally or specially authorized by the Council to act for that purpose by the Council.
 - (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
6. The validity of any proceeding of the Council or of a committee thereof shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Council or of a committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Council or committee.
7.
 - (1) A member who is directly or indirectly interested in any matter being deliberated upon or considered by the council or is interested in any contract made or proposed to be made by the Council shall, as soon as possible after relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest in writing or at a meeting of the Council.
 - (2) A disclosure made under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be recorded in the minutes of meetings of the Council considering the matter or contract in respect of which the interest was disclosed and the member shall not participate in the meeting (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 13 (4)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO REMOVAL AND DISCIPLINE OF STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE

Removal and Discipline of Senior Staff

1.
 - (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that a person employed as a member of the senior staff of the Institute, other than the Director General, should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall, through its appropriate committee:
 - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person concerned;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations on the matter to the Council in person;
 - (c) if the person concerned 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) for the Senior Staff Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary

Committee of the Council or any ad-hoc Committee of the Council to investigate the matter and report on it to the Council, and

- (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee on the matter.
- (2) The Director General, in a case of misconduct by a staff of the Institute which in the opinion of the Director General is prejudicial to the interest of the Institute, may suspend that member and the suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.
- (3) The Council may suspend any staff or employee of the Institute from office or terminate his appointment for good cause and for the purpose of this subsection, "good cause" means —
 - (a) physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or
 - (b) misconduct 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
 - (c) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of this service.
- (4) A person suspended pursuant to sub-paragraph (3) or (4) of this paragraph shall be placed on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to whether to —
 - (a) continue the suspension of the person in question and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him); or
 - (b) reinstate the person in question to his office; in which case the council shall restore his full emoluments or entitlements to him with effect from the date of the suspension; or
 - (c) terminate the appointment of the person in question in which case the person;
 - (d) shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emolument withheld during the period of the suspension; or
 - (e) take such lesser disciplinary action against the person in question (including the restoration of the proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine.
- (5) Subject to this paragraph, the Council shall, where it decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning the person before the expiration of a period of three months from that decision.
- (6) It shall be the duty of the Chairman who signed the instrument of removal by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph to serve or cause to be served on the person concerned, a copy of the instrument

- (7) Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the Council from making such regulations for the discipline of other categories of employees and workers of the Institute as it may deem fit.

Discipline of Junior Staff

2. (1) Where a junior staff of the Institute is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Director General may suspend the staff in question for a period not more than three months and shall refer the matter to the Junior Staff Appointments, Promotion and Disciplinary Committee of the Management Board to:
- (a) consider the case; and
- (b) make recommendations as the appropriate action to be taken by the Director General
- (2) In all cases under this paragraph, the person accused of any misconduct or inefficiency shall be informed in writing of the charges against him and be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself.
- (3) The Director General may, after considering the recommendations made pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) (b) of this paragraph, dismiss, retire or downgrade the person in question or terminate his employment.
- (4) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Director General under sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph may within a period of 21 days from the date of the receipt of the letter, appeal to the Council to consider his case and decision of the Council shall be final (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration, Ondo City, Ondo State; and Other Matters Connected Therewith (SB.40) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration and other Matters Connected therewith, Ondo City, Ondo State (SB.40) and approved Clauses 1 - 28, the Schedules, 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 the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria to Set Standards and Skills to be Attained by Individuals or Corporate Entities Seeking to Engage in Provisions of Capacity Development Services in Nigeria to ensure effective practice; and for Related Matters (HB.1550)(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 Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria to Set Standards and Skills to be Attained by Individuals or Corporate Entities Seeking to Engage

in Provisions of Capacity Development Services in Nigeria to ensure effective practice; and for Related Matters (HB.1550)" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA TO SET STANDARDS AND SKILLS TO BE ATTAINED BY INDIVIDUALS OR CORPORATE ENTITIES SEEKING TO ENGAGE IN PROVISION OF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES IN NIGERIA TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE PRACTICE, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1550)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA

Clause 1: Establishment of Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria.

- (1) There is established the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria ("the Institute").
- (2) The Institute —
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, and a common seal;
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) may, subject to the Land Use Act, acquire, hold and dispose of any property, movable or immovable.
- (3) The Institute shall establish its head office in Lagos, a liaison office in Abuja, and with zonal offices in the six geo-political zones (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Functions of the Institute.

The Institute shall be responsible for —

- (a) determining what standards of knowledge and skills are to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the profession and improving those standards as circumstances may permit;
- (b) facilitating the training and orientation of members of the Institute to maintain the ethics of training and development practice which the Institute shall uphold;
- (c) conducting, encouraging and sponsoring research in the field of training and development and publish the research outcome:

- (d) ensuring effective delivery of training programmes by members of the Institute to enhance capacity, skills, knowledge and productivity of manpower in the public and private sectors in Nigeria;
- (e) facilitating effective collaboration, synergy and network with appropriate corporate bodies to update its regulations and training scheme to members of the Institute;
- (f) providing a platform that ensures discipline, organization, diligence and efficiency in the profession of training and development by members of the Institute;
- (g) ensuring effective implementation of training by members of the Institute according to ethics, standard and any relevant law that prescribes conditions for award, implementation or report by service providers;
- (h) developing a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation framework to facilitate strict compliance with Institute's rules of ethics and guidelines for training implementation by members to ensure diligent and result oriented provision of service;
- (i) providing effective training supervision to its members undertaking training services ;
- (j) periodically produce, upload on website or disseminate electronically or in hard copies to members of the Institute on annual basis a comprehensive list of trainings and development in the national and state budgets or trainings advertised by public and private entities in the national dailies; and
- (k) perform such other functions as it may consider expedient to give effect to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Membership and qualification.

- (1) Subject to the provision of this Bill, a person admitted to membership of the Institute shall be registered as a member of the profession in the following categories —
 - (a) Individual Members —
 - (i) Fellows,
 - (ii) Members,
 - (iii) Associate Members,
 - (iv) Graduate Member, or
 - (v) Student Members; or
 - (b) Corporate Members.
- (2) A person registered under this Bill, shall be enrolled or upgraded as —

- (a) a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Training and Development (FCITD) if —
 - (i) at the commencement of this Bill he was a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Training and Development (former Institute), or
 - (ii) he has completed requisite courses as prescribed by the Council and has spent, at least, five years in the grade of a Member;
- (b) a Member of the Chartered Institute of Training and Development (MCITD) if —
 - (i) at the commencement of this Bill, he was a member of the former Institute,
 - (ii) he is adjudged by the Council to possess an adequate knowledge of training and development and has spent, at least, five years in the grade of an Associate, or
 - (iii) he has completed courses prescribed by the Council and has spent, at least, five years as an Associate Member;
- (c) an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Training and Development (ACITD) if —
 - (i) at the commencement of this Act, he was an Associate of the former Institute,
 - (ii) he possesses qualifications which, in the opinion of the Council, are adequate, or shall have completed a course of training approved by the Council under this Act and shall be actively engaged in training and development, or
 - (iii) he has completed courses as prescribed by the Council and he has spent, at least, three years as a graduate;
- (d) a Graduate Member, if —
 - (i) at the commencement of this Bill, he was a Graduate Member of the former Institute, or
 - (ii) he possesses a university degree or any other qualification acceptable to the Council and satisfies the requirements for election to the grade of a Graduate Member as stipulated in the rules made under this Act;
- (e) a Student Member, if —
 - (i) at the commencement of this Bill, he was a Student of the former Institute,
 - (ii) a Postgraduate student of any recognized Institution of higher learning by the Council and he is undertaking relevant courses which the Council considers as sufficient knowledge and skill for admission into the Institute, or

- (iii) he possesses acceptable qualifications to the Council and is engaged in courses of study run by the Institute which are designed to confer on persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skill for admission into the Institute.
- (3) A corporate body incorporated or registered in Nigeria shall be enrolled as Corporate Member if its main objective is training and development and has in its full-time staff at least one financial member of the Institute in the grade of an Associate, Member or Fellow.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, organisations admitted to the Institute as corporate members shall be enrolled in the following categories -
 - (a) Category A — Gold (Multinationals and Blue Chips Organisations);
 - (b) Category B — Silver (Tertiary Institutions, Parastatals and Agencies); and
 - (c) Category C — Bronze (Consultancy Firms, Small and Medium Scale Outfits) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Honorary membership.

The Council may confer Honorary Membership or Merit Honorary Membership Award of the Institute, on persons or bodies considered worthy of such honour on terms and conditions prescribed by the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

PART II — GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE

Clause 5: President, Vice-President and National Treasurer of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be for the Institute —
 - (a) a President of the Institute who shall be a financial member in the grade of Fellow of the Institute;
 - (b) First Vice-President and Second Vice-President of the Institute who shall be financial members in the grade of Fellows of the Institute; and
 - (c) a National Treasurer of the Institute who shall be a financial member of at least the grade of Member of the Institute.
- (2) The President, First and Second Vice-Presidents and National Treasurer of the Institute shall —
 - (a) be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute; and
 - (b) hold office for a term of two years only.
- (3) A person contesting for office of the President or Vice-President shall hold at least a grade of Fellow and serve two committees of the Council as Chairman for a minimum of two consecutive years.

- (4) The President shall be the Chairman at the meetings of the Institute, but in the event of death, incapability or any reason, the First Vice-President or, in his absence, the Second Vice-President shall act in his place.
- (5) Where the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, or National Treasurer ceases to be a member of the Institute, he shall cease to hold the office designated under this section (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 6: Establishment of Governing Council.

- (1) There is established a Governing Council of the Institute ("the Council") which shall be responsible for setting out policy guidelines, control, target and appraisal for the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of the —
 - (a) President of the Institute who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) First Vice-President of the Institute;
 - (c) Second Vice-President of the Institute;
 - (d) National Treasurer;
 - (e) six other persons elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute;
 - (f) Registrar of the Institute, who shall be the Secretary to the Council,
 - (g) one immediate past President of the Institute;
 - (h) Chairman, Board of Fellows;
 - (i) all State Branch Chairmen; and
 - (j) Institute's standing committee chairmen as provided in the First Schedule to this Bill; and
 - (k) a representative of the following Ministries, Departments or Agencies not below the rank of a Director —
 - (i) Federal Ministry of Education,
 - (ii) Federal Ministry of Industry, Industry and Investment,
 - (iii) National Directorate of Employment,
 - (iv) Federal Ministry of Labour,
 - (v) Federal Ministry of Justice,
 - (vi) Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning, and
 - (vii) Industrial Training Fund (ITF).

- (3) The provisions of the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and other matters mentioned in the Schedule (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 7: Board of Fellows.

- (1) The Council shall constitute a Board of Fellows to play an advisory role to the Council.
- (2) The Board of Fellows shall consist of persons who have been duly appointed as Fellows of the Institute.
- (3) The Chairman of the Board of Fellows shall be the Immediate Past President, and in his absence, a Fellow with up to date financial standing may be appointed by the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART III — REGISTRAR AND THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS

Clause 8: Appointment of the Registrar and other staff of the Institute.

- (1) The Council shall appoint —
 - (a) a fit and proper person who is a member of the Institute as the Registrar of the Institute; and
 - (b) such other persons as the Institute may consider necessary.
- (2) The Registrar shall —
 - (a) be the Secretary to the Council and Chief Executive of the Institute; and
 - (b) on the instructions of the Chairman of the Council or of any committee, convene general meetings of the Institute or of any committee and keep minutes of the proceedings at all meetings as the case may be.
- (3) The Council may, whenever the Registrar is absent or is unable for any reason perform the functions of his office, appoint an acting Registrar to perform those functions.
- (4) The Registrar shall hold office for such period as may be determined by the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: Register of members.

- (1) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rules made by the Council, a register of names, addresses, approved qualifications and such other particulars, as may be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, to be registered

as members of the profession in the category of fellows, members, associates, graduates, students, corporate members, honorary members, honorary fellows, retired members and, who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be so registered.

- (2) The Register under subsection (1) of this section shall consist of the following parts —
 - (a) first part shall be in respect of Fellows;
 - (b) second part shall be in respect of Members;
 - (c) third part shall be in respect of Associates;
 - (d) fourth part shall be in respect of Graduate Members;
 - (e) fifth part shall be in respect of Students;
 - (f) sixth part shall be in respect of Corporate Members; and
 - (g) any other Part that may be approved by the Council.
- (3) The Council may make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of the entries therein, and in particular —
 - (a) regulate the making of applications for registration and provide for the evidence to be produced in support of such applications;
 - (b) provide for the notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom the registered particulars relate, of any change in those particulars;
 - (c) specify the fees, including any annual subscription, to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names in the register, and authorise the Registrar to refuse to enter a name in the register until the fees specified for the entry has been paid; and
 - (d) specify anything not specified under this section.
- (4) Rules made for the purposes of subsection (3) (c), shall not come into force until they are confirmed at a special meeting of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 10: Functions and Powers of the Registrar.

In addition to the provisions of section 9 (1) of this Bill, the Registrar shall —

- (a) correct, in accordance with the directives of the Council, any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being, in the opinion of the Council, an entry which was incorrectly made;
- (b) make any necessary alteration to the registered particulars of registered persons;
- (c) record the names of members of the Institute who are in default for more than six months in the payment of annual subscriptions, and take such action,

including removal of the names of defaulters from the register, as the Council may direct or require;

- (d) re-register members who defaulted in payment of their subscription fees where such fees are paid up in full; and
- (e) remove the names of deceased members from the register as may be directed by the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 11: Publication of register and list of corrections.

- (1) The Registrar shall —
 - (a) cause the register to be printed, published and put out on sale to members of the public not later than two years from the coming into effect of this Bill;
 - (b) in each year, after the year in which a register is first published under paragraph (a), cause to be printed, published and put on sale, either a corrected edition of the register or a 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 corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute; and
 - (d) make the register and the lists deposited available, at all reasonable times, for inspection by members of the public.
- (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register —
 - (a) published under this section by authority of the Registrar; or
 - (b) list of corrections to that edition so published,

shall, without prejudice to any other mode of proof, be admissible in any proceeding as evidence that a person specified in the document, or documents read together as being registered, was so registered at the date of the edition or list of corrections, and that any person not specified was not so registered.
- (3) Where, in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, a person in any proceeding, is shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as having at all material times continued to be or not to be so registered (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — REGISTRATION

Clause 12: Registration of training and development practitioners.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, a person is entitled to be enrolled or registered as a training and development practitioner if he —

- (a) possesses the relevant qualifications under the provisions of any Nigerian Law and completes the practical training prescribed by the Institute under this Act; or
 - (b) qualifies for enrolment as member in any of the categories specified under section 3 (1) (a) of this Bill.
- (2) An applicant for registration shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that he —
 - (a) is of good character;
 - (b) has attained the age of 18 years; and
 - (c) has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty.
- (3) A person accorded by the Council the status as a training and development practitioner shall be entitled to the use of appropriate designation letters as may be approved by the Council.
- (4) The Council shall publish particulars or qualifications for the time being accepted by the Council for the registration of training and development practitioners.
- (5) The Council may, in its discretion, personally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this section or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.
- (6) Any entry directed to be made in the register under subsection (4) of this section shall show that registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the written consent of the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 13: Approval of qualification.

- (1) The Council may approve any institution for the purposes of this Act and may approve any —
 - (a) course of training at an approved institution which is intended for persons who are seeking to become or are already training and development practitioners and which the Council considers is designed to confer, on persons completing it, sufficient knowledge and skill for admission to the Institute; and
 - (b) qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination indicating, in the opinion of the Council, that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill to practice the profession.
- (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 the approval, the Council shall —

- (a) give notice of its proposal to withdraw such approval to each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be;
 - (b) afford each person an opportunity of making to the Council representations with regard to the proposal; and
 - (c) take into consideration any representation made in respect of the proposal under paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- (3) Where the approval of the Council under this section for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section, but the withdrawal of any such approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the approval, was registered or eligible for registration immediately before the approval was withdrawn.
- (4) The 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 that instrument, and the Council shall —
 - (a) immediately publish a copy of the instrument in the print media; and
 - (b) not later than seven days before its publication, send a copy of the instrument to the Establishment and Training Department, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 14: Supervision of instruction and examinations leading to approved qualification.

- (1) The members of the Council shall keep themselves informed of the nature of the —
 - (a) the instruction given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training; and
 - (b) the examinations as a result of which approved qualifications are granted.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, the Council may appoint, either from among its own members or otherwise, persons to visit the institutions and report to the Council.
- (3) On receiving a report made under this section, the Council may, if it deems fit, and shall, if so required by the Institute, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the Institution, or responsible for the examinations, to which the report relates requesting that person to make observations on the report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not being less than one month beginning from the date of the request (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 15: Fund of the Institute.

- (1) There is established for the Institute a fund ("the Fund") which shall be managed and controlled by the Council.
- (2) The Fund shall consist of —
 - (a) moneys received by the Council under this Bill ;
 - (b) subscriptions, fees and commissions received by the Council for services rendered pursuant to the provisions of this Bill ;
 - (c) such moneys as may be provided by international development partners or donor agencies by way of grants and interventions or loans ; and
 - (d) money raised for the purpose of the Institute by way of gifts, donations, grants-in aid, testamentary dispositions from individuals, bodies corporate or philanthropic organisations to the extent that such gifts, donations, grants and testamentary dispositions does not directly or indirectly amount to conflict of interest.
- (3) The Council shall apply the proceeds of the Fund to —
 - (a) all expenditure incurred by the Institute in the course of the discharge of its duties under this Bill ;
 - (b) the payment of remunerations and allowances of the Registrar and other staff of the Institute;
 - (c) the maintenance of the premises and property owned by and vested in the Institute ; and
 - (d) the payment of traveling allowances and such stipends to members of the Council as may be approved by the Council.
- (4) The Council may invest its idle funds in any security such as treasury bills, shares or any other security in Nigeria as may be approved by the Council.
- (5) The Council may borrow money for the purposes of the Institute, and any interest payable on money borrowed shall be paid out of the Fund (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 16: Annual estimate, account and audit.

- (1) The Council shall cause to be prepared, not later than six months before the end of the year, estimates for the recurrent and capital expenditure and income of the Institute during the next succeeding financial year, which shall be presented at the annual general meeting of the Institute by the Council for approval.
- (2) The Institute shall keep proper accounts and records and shall prepare in respect of each year a statement of accounts.

- (3) The Council shall, after the end of a financial year, cause the accounts of the Institute to be audited by appointed qualified auditors who shall not be a member of the Council.
- (4) The auditors appointed under subsection (3) of this section shall, on completion of the audit of the accounts of the Institute for each financial year, prepare and submit to the Council —
 - (a) a general report setting out the observations and recommendations of the auditors on the financial affairs of the Institute for the year, and on any important matter which the auditors may consider necessary to bring to the notice of the Council ; and
 - (b) a detailed report containing the observations and recommendations of the auditors on all aspects of the operations of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART VI — PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Clause 17: Establishment of Investigating Panel.

- (1) There is established the Training and Development Practitioners Investigating Panel ("the Panel") charged with the following responsibilities —
 - (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member —
 - (i) has misbehaved in his capacity as a training and development practitioner; or
 - (ii) is for any reason, a subject of proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee; and
 - (b) deciding whether the case shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- (2) The Panel shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of two members of the Council and three registered members who are not members of the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 18: Establishment of Disciplinary Committee.

- (1) There is established, the Training and Development Practitioners Disciplinary Committee ("the Disciplinary Committee") charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Panel and any other case of which the Disciplinary Committee has cognizance under the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Chairman who shall be a Fellow or a past President of the Institute and six other members appointed by the Council.
- (3) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall, have effect with respect to the Panel and the Disciplinary Committee respectively,.

- (4) The Council may, with the approval of the Attorney - General of the Federation, make rules as to acts which constitute professional misconduct (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 19: Penalties for unprofessional conduct.

- (1) Where —
- (a) a member is adjudged by the Disciplinary Committee to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect;
 - (b) a member is convicted by any court in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to award imprisonment for an offence (whether or not he is punished with imprisonment) which, in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee is incompatible with the status of a Training and Development Practitioner; or
 - (c) the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered;
- the Disciplinary Committee may, if it deems fit, give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the register.
- (2) The Disciplinary Committee may defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the Disciplinary Committee provided that —
- (a) a decision shall not be deferred under this subsection for a period exceeding two years in the aggregate; and
 - (b) a person shall not be a member of the Disciplinary Committee for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred unless he was present as a member of the Disciplinary Committee when the decision was deferred.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (1) (b) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.
- (4) Where the Disciplinary Committee gives a direction under the provision of this Bill, the Disciplinary Committee shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.
- (5) The person to whom such a direction relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of notice of the direction, make a representation to the Court with appropriate jurisdiction, and the Disciplinary Committee may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purposes of enabling directions to be given as to costs, the Disciplinary Committee, is deemed to be a party whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.
- (6) A direction of the Disciplinary Committee under subsection (1) of this section takes effect only where —

- (a) no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limit for the appeal or on the expiration of the time;
 - (b) an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution; or
 - (c) an appeal is brought and is dismissed.
- (7) A person whose name is removed from the register in pursuance of a direction of the Disciplinary Committee under this section is not entitled to be registered again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Disciplinary Committee on the application of that person.
- (8) A direction under this section for the removal of a person's name from the register may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application) as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 20: Application of this Bill to certain persons.

- (1) A person, not being a member of the former Institute, who, but for this Bill, would have been qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the former Institute may, within three months from the commencement of this Bill, apply for the membership of the Institute in such a manner as may be prescribed by the Institute.
- (2) Where an application under subsection (1) is approved by the Council, the applicant shall be registered according to his qualification (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 21: Special award of recognition.

The Institute may give special award of recognition during its annual dinner or any other event to any of its former Presidents and Vice-Presidents, and any other deserving members of the Institute, body or person (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 22: Rules and Regulations as to professional practice and fees.

- (1) The Council may make rules for —
 - (a) training and certification of suitable persons in training and development;
 - (b) registration and licensing of Training and Development Practitioners;
 - (c) fees to be paid by training and development practitioners; and

- (d) restrictions on the right to practice when all prescribed conditions have not been met.
- (2) The Council may also make rules prescribing the amount and due date for payment of the annual subscription fees and, for such other purposes, provided that different amounts may be prescribed by the rules according to membership grades of Fellow, Member, Associate, Graduate Member, Student or Cooperate Member.
- (3) Rules when made shall, if the Chairman of the Council so directs, be published in the print media and website of the Institute.
- (4) Rules made under this Bill shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at its next general meeting or at any special meeting of the Institute convened for that purpose, and, if annulled, shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but without prejudice to anything done or intended to be done under such rules (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 23: Provisions of Library facilities.

The Institute shall —

- (a) provide and maintain a library comprising books and electronic materials and publications for the advancement of knowledge of training and development and such other books and publications as the Council may deem necessary for the purpose; and
- (b) encourage research into training and development methods and allied subjects to the extent that the Council may consider necessary (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 24: Offences and penalties.

- (1) A person who, for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter —
 - (a) makes a statement which he knows or has a reason to know to be false; or
 - (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false,commits an offence.
- (2) Where, on or after the commencement of this Bill, a person not a member of the Institute who practices as a registered member of the profession of training and development for or in expectation of reward, takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is in practice as a registered member of the profession of training and development, commits an offence.
- (3) The provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to a person falling within section 20 of this Bill —

- (a) in respect of anything done by him during the period of three months after the commencement of this Bill; and
 - (b) in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is enrolled or registered or is notified, if within that period, he duly applies for membership of the Institute, unless he is notified within that period that his application has not been approved.
- (4) Where, on or after the commencement of this Bill, a registered member of the profession holds himself out as a training and development practitioner or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is a member of that profession of a grade other than that which he is enrolled or registered under this Bill he commits an offence.
- (5) Where the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, the Registrar commits an offence.
- (6) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable -
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine of ₦1,000,000; or
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding ₦1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or both.
- (7) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ₦2,000,000.00 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 25: Dissolution and Transfer of property.

- (1) As from the commencement of this Bill the Institute of Training and Development Practitioner incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act ("the Former Institute") is dissolved.
- (2) As from the commencement of this Bill any property held immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or on behalf of the former Institute shall, by virtue of this subsection, vest in the Institute established under this Bill and be held by it for its purposes (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 26: Savings an transitional Arrangements.

- (1) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, matters arising from the transfer under section 25 of this Bill, to the Institute of the property of the former Institute, and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule.
- (2) Any person, who immediately before the commencement of this Bill was a

staff of the Institute shall continue in office and be deemed to have been appointed under this Bill

- (3) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill by or against the former Institute in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the former Institute, may be continued or commenced, as the case may be, and any determination of a court of law, tribunal or other commission, authority or person may be enforced by or against the Institute established under this Bill to the same extent that such proceeding, cause of action or determination might have been continued, commenced or enforced by or against the former Institute, as if this Bill had not been made.
- (4) As from the commencement of this Bill, any disciplinary proceeding pending or existing against any Member of the former Institute shall be continued and completed by the Institute established under this Bill.
- (5) The Council may, within 12 months after the commencement of this Bill, may make additional transitional or savings provisions for the carrying out of the objectives of this section (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 27: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Board" means the Board of Fellows, constituted under section 7 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Council" means the Council established as the governing body of the Institute under section 6 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Disciplinary Committee" means the Chartered Institute of Training and Development Disciplinary Committee established under 18 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"enrolled" in relation to a Fellow, a Member, an Associate, a Graduate Member, a Student or a Corporate Member means a registered member in the part of the register relating to Fellow, Member, Associate, Graduate member, Student or Corporate Member, as the case may be (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"fee" includes annual subscriptions (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria established under section 1 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"member" means a member of the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"President", "First Vice-President" and "Second Vice-President" mean respectively the office holders under those names in the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Register" means the register prepared and maintained under section 9 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

Clause 28: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Section 6(2) and (3)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Qualification and Tenure of Council Members

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, every elected member of the Council shall hold office for a term of two years only.
- (2) A member of the Institute who ceases to be a member shall, if he is also a member of the Council, cease to hold office in the Council.
- (3) An elected member may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President, resign his office, and any appointed member may also resign his office.

- (4) Members of the Council shall, at its next meeting before the Annual General Meeting of the Institute, arrange for five members of the elected and longest in office to retire at that Annual General Meeting.
- (5) Elections to the Council are held in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules made by the Council and, until so prescribed, the elections shall be decided by secret ballot.
- (6) Where for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member and 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 filling of the vacancy, co-opt a fit person for such time.

Power of Council

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

Proceedings of the Council

3.
 - (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may, in the name of the Institute, make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute or Council, and in the exercise of its powers under this Bill, may set up committees in the general interest of the Institute.
 - (2) Standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members, and, in the event of equality of votes, the President or Chairman, as the case may be, shall have a second or casting vote.
 - (3) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the committee is to report back to the Council on any matter not within its competence to decide.
 - (4) The quorum of the council is at least one third of the total number of the Council members and the quorum of a committee shall be fixed by the Council.

Meetings of the Institute

4.
 - (1) The Council shall convene the Annual General Meeting of the Institute every year on such day as the Council may appoint and if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous Annual General Meeting, not more than 15 months shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings.
 - (2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council at any time, and if at least 20 members of the Institute require it, by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the objects of the proposed meeting, the Chairman of the Council shall convene a special meeting of the Institute.
 - (3) The quorum of any general meeting of the Institute shall be 30 financial members and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be 20 financial members of the Council.
 - (4) Subject to the provisions of any standing order of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by at least four other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

- (5) At any meeting the of the Council, the President, or in his absence, the First Vice-President shall preside and if the First Vice-President is absent, the Second Vice-President presides, and if all are absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of them to preside at that meeting.
- (6) Where the Council desires to obtain advice from any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt that person as a member for such period as the Council may deem fit, but the person is not entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Chairman of the Council who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure to be followed at the meeting.

Committees of the Council

5. (1) The Council may set up one or more committees to perform on behalf of the Institute or Council such functions as the Council may determine.
- (2) A Committee set up under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council, and one member of the committee shall hold office of the Chairman of the committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed, and shall serve as a Council member.
- (3) A decision of a committee of the Council is of no effect until it is confirmed or approved by the Council.

Miscellaneous

6. (1) The affixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the President or another member of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.
- (2) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and is, unless the contrary is proved, deemed to be so executed.
- (3) The validity of any proceeding of the Institute, Council or a committee of the Council is not affected by —
 - (a) any vacancy in the membership;
 - (b) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or Council or a person serving on the committee; or
 - (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
- (4) A member of the Institute or Council, and any person holding office on a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council on behalf of the Institute, Council or a committee, shall disclose his interest to the President or Council, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE AND INVESTIGATING PANEL

[Section 18 (3)]

Disciplinary Committee

1. The quorum of the Disciplinary Committee shall be seven members, four of whom shall be members of the Council, and three registered members of the Institute with legal background or chartered administration.
2. The Council shall make rules as to the —
 - (a) selection of members of the Disciplinary Committee for the purposes of any proceeding; and
 - (b) procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in the proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee.
3. For the purpose of advising the Disciplinary Committee on question of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall, in all such proceedings, be an assessor to the Disciplinary Committee who shall be appointed by the Council and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than seven years standing.

The Panel

4. The quorum of the Panel shall be three.
5. The Panel may, at any meeting attended by the members of the Panel, make standing orders with respect to the Panel.
6. Subject to the provisions of any Standing Order, the Panel may regulate its own procedure.

Miscellaneous

7. A person who ceases to be a member of the Disciplinary Committee or Panel is eligible for reappointment as a member of that body.
8. A person may, if eligible, be a member of both the Disciplinary Committee and Panel.
9. The Disciplinary Committee or Panel may act, notwithstanding any vacancy in the membership, and the proceedings of either body is not invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of that body.
10. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Disciplinary Committee or Panel shall be served on the Registrar of the Institute.
11. Any expenses of the Disciplinary Committee or Panel shall be defrayed by the Institute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY

[Section 26 (1)]

1. Every agreement to which the former Institute was a party immediately before the commencement of this Bill, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such a nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations could be assigned by the former Institute, shall, unless its term or subject matter is impossible that it should have effect as modified in the manner provided by this subparagraph, have effect from the commencement of this Bill, 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 former Institute there were substituted, with respect to anything not done on or after the commencement of this Bill, a reference to the Institute; and
 - (c) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to a member or an officer of the Council of the former Institute or the former Institute there were substituted with respect to anything not done on or after the commencement of this Bill; and
 - (d) a reference to a member or members of the Council under this Bill or the officer of the former Institute who corresponds as nearly as may be to be member or officer in question of the Institute.
2. Other documents which refer, whether specially or generally, to the former Institute shall be construed in accordance with subparagraph (1) so far as applicable.
3. Where, by the operation of this Schedule or for section 25 of this Bill, any right, liability or obligation vested in the Institute, the Institute and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, have the same rights, powers and remedies (and in particular, the same rights as to the taking or resisting of legal proceedings or applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have had if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the Institute.
4. Any legal proceeding or application to any authority pending at the commencement of this Bill by or against the former Institute and relating to property transferred by this Bill to the Institute may be continued on or after that day by or against the Institute.
5. Where the law in force at the place when any property transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise) the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfer, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply with the necessary modifications to the persons determined by the Council and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

*(This Memorandum does not form part of this Bill
but is intended to explain its purports)*

This Bill establishes the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria charged with the

responsibility for the regulation of the training and development practitioners including individuals and corporate entities engaged in provision of capacity development services in Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria to Set Standards and Skills to be Attained by Individuals or Corporate Entities Seeking to Engage in Provision of Capacity Development Services in Nigeria to Ensure Effective Practice, and for Related Matters (HB. 1550) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria to Set Standards and Skills to be Attained by Individuals or Corporate Entities Seeking to Engage in Provisions of Capacity Development Services in Nigeria to ensure effective practice; and for Related Matters (HB.1550) and approved Clauses 1 - 28, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap, A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ise, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.52)” (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba 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 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP. A12, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF
NIGERIA, 2004 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ISE, EKITI STATE;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 52)

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. A12, LFN, 2004.

The Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Amendment of Third Schedule.

The Third Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph 17 to read thus:

"17. Federal College of Agriculture Ise, Ekiti State" (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for the establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ise, Ekiti State (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ise, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB. 52) (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ise, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.52) and approved Clauses 1 - 3. the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iv) Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Misau, Bauchi State, to Provide Full-time Courses of Agriculture Teaching, Instruction and Training in the Sciences, Social Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Applied Sciences, Management and Humanities; and Carry-out Research, Innovation, Development and Adaptation of teaching Techniques and for Related Matters (HB.486)" (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba 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 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP. A12, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, MISAU, BAUCHI STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. A12, LFN, 2004.

The Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Amendment of Third Schedule.

The Third Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph 17 to read thus:

"17. Federal College of Agriculture, Misau, Bauchi State" (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for the establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Misau, Bauchi State (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Misau, Bauchi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 486) (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Title of the Bill, and *insert* as follows:

“A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Misau, Bauchi State, to Provide Full-Time Courses of Agriculture Teaching, Instruction and Training, and for Related Matters (HB.486)” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment made — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Misau, Bauchi State, to Provide Full-time Courses of Agriculture Teaching, Instruction and Training, and for Related Matters (HB.486) and approved Clauses 1 -3 , the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill as amended.

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

(v) **Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap, F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Ako-Nike, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB.530)” (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba 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 FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF AGRICULTURE ACT, CAP. F22, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, AKO-NIKE, ENUGU STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 530)

Committee’s Recommendation:**Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act.**

The Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act) is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee’s Recommendation:**Clause 2: Amendment of section 2.**

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph (d) immediately after (c) —

"(d) the Federal University of Agriculture, Ako-Nike, Enugu State" (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as Federal University of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Ako-Nike, Enugu State (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Ako-Nike, Enugu State; and for Related Matters (HB. 530) (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges And Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, CAP F22 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Ako-Nike, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB.530) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(vi) Committee on Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide Stiffer Penalties to Selected Sections of the Act and for Related Matters (HB.151)" (*Hon. Balogun Adebayo Olusegun — Ibeju Lekki 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 CRIMINAL CODE ACT,
CAP. C38, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO
PROVIDE STIFFER PENALTIES TO SELECTED SECTIONS OF THE
ACT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.151)

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of the Principal Act.

The Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, LFN, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as follows (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Unlawful detention with intent to defile, or in a brothel: Amendment of Section 226 (2) of the Principal Act.

Section 226 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by removing the term "is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to imprisonment for two years" and replace same with is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for five years.

Section 226 of the Principal Act will now be read as follows:

Any person who —

- (1) detains a woman or girl against her will in or upon any premises in order to her being Unlawfully carnally known by any man, whether a particular man or not; or
- (2) detains a woman or girl against her will in a brothel, is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for five years (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Conspiracy to defile: Amendment of Section 227.

Section 227 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by removing the term "and is liable to imprisonment for three years and replaced with the term, "and is liable to imprisonment for five years".

Section 227 of the Principal Act will now be read as follows:

Any person who conspires with another to induce any woman or girl, by means of any false pretence or other fraudulent means, to permit any man to have unlawful carnal knowledge of her, is guilty of a felony, and is liable to imprisonment for five years.

The offender cannot be arrested without warrant (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Supplying drugs or instruments to procure abortion: Amendment of Section 230.

Section 230 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by removing the term "is guilty

of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for three years" and replaced with the term, "is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for five years"

Section 230 of the Principal Act will now be read as follows:

Any person who unlawfully supplies to or procures for any person anything whatever, knowing that it is intended to be unlawfully used to procure the miscarriage of a woman, whether she is or is not with child is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for five years.

The offender cannot be arrested without warrant (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 5: Attempting to commit suicide: Amendment of Section 327.

Section 327 of the Principal Act is deleted (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 6: Unlawful possession of human head: Amendment of Section 329A.

Section 329A sub section (1) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by removing the term "is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for five years and replace same with "is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for ten years"

Section 329A sub section (1) of the Act will now be read as follows:

"(1) Any person who receives or has in his possession a human head or skull within six months of the same having been separated from the body or skeleton with the intention that such head or skull shall be possessed by himself as a trophy, juju or charm or transferred by him to any other person as atrophy, juju or charm, is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for ten years" (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 7: Endangering life or health of apprentices or servants: Amendment of Section 340.

Section 340 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by removing the term "is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for three years and replace same with "is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for five years.

Section 340 of the Principal Act will now be read as follow:

"Any person who, being charged as a master or mistress with the duty of providing necessary food, clothing, or lodging, for a servant or apprentice under the age of sixteen years, unlawfully fails to perform that duty, or in any other manner does any harm or causes any harm to be done to such servant or apprentice, whereby, in either case, the life of such servant or apprentice is or is likely to be endangered, or his health is likely to be permanently injured, is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for five years".

The offender cannot be arrested without warrant (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Abduction of girls under sixteen: Amendment of Section 362.

Section 362 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by removing the term "and is liable to imprisonment for two years" and replace same with ten years imprisonment.

Section 362 of the Principal Act will now be read as follows:

"Any person who unlawfully takes an unmarried girl under the age of sixteen years out of the custody or protection of her father or mother or other person having the lawful care or charge of her, and against the will of such father or mother or other person, is guilty of a felony, and is liable to imprisonment for five years" (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: Citation.

The Bill may be cited as the Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

The amendments proposed in this Bill is in 2 parts, part one which consist of sections 226 (2), 227, 230, 329A, 340 and 362 seeks to amend the Principal Act to provide a stiffer penalty for offences under the Act. The Criminal Code Act is an old Law enacted in 1916 and as such, most of the penalties prescribed to offenders are not in tandem with the current social and economic realities. While the second amendment- section 327; seeks to provide for a more rational punishment for the offence of attempted suicide. The punishment proposed by the second amendment will be curative and not punitive thereby making it possible for victims to be able to reintegrate into the society (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide Stiffer Penalties to Selected Sections of the Act and for Related Matters (HB.151) (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Federal Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide Stiffer Penalties to Selected Sections of the Act and for Related Matters (HB.151) and approved Clauses 1 - 9, the Explanatory Memorandum,

and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(vii) *Ad-hoc Committee on Discrimination against the House of Representatives in the National Honours Award:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Discrimination against the House of Representatives in the National Honours Award and approve the recommendations therein (HR. 74/10/2024)” (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

“Commend the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu for using his discretion judiciously to award the GCON to Rt Hon. Speaker, Abbas Tajudeen PhD, same recognition should apply to the Deputy Speaker and the Deputy Senate President and all other leaders of both Chambers of the National Assembly to reflect their equal status” (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“That the Legislature should do more in telling its own story as the skewed perception of press reportage and the misinformed public is what has contributed to the misconceived view of the House and the Senate as one being referred to as the upper and the other as "Lower Chamber" and "Upper Chamber" or Chairman of the National Assembly with a view to correcting the erroneous description of one Chamber of the National Assembly being superior to the other” (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

“That the procedure for joint sittings of the National Assembly should be structured in such a way as to alternate the roles of the Presiding Officers of each Chamber of the National Assembly, i.e. the Speaker could take the opening remarks and the Senate President takes the Closing remarks and vice versa to gradually correct the erroneous impression of one Chamber being superior to the other” (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

“That the establishment of a National Assembly Service Award through the instrumentality of a Bill where excellence, service and dedication would be rewarded i.e Congressional gold award of the United States of America” (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

“Review the National Honours Act, Cap.N43, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 in conformity

with present realities of nation's political existence and transformation as the law is a 1964 Act” (Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Recommendation (vi) as follows:

“That the award of National Honours given to former Presiding Officers and Principal Officers of the National Assembly be harmonized with the current status” (Hon. Idris Ahmed — Wase Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that new Recommendation (vi) stands part of the Report — Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Discrimination against the House of Representatives in the National Honours Award and approve the recommendations therein (**HR. 74/10/2024**) and approved Recommendations (i) - (v), and approved a new Recommendation (vi) of the Report.

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

17. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 23 October, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.15 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the ***Votes and Proceedings*** of Wednesday, 2 October, 2024, **item 4 (ii)**, *leave out* all the words in Nos (1) - (12) and *insert* as follows:

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| “(1) | Hon. Adelegbe Oluwatimehin | — | <i>Chairman, Committee on Science Research Institutions.</i> |
| | Hon. Shehu Nasiru | — | <i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on Science Research Institutions.</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Kabiru Ahmadu Mai Palace | — | <i>Chairman, Committee on Sports.</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Abubakar Sulaiman Gumi | — | <i>Chairman, Committee on North West Development Commission.</i> |
| | Hon. Yakubu Sani Alhaji | — | <i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on North West Development Commission.</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Chris Nkwonta | — | <i>Chairman, Committee on South East Development Commission.</i> |

	Hon. Paul S. Nnamchi	—	<i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on South East Development Commission.</i>
(5)	Hon. Raji Tasir Olawale	—	<i>Chairman, Committee on Livestock Development.</i>
	Hon. Solomon Wombo	—	<i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on Livestock Development.</i>
(6)	Hon. Muhammed Mukhtar	—	<i>Chairman, Committee on Tourism.</i>
	Hon. Daniel Asama Ago	—	<i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on Tourism.</i>
(7)	Hon. Osi Kama Nkemkanma	—	<i>Chairman, Committee on Climate Change.</i>
(8)	Hon. Zacharias David Idris	—	<i>Chairman, Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations.</i>
(9)	Hon. Onwuegbu Befford Anayo	—	<i>Chairman, Committee on Lake Chad.</i>
(10)	Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed	—	<i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on Culture and Creative Economy.</i>
(11)	Hon. Sani Nazifi	—	<i>Chairman, Committee on Sustainable Development Goals.</i>
(12)	Hon. Adamu Ibrahim Gamawa	—	<i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on FCT Judiciary”.</i>

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker