



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14 May, 2025

1. The House met at 11.06 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 Tuesday, 13 May, 2025.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

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

Mr Speaker announced the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of Christ the King College, Gwagwalada, Abuja;
- (ii) Members of the Medical Students Association, Bingham University, Nasarawa State.

5. **Petitions**

- (i) A petition from C. L. Nnubia, Esq. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Raphael Nnubia, on alleged non-payment of his seven (7) years salary arrears by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Obinna Aguocha (*Ikwuano/Umuahia North/Umuahia South Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Traders Welfare Logistics, on behalf of Dispatch Riders and Logistics Operators, Edo State, on unfavourable policies by the Nigerian Postal Services (NIPOST), was presented and laid by Hon. Esosa Iyawe (*Oredo Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Mujistapha Ahmed, on alleged recurrent bandits attack on Gora Community, Safana Local Government Area, Katsina State, following the withdrawal of military personnel, was presented and laid by Hon. Iliyasu Aliyu Abubakar (*Batsari/Safana/Danmusa Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) ***Need to Mitigate the Spread of Diphtheria as a Major Public Health Concern in Nigeria:***
Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori (*Demsa/Numan/Lamurde 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 Mitigate the Spread of Diphtheria as a Major Public Health Concern in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that Diphtheria, a bacterial infection caused by *Corynebacterium* species, has become a critical public health issue since the first outbreak in Borno State in 2011 which claimed 21 lives. The outbreak's current resurgence poses significant threats to Nigeria's already overburdened public health system;

Also notes that diphtheria which affects the nose, throat, skin, and, in severe cases, the heart; is transmitted through respiratory droplets, contaminated objects, and crowded unsanitary environments, making its spread particularly rapid among children and those with compromised immune systems in crowded communities;

Aware that diphtheria thrives in Africa due to low vaccination rates while remaining virtually absent in countries like the United States of America and Europe, where vaccination coverage is high. Thus, diphtheria primarily threatens unvaccinated individuals who travel internationally or come into contact with infected persons;

Also aware that in Africa, nations such as Niger, Gabon, and Mauritania have reported outbreaks with only a handful of confirmed deaths due to effective vaccination coverage, early detection, laboratory confirmation, and the availability of antitoxins and antibiotics for treatment. In stark contrast, Nigeria's statistics paint a dire picture, with thousands of reported cases and associated deaths due to low or absence of vaccination;

Alarmed that from May 2022 to February 2025, Nigeria has reported 41,978 suspected cases of diphtheria from Bauchi, Borno, Jigawa, Kaduna, Katsina, with Kano and Yobe States accounting for the highest numbers- 24,062 and 5330, respectively. Most cases were children aged 1-14, and only 19.7% were fully vaccinated, resulting in 1,279 deaths within this period;

Concerned that if nothing is done, the high fatality rate could worsen and spread outside of the States already impacted, underscoring the urgency of improving on the low vaccination rates, ineffective antitoxins and treatments, and delays in clinical detection and test confirmation that fuel this outbreak;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health, the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control

(NCDC), and the National Health Care Development Agency to enforce the mandatory diphtheria immunization, testing and treatment across healthcare centers in all 774 Local Government Areas;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation to raise public awareness through sensitization campaigns regarding the dangers, symptoms, and transmission modes of diphtheria to prevent further spread and fatalities;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Health Institutions to assess the level of compliance' with the mandatory Diphtheria immunization,' the capacity of health institutions to effectively respond to current threat of Diphtheria spread across the country and report back within four (4) weeks;
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori — Demsa/Numan/Lamurde Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed.

The House:

Noted that Diphtheria, a bacterial infection caused by *Corynebacterium* species, has become a critical public health issue since the first outbreak in Borno State in 2011 which claimed 21 lives. The outbreak's current resurgence poses significant threats to Nigen 's already overburdened public health system;

Also noted that diphtheria which affects the nose, throat, skin, and, in severe cases, the heart; is transmitted through respiratory droplets, contaminated objects, and crowded unsanitary environments, making its spread particularly rapid among children and those with compromised immune systems in crowded communities;

Aware that diphtheria thrives in Africa due to low vaccination rates while remaining virtually absent in countries like the United States of America and Europe, where vaccination coverage is high. Thus, diphtheria primarily threatens unvaccinated individuals who travel internationally or come into contact with infected persons;

Also aware that in Africa, nations such as Niger, Gabon, and Mauritania have reported outbreaks with only a handful of confirmed deaths due to effective vaccination coverage, early detection, laboratory confirmation, and the availability of antitoxins and antibiotics for treatment. In stark contrast, Nigeria's statistics paint a dire picture, with thousands of reported cases and associated deaths due to low or absence of vaccination;

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Concerned that if nothing is done, the high fatality rate could worsen and spread outside of the States already impacted, underscoring the urgency of improving on the low vaccination rates, ineffective antitoxins and treatments, and delays in clinical detection and test confirmation that fuel this outbreak;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health, the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), and the National Health Care Development Agency to enforce the mandatory diphtheria immunization, testing and treatment across healthcare centers in all 774 Local Government Areas;
 - (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation to raise public awareness through sensitization campaigns regarding the dangers, symptoms, and transmission modes of diphtheria to prevent further spread and fatalities;
 - (iii) mandate the Committee on Health Institutions to assess the level of compliance' with the mandatory Diphtheria immunization,' the capacity of health institutions to effectively respond to current threat of Diphtheria spread across the country and report back within four (4) weeks;
 - (iv) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 130/05/2025**).
- (ii) ***Fire Outbreak and Alleged Security Threats at Owode Onirin Market, Kosofe Local Government Area, Lagos State:***
Hon. Ogbara Adetola Kalifat (*Kosofe 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.

Fire Outbreak and Alleged Security Threats at Owode Onirin Market, Kosofe Local Government Area, Lagos State:

The House:

Notes with deep concern of the recent fireoutbreak that gutted large sections of the Owode Onirin market along Ikorodu Road, Lagos State, resulting in the destruction and demolition of shops, goods worth billions of Naira, loss of lives and livelihood for many traders;

Also notes that reports of increasing insecurity in the area, including allegations of suspected armed individuals and criminal gangs contributing to' the breakdown of law and order within the Owode Onirin community;

Aware that Owode Onirin Market is a major economic hub dealing in automobile spare parts and metalworks, supporting not just residents of Lagos but traders from across the country;

Concerned that frequent fire outbreaks in major markets across Lagos and Nigeria at large-sometimes under suspicious circumstance have become a recurring threat to live, properties, and local economy;

Worried that the delay in emergency response services, inadequate infrastructure, and absence of preventive fire and security measures aggravate the damage caused during such emergencies;

Disturbed that there is no confirmed official investigation report identifying the root cause of the Owode Onirin fire, thereby fueling speculation, tension, and fear among residents and traders;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for those that lost their lives from the impact of the fire incident and demolition;
- (ii) urge the Nigeria Police Force to conduct a thorough investigation into the fire outbreak and reports of security threats in the Owode Onirin community;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide immediate relief support to affected traders and victims of the incident;
- (iv) further urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction to design and implement a sustainable support programme for market-based micro and small enterprises affected by fire disaster;
- (v) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to liaise with the relevant agencies, including the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), Fire Service, and the Nigeria Police, to assess the damage and recommend response measure;
- (vi) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ogbara Adetola Kalifat — Kosofe Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (iv), immediately after the words “Fire Service”, *leave out* the words “and the Nigeria Police” (*Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed.

The House:

Noted with deep concern of the recent fire outbreak that gutted large sections of the Owode Onirin market along Ikorodu Road, Lagos State, resulting in the destruction and demolition of shops, goods worth billions of Naira, loss of lives and livelihood for many traders;

Also noted that reports of increasing insecurity in the area, including allegations of suspected armed individuals and criminal gangs contributing to the breakdown of law and order within the Owode Onirin community;

Aware that Owode Onirin Market is a major economic hub dealing in automobile spare parts and metalworks, supporting not just residents of Lagos but traders from across the country;

Concerned that frequent fire outbreaks in major markets across Lagos and Nigeria at large—sometimes under suspicious circumstance have become a recurring threat to lives, properties, and local economy;

Worried that the delay in emergency response services, inadequate infrastructure, and

absence of preventive fire and security measures aggravate the damage caused during such emergencies;

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- (v) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to liaise with the relevant agencies, including the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), and Fire Service, to assess the damage and recommend response measure;
- (vi) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 131/05/2025**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(iii) ***Need to End Banditry Attacks in Isa/Sabon Birni Local Government Area, Sokoto State:***
Hon. Mohammed Saidu Bargaja (*Isa/Sabon Birni 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 End Banditry Attacks in Isa and Sabon Birni Local Government Areas, Sokoto State:

The House:

Notes with greatest dismay the wide spread banditry attacks resulting to mass killing, looting and displacement of innocent Nigerian citizens in Isa/Sabon Birni Federal Constituency, Sokoto State;

Worried that between Friday to Monday, 5 May, 2025, over 14 people were brutally killed in Makwaruwa, 14 in Satiru, 3 in Katanga, and over 30 villages were set ablaze with

property worth millions of Naira looted;

Disturbed that between five to six thousand people were displaced in Magira, Dankura, Dama, Katsalle, Dankaka, Garnji, Garin Sanda, Burkusuma, Araga, Garin Damo, Zangon Mallam as well as Tozai, Katanga, Dan Adama, Shadawa, Baice and Kunkurus, etc. to neighboring villages across the Federal Constituency with severe need for shelter, food, clothes and medical care to rescue them from the difficult conditions of survival;

Regrets that the safety and comfort of the affected victims will continue to be in danger if urgent action is not taken to provide security, food and non-food items to the victims within the Federal Constituency.

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in hour of the deceased victims;
- (ii) urge the Chief of Defence Staff to provide security to all the affected villages;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and National Commission for Refugees to provide food and non-food items to the surviving victims and families of the deceased (*Hon. Mohammed Saidu Bargaja — Isa/Sabon Birni Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed.

The House:

Noted with greatest dismay the wide spread banditry attacks resulting to mass killing, looting and displacement of innocent Nigerian citizens in Isa/Sabon Birni Federal Constituency, Sokoto State;

Worried that between Friday to Monday, 5 May, 2025, over 14 people were brutally killed in Makwaruwa, 14 in Satiru, 3 in Katanga, and over 30 villages were set ablaze with property worth millions of Naira looted;

Disturbed that between five to six thousand people were displaced in Magira, Dankura, Dama, Katsalle, Dankaka, Garnji, Garin Sanda, Burkusuma, Araga, Garin Damo, Zangon Mallam as well as Tozai, Katanga, Dan Adama, Shadawa, Baice and Kunkurus, etc. to neighboring villages across the Federal Constituency with severe need for shelter, food, clothes and medical care to rescue them from the difficult conditions of survival;

Regretted that the safety and comfort of the affected victims will continue to be in danger if urgent action is not taken to provide security, food and non-food items to the victims within the Federal Constituency.

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in hour of the deceased victims;
- (ii) urge the Chief of Defence Staff to provide security to all the affected villages;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and National Commission for

Refugees to provide food and non-food items to the surviving victims and families of the deceased (**HR. 132/05/2025**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) North-Central Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2307).
- (2) South-South Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2308).
- (3) South-West Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2306).
- (4) South East Development Commission Act and for Related Matters (SB.568).
- (5) State Police Service Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.1710).
- (6) Federal Tourist Centre, Oshimili, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2147).
- (7) Federal Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB.169).
- (8) Proceeds of Crime (Recovery and Management) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2270).
- (9) Nigeria Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2257).
- (10) Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2258).
- (11) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (Creation of Bodzo Local Government Area) (HB.2318).
- (12) Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2309).
- (13) Federal University of Economics (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2310).
- (14) Council of Economic Education Bill, 2025 (HB.2311).
- (15) Abuja Environmental Protection Board (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2312).
- (16) Abuja Broadcasting Corporation (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2313).
- (17) Federal Capital Territory Emergency Management Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2314).
- (18) University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2315).
- (19) Nigerian Customs Training College, Oghara, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2316).
- (20) Nigerian Paramedic College, Isiokolo, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2317).

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the North-Central Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2307) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the North-Central

Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2307) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the South-South Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2308) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the South-South Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2308) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the South-West Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2306) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the South-West Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2306) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the South East Development Commission Act and for Related Matters (SB.568) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the South East Development Commission Act and for Related Matters (SB.568) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Nigerian Institute of Agricultural and Applied Economics to Regulate, Control and Determine the Standard of Knowledge to be Attained by Persons Seeking to Become Members of the Institute and for Related Matters

(HB.1351) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Nigerian Institute of Agricultural and Applied Economics to Regulate, Control and Determine the Standard of Knowledge to be Attained by Persons Seeking to Become Members of the Institute and for Related Matters (HB.1351) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Muktar Tolani Shagaya — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*), and 8 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

13. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau Act, No.35, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB. 2108) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau Act, No.35, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB. 2108) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade — Egbado South/Ipokia Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Special Duties, and Aviation .

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria, to Regulate and Control the Practice of Financial and Investment Analysts in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.336) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do resume debate on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria, to Regulate and Control the Practice of Financial and Investment Analysts in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.336)” (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun — Badagry Federal Constituency*).

Debate Resumed.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Commerce.

15. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators charged with the Responsibility for Advancing the Study, Training and Practice of Universities Professional Administrators and for Related Matters (HB.784) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators charged with the Responsibility for Advancing the Study, Training and Practice of Universities Professional Administrators and for Related Matters (HB.784) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Paschal Agbodike — Ihiala 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.

16. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Jos, Plateau State to Provide Full and Part Time Courses of Instruction in different Fields of Study and for Related Matters (HB.1186) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Jos, Plateau State to Provide Full and Part Time Courses of Instruction in different Fields of Study and for Related Matters (HB.1186) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Daniel Asama Ago — Jos North/Bassa 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 Alternative Education.

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

- (i) A Bill for an Act to Amend the North-Central Development Commission Act, 2025; and for Related Matters (HB.2307);
- (ii) A Bill for an Act to Amend the South-South Development Commission Act, 2025; and for Related Matters (HB.2308);
- (iii) A Bill for an Act to Amend the South-West Development Commission Act, 2025; and for Related Matters (HB. 2306); and
- (iv) A Bill for an Act to Amend the South East Development Commission Act; and for Related Matters (SB.568) immediately” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

17. Irregularities in the Remittance of two percent Surcharge on Import to the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC) by the Nigeria Customs Service and the Federal Ministry of Finance in line with RMRDC (Amendment) Act

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC) was established in 1987 under the Science and Technology Act, 2004 to reduce Nigeria's dependence on imported raw materials;

Also notes that its primary mission is to promote research, development and the utilization of locally available raw materials to stimulate industrial growth and economic diversification;

Aware that the RMRDC Act was repealed and enacted in 2022 with the import surcharge increased from one to two percent to adequately fund the Council's operations and mandate;

Also aware that the Federal Ministry of Finance, the Nigeria Customs Service and the Budget Office

are responsible for ensuring the accurate collection, remittance, and budgeting of the two percent surcharge to enable the Council plan and execute its statutory obligations effectively;

Concerned that there are persistent irregularities in the calculation of the remittance of the two percent import surcharge to RMRDC;

Also concerned that presently the Raw Material Research and Development Council is being paid a negligible amount of about 0.05%, of which sources cannot be defined, and the lack of transparency and accountability in the remittance process contravenes the intent and provisions of Section 12 (1) (b) of the RMRDC Act, 2022;

Worried that the irregularities or discrepancies and lack of clarity created in the disbursement of the fund arbitrarily void the provision of the law and have greatly hampered the development of the nation and continue to serve as a clog in the wheel of progress;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Nigeria Customs Service to provide a detailed explanation of the methodology and criteria used in determining the two percent import surcharge remittance and publish a transparent framework for calculating and implementing the two percent surcharge in compliance with the RMRDC's Act, 2022;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Finance to ensure accurate calculation and immediate remittance of all arrears of the two percent surcharge to the RMRDC; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Science Research Institutions, Finance, and Customs and Excise to investigate the irregularities and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Aliyu Mustapha Abdullahi — Ikara/Kabau Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC) was established in 1987 under the Science and Technology Act, 2004 to reduce Nigeria's dependence on imported raw materials;

Also noted that its primary mission is to promote research, development and the utilization of locally available raw materials to stimulate industrial growth and economic diversification;

Aware that the RMRDC Act was repealed and enacted in 2022 with the import surcharge increased from one to two percent to adequately fund the Council's operations and mandate;

Also aware that the Federal Ministry of Finance, the Nigeria Customs Service and the Budget Office are responsible for ensuring the accurate collection, remittance, and budgeting of the two percent surcharge to enable the Council plan and execute its statutory obligations effectively;

Concerned that there are persistent irregularities in the calculation of the remittance of the two percent import surcharge to RMRDC;

Also concerned that presently the Raw Material Research and Development Council is being paid a negligible amount of about 0.05%, of which sources cannot be defined, and the lack of transparency and accountability in the remittance process contravenes the intent and provisions of Section 12(1)(b) of the RMRDC Act, 2022;

Worried that the irregularities or discrepancies and lack of clarity created in the disbursement of the fund arbitrarily void the provision of the law and have greatly hampered the development of the nation and continue to serve as a clog in the wheel of progress;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Nigeria Customs Service to provide a detailed explanation of the methodology and criteria used in determining the two percent import surcharge remittance and publish a transparent framework for calculating and implementing the two percent surcharge in compliance with the RMRDC's Act, 2022;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Finance to ensure accurate calculation and immediate remittance of all arrears of the two percent surcharge to the RMRDC; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Science Research Institutions, Finance, and Customs and Excise to investigate the irregularities and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 133/05/2025**).

18. Devastating Gully Erosion in Idah/Igala-Mela/Ofu Federal Constituency of Kogi State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the problem of soil erosion faces Nigeria like many other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, and this is mainly due to very high-intensity rainfall that results in heavy runoff and soil loss;

Also notes that the Idah/Igala-Mela/Ofu Federal Constituency of Kogi State has continued to face the challenge of gully erosion and this has become the greatest threat to the environment in most parts of the constituency;

Worried that the Idah/Igala-mela/Ofu Federal Constituency of Kogi State has become home to several gully erosion sites, especially at Angwa by Oga Primary School in Idah town, Idah LGA; Ajaka town in Igalamela-Odolu LGA; and Itobe New Layout, Ajegwu, Aloji, Umomi, and Ugwolawo towns in Ofu LGA;

Also worried that gully erosion in the federal constituency has the effect of loss of land for agriculture and for habitation, lives and property, roads, and cultivated lands being washed away;

Regrets that communities in the federal constituency are being separated because of very wide gullies that may in some cases reach a depth of about 25 meters and a length of about 2 kilometers;

Concerned that the gully erosions have made inter-community movement almost impossible, and adversely affects trading activities, movement of farm produce, and access to educational and health facilities in some cases;

Aware that with the increased of human development activities and adverse environmental changes, the magnitude of the gully erosion in the Federal Constituency will increase if urgent preventive steps are not taking;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment, Ecological Project Office in conjunction with the Kogi State government address gully erosion in Idah/Igala-Mela/Ofu Federal Constituency and other affected Communities;
- (ii) also urge National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the

affected communities in Idah/Igala-Mela/Ofu Federal Constituency of Kogi State;

- (iii) mandate the Committee on Environment to interface with the Federal Ministry of Environment, Ecological Project Office to address the gully erosion in the affected communities of Idah/Igala-Mela/Ofu Federal Constituency (*Hon. David Idris Zacharia — Idah/Igala-Mela/Odulu/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 134/05/2025).

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

19. Need to Address the Decline in Economic Activities at Bompai, Sharada and Chalawa Industrial Estate in Kano State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the historic economic growth and industrial activities in Kano and other parts of Northern Nigeria have been partly due to the contribution of industrial activities at Bompai, Sharada, and Chalawa industrial estates, Kano;

Also notes that the three industrial estates have an estimated 1,000 manufacturing industries;

Recalls that the estates host a wide range of industries, including textiles, Motor Vehicle Assembly, food and beverages, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, steelworks, tanneries, packaging, agro-sacks, and plastics;

Recognizes that the estates previously employed an estimated one million, five hundred thousand (1.5) skilled and unskilled workers, thereby supporting the livelihoods of numerous households;

Acknowledges the crucial role the industrial estates played in catalyzing economic activities in Northern Nigeria and neighboring countries such as Niger, Chad, Cameroon, and Mali, reaffirming Kano's position as an economic hub for the region;

Aware that the estates contribute significant revenue to Kano State and the Federal Government of Nigeria, in addition to bolstering the country's industrial capacity and Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

Also aware of the report by the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) that there has been a consistent decline in industrial and manufacturing activities in the estates since 2014, thereby diminishing Kano's standing as one of Nigeria's industrial hubs;

Concerned that the estates are now reduced to mere warehouses, rented out for storage, rather than being active production centers;

Also concerned that the decline can be attributed to a lack of basic infrastructure, such as a reliable power and water supplies, railway collapse, poor road conditions, multiple taxation, and the long distance between Kano and the nation's seaports;

Worried about the impact that the decline in manufacturing activities in the estates is having on Kano, particularly in relation to the rising unemployment among the youth and the increasing instances of despair, thereby contributing to insecurity within the state and the surrounding region;

Also worried that the social and economic effects of this industrial decline are further exacerbated by

the current economic challenges due to the removal of fuel subsidies;

Concerned that these conditions together represent a potential crisis that, if unaddressed, could be exploited by malicious actors to incite social unrest and tension in Kano and the country in general;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
 - (a) declare a state of emergency on the state of Bompai, Sharada, and Chalawa Industrial Estates by collaborating with relevant agencies, such as the Federal Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment, and the Bank of Industry (BOI), to establish a credit scheme to support the revitalization of the ailing industries in the Estate,
 - (b) withdraw incentives that favour the importation of products that can be manufactured locally to reduce unnecessary competition and protect the domestic market, thereby allowing indigenous industries and manufacturers to thrive;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Industry to liaise with the Federal Ministries of Trade, Industry and Investment, Works, and the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) to collaborate with the Government of Kano State to address the challenges of multiple taxation, poor road networks, and inadequate energy supply faced by the industrial estates;
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Industry, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Hassan Shehu Hussain — Nassarawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the historic economic growth and industrial activities in Kano and other parts of Northern Nigeria have been partly due to the contribution of industrial activities at Bompai, Sharada, and Chalawa industrial estates, Kano;

Also noted that the three industrial estates have an estimated 1,000 manufacturing industries;

Recalled that the estates host a wide range of industries, including textiles, Motor Vehicle Assembly, food and beverages, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, steelworks, tanneries, packaging, agro-sacks, and plastics;

Recognized that the estates previously employed an estimated one million, five hundred thousand (1.5) skilled and unskilled workers, thereby supporting the livelihoods of numerous households;

Acknowledged the crucial role the industrial estates played in catalyzing economic activities in Northern Nigeria and neighboring countries such as Niger, Chad, Cameroon, and Mali, reaffirming Kano's position as an economic hub for the region;

Aware that the estates contribute significant revenue to Kano State and the Federal Government of Nigeria, in addition to bolstering the country's industrial capacity and Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

Also aware of the report by the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) that there has been a consistent decline in industrial and manufacturing activities in the estates since 2014, thereby diminishing Kano's standing as one of Nigeria's industrial hubs;

Concerned that the estates are now reduced to mere warehouses, rented out for storage, rather than being active production centers;

Also concerned that the decline can be attributed to a lack of basic infrastructure, such as a reliable power and water supplies, railway collapse, poor road conditions, multiple taxation, and the long distance between Kano and the nation's seaports;

Worried about the impact that the decline in manufacturing activities in the estates is having on Kano, particularly in relation to the rising unemployment among the youth and the increasing instances of despair, thereby contributing to insecurity within the state and the surrounding region;

Also worried that the social and economic effects of this industrial decline are further exacerbated by the current economic challenges due to the removal of fuel subsidies;

Concerned that these conditions together represent a potential crisis that, if unaddressed, could be exploited by malicious actors to incite social unrest and tension in Kano and the country in general;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
 - (a) declare a state of emergency on the state of Bompai, Sharada, and Chalawa Industrial Estates by collaborating with relevant agencies, such as the Federal Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment, and the Bank of Industry (BOI), to establish a credit scheme to support the revitalization of the ailing industries in the Estate,
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- (ii) mandate the Committee on Industry to liaise with the Federal Ministries of Trade, Industry and Investment, Works, and the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) to collaborate with the government of Kano State to address the challenges of multiple taxation, poor road networks, and inadequate energy supply faced by the industrial estates;
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Industry, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (HR. 135/05/2025).

20. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the North-Central Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2307) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the North-Central Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2307)” (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)

COMMISSION ACT, 2025; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2307)

Clause 1: Amendment North - Central Development Commission Act, 2025.

The North -Central Development Commission Act, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of section 2.

Section 2 (*h*) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing words with the following new words Twelve Executive Directors (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of section 10.

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section the following new words —

"There shall be established in the head office of the Commission, the following Departments to be headed by Executive Directors —

- (a) Administration and Human Resources;
- (b) Community and Rural Development;
- (c) Utilities, Infrastructural Development and Waterways;
- (d) Environmental Protection and Control;
- (e) Finance and Supply;
- (f) Solid Minerals, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry;
- (g) Planning, Research and Statistics and Management Information System;
- (h) Legal Services;
- (i) Education, Health and Social Services;
- (j) Commercial and Industrial Development;
- (k) Projects Monitoring and Supervision; and
- (l) Youth and Women Affairs Development (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the North -Central Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the North -Central Development Commission Act, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the North-Central Development Commission Act, 2025; and for Related Matters (HB. 2307) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the North-Central Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2307) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) **A Bill for an Act to Amend the South-South Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2308) (Committee of the Whole):**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the South-South Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2308)” (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 AMEND THE SOUTH-SOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACT, 2025; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2308)

Clause 1: Amendment South- South Development Commission Act, 2025.

The South- South Development Commission Act, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of section 2.

Section 2 (1) (g) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing figure 5 with figure 12 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of section 10.

Section 10 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing

section, following new words —

"(2) There shall be established in the head office of the Commission, the following Departments to be headed by Executive Directors —

- (a) Administration and Human Resources;
- (b) Community and Rural Development;
- (c) Utilities, Infrastructural Development and Waterways;
- (d) Environmental Protection and Control;
- (e) Finance and Supply;
- (f) Solid Minerals, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry;
- (g) Planning, Research and Statistics and Management Information System;
- (h) Legal Services;
- (i) Education, Health and Social Services;
- (j) Commercial and Industrial Development;
- (k) Projects Monitoring and Supervision; and
- (l) Youth and Women Affairs Development (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the South-South Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the South -South Development Commission Act, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the South-South Development Commission Act, 2025; and for Related Matters (HB. 2308) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the

Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the South-South Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2308) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the South-West Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB. 2306) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the South-West Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2306)” (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 AMEND THE SOUTH-WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACT, 2025; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2306)

Clause 1: Amendment South-West Development Commission Act, 2025.

The South- West Development Commission Act, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of section 2.

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) in paragraph (c) by substituting the existing words with the following new words Twelve Executive Directors; and
- (b) in subsection (4) by deleting the existing words and renumbering subsections (5) and (6) as (4) and (5) respectively (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of section 10.

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section the following new words —

"There shall be established in the head office of the Commission, the following Departments to be headed by Executive Directors -

- (a) Administration and Human Resources;
- (b) Community and Rural Development;
- (c) Utilities, Infrastructural Development and Waterways;

- (d) Environmental Protection and Control;
- (e) Finance and Supply;
- (f) Solid Minerals, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry;
- (g) Planning, Research and Statistics and Management Information System;
- (h) Legal Services;
- (i) Education, Health and Social Services;
- (j) Commercial and Industrial Development;
- (k) Projects Monitoring and Supervision; and
- (l) Youth and Women Affairs Development (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the South -West Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the South -West Development Commission Act, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the South-West Development Commission Act, 2025; and for Related Matters (HB. 2306) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the South-West Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2306) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (iv) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the South East Development Commission Act and for Related Matters (SB.568) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the South East Development Commission Act and for Related Matters (SB.568)” (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 AMEND THE SOUTH-EAST DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION ACT, 2025; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (SB. 568)

Clause 1: Amendment South - East Development Commission Act, 2025.

The South-East Development Commission Act, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of section 2.

Section 2 (h) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing words with the following new words Twelve Executive Directors (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of section 10.

Section 10 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section the following new words —

"There shall be established in the head office of the Commission, the following Departments to be headed by Executive Directors —

- (a) Administration and Human Resources;
- (b) Community and Rural Development;
- (c) Utilities, Infrastructural Development and Waterways;
- (d) Environmental Protection and Control;
- (e) Finance and Supply;
- (f) Solid Minerals, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry;
- (g) Planning, Research and Statistics and Management Information System;
- (h) Legal Services;
- (i) Education, Health and Social Services;
- (j) Commercial and Industrial Development;
- (k) Projects Monitoring and Supervision; and
- (l) Youth and Women Affairs Development (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo*

Ihonybere — House Leader).

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

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the South-East Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the South-East Development Commission Act, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the South-East Development Commission Act, 2025; and for Related Matters (SB. 568) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — 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 Amend the South East Development Commission Act and for Related Matters (SB.568) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (v) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Umaisha, Toto Local Government Area, Nasarawa State and for Related Matters (SB.56) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Umaisha, Toto Local Government Area, Nasarawa State and for Related Matters (SB.56)” (Hon. Julius Ihonybere — 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 AMEND THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP. A12, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION
OF NIGERIA, 2004 (AS AMENDED) TO MAKE PROVISION FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND

AQUATIC SCIENCES, UMAISHA, TOTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AREA, NASARAWA STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of Third Schedule.

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

"Federal College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Umaisha, Toto Local Government Area, Nasarawa State" (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment), Bill 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill — 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 (as Amended) to Make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Umaisha, Toto Local Government Area, Nasarawa State; and for Related Matters (SB. 56) (*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 Amend the North-Central Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2307) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, 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 Science and Technology:

Report of the Committee on Science and Technology a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Institute of Technology, Ikpoba-Okha, Edo State charged with the Responsibility, amongst other things, for the Conduct of Research into any branch of Technological and Management Sciences Courses and for Related Matters (HB. 636):

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(vii) Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to

Establish Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State, to Provide Qualitative Education in Vocational and Entrepreneurship and for Related Matters (HB. 226)" (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL VOCATIONAL
TRAINING INSTITUTES, OKOTA/OSHODI, LAGOS STATE, TO PROVIDE
QUALITATIVE EDUCATION IN VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 226)

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State.

- (1) There is hereby established the Federal Vocational Training Institutes, Okota/ Oshodi, Lagos State (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are specified in this Bill.
- (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to acquire and dispose of interests in movable and immovable properties and may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Functions.

- (1) The functions of the Institute shall be:
 - (a) to design programme for promotion and implementation of practical learning, on-the-job and apprenticeship vocational education in areas of competence and qualification including but not limited to skills listed in Schedule 2 herein;
 - (b) to design programme for enrolment and accreditation of vocational training units or organizations for on-the-job and apprenticeship vocational training;
 - (c) to encourage and offer opportunity for trainings on and certification of vocational and entrepreneurship skills suitable and adaptable to modern commercial and industrial needs;
 - (d) to develop and offer courses and programmes leading to the award of Diplomas and other certificates in vocational and entrepreneurship trainings which emphasize employability, self-employment and adaptive technical competence for modern industrial and commercial application;

- (e) to make policies for adoption of technological solutions to aid the learning, training and application on vocational and entrepreneurship skills;
- (f) to collaborate with Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) within the ambit of extant laws and other relevant agencies to foster the creation and growth of small and medium scale enterprises among graduating trainees.
- (g) to collaborate with the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and National Council for Digital Innovations and Entrepreneurship (NCDIE) within the ambit of extant laws and other relevant agencies to foster the promotion of technology-based enterprises among graduating trainees.
- (h) to carry out research, training and dissemination of findings in vocations, entrepreneurship, commerce and management;
- (i) to act as agents and catalysts for promotion of vocational skills, entrepreneurship, self-employment, small and medium scale enterprises, research and innovation for economic development;
- (j) to establish institutional linkages in order to foster collaboration and integration of research and training activities;
- (k) to perform such other functions as appropriate for the realization of objectives of this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Establishment of the governing Council, etc.

- (1) There shall be established for the institute a Governing Council (hereafter in this Bill referred to as "the Council"). The Council which shall be the governing body of the Institute shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs of the institute.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subclaus (1) of this clause, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider and approve:
 - (a) the plan of activities of the Institute;
 - (b) the programme of studies, courses and research to be undertaken by the Institute;
 - (c) the annual estimates of the Institute and;
 - (d) the investment plans of the Institute.
- (3) The provisions of the first schedule of this Bill shall have effect with respect to the council as specified therein (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 4: Membership of the Council and Tenure of Office of Members.**

- (1) The Council shall consist of a Chairman and other members, to be appointed by the Minister of Education:
 - (a) one person to represent the Ministry of Education;
 - (b) one person to represent the Ministry of Labour and Productivity;
 - (c) one person to represent the Ministry of Science and Technology;
 - (d) one person to represent the Ministry of Trade and Investment;
 - (e) one person to represent the National Board for technical education (NBTE);
 - (f) one person to represent the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA);
 - (g) one person to represent the National Council for Digital Innovations and Entrepreneurship (NCDIE);
 - (h) one person to represent the alumni association of the Institute;
 - (i) two representatives of the Vocational board of the Institute;
 - (j) three persons appointed on Individual merit on a nationwide basis who should have wide experience of service in the public or private sector;
 - (k) the Provost of the Institute.

Tenure of Members of the Council.

- (2) A member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member) shall hold office for a term of Three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of three years and no more
- (3) Any member of the Council other than an ex-officio member may by notice to the Council resign his appointment
- (4) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the council shall be filled by the appointment of a successor who shall represent the same interest as his predecessor for the remainder of the term of his predecessor (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 5: Powers of the council.**

- (1) For the carrying out of its functions as specified in section 1 of this Bill, the council shall have power to:
 - (a) hold examinations and grant diplomas, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved and accredited by the National Board for Technical

- Education (NBTE) and have satisfied such other requirements as the council may lay down;
- (b) demand and receive from any Trainee or any other person attending the institute for the purpose of instruction such fees as the council may, with prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;
 - (c) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and bookselling;
 - (d) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff of the Institute;
 - (e) encourage and make provision for research in the Institute
 - (f) invest the funds of the Institute in securities specified by Law or in such other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the minister;
 - (g) borrow money within Nigeria in such manner and upon such security as the Minister may from time to time authorize;
 - (h) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the Institute;
 - (i) recruit staff of the right caliber and determine the career structure of such staff;
 - (j) establish and maintain such schools, institutes, extramural departments and other teaching and research units within the institute as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary;
 - (k) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, medals, prizes and other titles
 - (l) erect, provide, equip, and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as Institute may require;
 - (m) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching thereto;
 - (n) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents; and
 - (o) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the Institute (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 6: Power of the Minister to give directions to the Council.

Subject to the provisions of the Act, The Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the

exercise by the Council of its functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 7: Visitation.

- (1) The Minister of Education shall be the Visitor to the Institute.
- (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every five years, conduct a visitation of the institute or appoint a Visitation Panel, consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation:
 - (a) for the purpose of evaluating the quality of research, vocational and administrative performance of the institute;
 - (b) for such other purpose or in respect of any other affairs of the institute as the Visitor may deem fit (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Establishment of the Vocational Board.

- (1) There shall be established for the institute a board to be known as the Vocational Board which shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) the Provost of the Institute, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) all Heads of Departments;
 - (c) the institute Librarian; and
 - (d) not more than two members of the Vocational staff, other than heads of departments, who may be appointed by the Vocational Board.
- (2) The Vocational Board shall be responsible for:
 - (a) the direction and management of Vocational matters of the Institute including the regulation of admission of trainees/Trainees, enrolment and accreditation of training organizations/affiliates, the award of certificates and diplomas, scholarships, prizes and other Vocational distinctions;
 - (b) the making to the Council of such periodic reports on such Vocational matter as the Vocational Board may think fit or as the Council may from time to time direct; and
 - (c) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: The Provost of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be a Provost of the Institute (in this Bill referred to as "the Provost") who shall be appointed by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Provost, the Council shall:
 - (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying:
 - (i) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post including the requirement of post-graduate qualification not below a PhD in a relevant discipline and cognate experience in vocational education; and
 - (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter, draw up a shortlist of suitable candidates for consideration;
 - (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of:
 - (i) a member of the Council, not being a member of the Vocational Board, as Chairman;
 - (ii) two members of the Vocational Board, not below the rank of Chief Lecturer;
 - (iii) two members of the Vocational Community of the Institute not below the rank of Chief Lecturer, to be selected by Council, to identify and draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever
- (3) A Joint Council and Vocational Selection Board consisting of:
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) two members of the Council not being members of the Vocational Board;
 - (c) two members of the Vocational Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the short list drawn up under subsection (2) of this section through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend, through the Council to the Minister, three candidates for his consideration.
- (4) The Minister shall appoint, as Provost, one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Provost shall be the Chief Executive of the institute and shall be charged with responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management operations of the Institute.
- (6) The Provost:

- (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
- (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of four years and no more (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Deputy Provost.

- (1) There shall be for the institute a Deputy Provost.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the chief lecturers in the institute in one of the following ways:
 - (a) from a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by the Provost on the recommendation of a Selection Board constituted under this section for that purpose; or
 - (b) on the nomination of the Provost.
- (3) The Selection Board referred to in subsection (2) of this section shall:
 - (a) consist of:
 - (i) the Chairman of the Council,
 - (ii) the Provost,
 - (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the Vocational Board;
 - (iv) two members of the Vocational Board, and
 - (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the recommendation required under that subsection.
- (4) The Deputy Provost:
 - (a) shall assist the Provost in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) act in the place of the Provost when the post of Provost is vacant or if the Provost is for any reason absent or unable to perform his functions as Provost; and
 - (c) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.
- (5) The Deputy Provost:
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of two years and no

more (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 11: Registrar of the Institute.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a Registrar to the Institute (hereinafter referred to as "the Registrar") who shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council and subject thereto as the Provost may from time to time direct.
- (2) The Registrar shall be the secretary to the Council, the Vocational Board and any committees of the Council and shall attend all the meetings of those bodies unless excused for good reason by the chairman of the Council.
- (3) In the absence of the Registrar, the Chairman of the Council may, after consultation with the Provost, appoint a suitable person to act as secretary for any particular meeting of the Council.
- (4) The secretary to the Council, who is appointed to act under subsection (3) of this section, shall not vote on any question before the Councilor count towards a quorum unless he is as entitled as a member of the Council (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Tenure of office of the Registrar.

A Registrar:

- (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the letter of his appointment; and
- (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of four years and no more.

Other Staff

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 13: Other principal officers of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be for the college the following other principal officers in addition to the Registrar, that is:
 - (a) the Bursar; and
 - (b) the institute Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 10 (3) of this Bill.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the institute and be responsible to the Provost for the day to day administration and control of the financial affairs of the Institute.
- (3) The Institutes Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the institute library and the co-ordination of the library

services in the teaching units of the institute.

- (4) The Bursar or Librarian:
- (a) shall hold office for a period of four years in the first instance and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;
 - (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of four years and no more (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Resignation of appointment of principal officers.

A principal officer may resign his appointment:

- (a) in the case of the Provost, by notice to the Visitor;
- (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Other employees of the Institutes.

- (1) The Council may appoint such other persons possessing as much as possible cognate/practical qualifications or experiences in the case of instructional/lecturing staff to be employees of the Institute as the Council may determine to assist the Provost and the principal officers of the Institute in the performance of their functions under this Bill.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Selection Board for other principal officers.

- (1) There shall be, for each institute, a Selection Board which shall consist of:
 - (a) the chairman of the Council;
 - (b) the Provost;
 - (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Vocational Board;
 - (d) two members of the Vocational Board.
- (2) The functions and procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 17: Pensions.

- (1) It is hereby declared that the service in the institute shall be approved Service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the institute shall in respect of their Service in the Institutes be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed there under, so however that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.
- (2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable there under by a Minister of other Authority of the Government of the Federation (other than the power to make regulations) shall be exercisable by the Institutes and not by any other person or Authority (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 18: Funds of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a Fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives of this Bill
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund Established under subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the Federal government through the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), the Industrial Training Fund and the STARTUP INVESTMENT SEED FUND;
 - (b) all monies raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts, grants-in- aids or testamentary disposition and;
 - (c) all subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source;
- (3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, through the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 19: Audits of accounts.

The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 20: Annual Reports.

The Council shall as soon as maybe after the expiration of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial 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 on the accounts (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 21: Office Premises.

- (1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may:
 - (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and
 - (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.
- (2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its functions (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 22: Discipline of Trainees.

- (1) The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to conduct enquires into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of diligence) by Trainees and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances.
- (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this section
- (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, where it is proved during the enquiry that any Trainee of the Institute has been guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made hereunder direct:
 - (a) that the Trainee shall not during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the institute, or make use of such facilities of the Institute, as he may specify; or
 - (b) that the activities of the Trainee shall, during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
 - (c) that the Trainee be suspended for such period as may be specified in the directions; or

- (d) that the Trainee be expelled from the institute.
- (4) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council, either directly or through some other staff, may apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (3) of this section to any Trainee of the institute who is guilty of misconduct.
- (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any Trainee, the Trainee may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the Council; and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit.
- (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection (5) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (7) The Provost may delegate his power under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the institute as he may nominate.
- (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a Trainee's activities at the institute otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (9) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (3) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this section.
- (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the Trainee.
- (11) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be —
- (a) a Trainee at the Institute;
- (b) the holder of any Diploma of the Institute;
- (c) the holder of any appointment or employment at the Institute; or
- (d) a member of anybody established by virtue of this Bill, and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage, in relation to the Institute, by reference to any of those matters (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 23: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"The Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda —*

Surulere I Federal Constituency).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council established under Section 3 of this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"The Vocational Board" means the board established under section 8 of this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Provost" means the Provost of the institute appointed under section 9 of this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means the Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"The Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Education (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"The Registrar" means the Registrar of Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State appointed under section 11 of this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 24: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Section 2 (3)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

Terms of Service

1. There may be paid to the members of the Council or any committee, other than ex-officio members, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the Minister
2. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

Proceeding

3.
 - (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, place and on such days as the chairman of the Council may appoint but shall meet not less than once every four months.
 - (2) The chairman of the Council may at any time and shall at the request in writing of not less than five members of the Council summon a meeting of the Council.
 - (3) At any meeting the chairman shall preside; but in his absence, members present shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.
 - (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, it may co-opt such person as a member for a meeting whether or not expressly convened for the purpose of considering the particular matter but no co-opted member shall be entitled to vote or shall count towards quorum.
 - (5) Every question put before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
 - (6) One half of the total members of the Council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the Minister shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Council.

Miscellaneous

4.
 - (1) Any contract or instrument which if entered into by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may in like manner be entered into or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specifically authorized by it for that purpose.
 - (2) The common seal of the Council shall not be used or affixed to any document except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes of such meeting.
 - (3) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman of the Council, the Provost and some other members authorized generally or specifically by the Council to act for that purpose.
 - (4) Any document purported to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

- (5) Any member of the Council or a committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or a committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Section 2 (1) (a)]

AREAS OF VOCATIONAL SKILLS

1. Wood works
2. Tailoring
3. Catering
4. Welding
5. Photography
6. Videography
7. Business Studies
8. Printing and Stenography
9. Farming and Agriculture
10. Automobile repairs
11. ICT skills
12. Electrical/Electronic works
13. Tiling
14. Marble work
15. Trading
16. Mobile phone repairs
17. Decoration
18. Baking
19. Plumbing work
20. Carpentry and wood work
21. Masonry and bricklaying
22. Laundry
23. Craft works
24. Tie and dye
25. Mat making
26. Basket making (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Okota Oshodi, Lagos State to offer courses and programmes on vocational and entrepreneurship training leading to the award of certificates Diploma and to identify the vocational and entrepreneurship problems and needs of commercial and industrial sectors of Nigeria and to create courses and programmes of training to meet these needs and solve these problems within the context of overall National Development (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational Training Institutes, Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State, to Provide Qualitative Education in Vocational and Entrepreneurship and for Related Matters (HB. 226) (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I 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 Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State, to Provide Qualitative Education in Vocational and Entrepreneurship and for Related Matters (HB. 226) and approved Clauses 1 - 25, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(viii) Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Institute of Technical and Vocational Education, Imeko, Ogun State for the purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Technical Education and Vocational Education and for Related Matters (HB. 506)” (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, IMEKO, OGUN STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Committee’s Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of Federal Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Imeko, Ogun State.

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Federal Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Imeko, Ogun State (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") which shall have the functions assigned to it by this Bill.
- (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to acquire and dispose of interests in movable and immovable property and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The Institute shall consist of the following departments:
 - (a) business education;

- (b) agricultural education;
- (c) technical education;
- (d) computer education;
- (e) home economics;
- (f) music and arts;
- (g) general studies department;
- (h) such other educational units or departments or variations of the above as may, subject to this Bill be established from time to time by the Board (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Establishment and composition of the Governing Board of the Institute.

- (1) The affairs and running of the Institute shall vest in the Governing Board of the Institute (in this Bill referred to as the Board).
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, it shall be the responsibility of the Board to consider and approve:
 - (a) the objectives and plan of activities of the Institute;
 - (b) the programme of studies, courses and research to be undertaken by the Institute;
 - (c) the annual estimates of the Institute;
 - (d) the investment plan of the Institute.
- (3) The Board shall consist of:
 - (a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President;
 - (b) the Director of the Institute appointed under section 9 of this Bill;
 - (c) one representative of the National Board for Technical Education;
 - (d) three members to be nominated by each of the Ministries responsible for Industries, Education and Labour;
 - (e) one representative of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN);
 - (f) one person of standing in the community where the Institute is located;
 - (g) one representative of the Academic Board of the Institute;
 - (h) one representative of state commissioner of education;

- (i) one person to represent professional bodies whose discipline are taught in the Institute (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Functions and powers of the Board.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Board shall have responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the Institute and, in particular, the general control of the Institute.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of section (3) of this Bill, the Board shall have power:
 - (a) to create lectureships and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;
 - (b) to appoint such administrative and other members of staff of the Institute as may appear necessary or expedient;
 - (c) to exercise disciplinary control over members of the staff of the Institute;
 - (d) to prescribe the terms and conditions of service including salaries, allowances, pensions and other remunerations, for all members of the staff of the Institute;
 - (e) to encourage and make provisions for research in the Institute;
 - (f) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, lecture halls, hall of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and such other buildings or things as may be necessary, suitable or required;
 - (g) to enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;
 - (h) to acquire and hold such movable or immovable property as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill and for the same purpose may sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise alienate or dispose of any property acquired; and
 - (i) to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of the objects of the Institute and to promote its best interest (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

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

A member of the Board (other than an ex-officio member) shall hold office for a term of four years and may be eligible for reappointment for another term of four years and no mores (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 4: Tenure of office of members of the Board.**

A member of the Board (other than an *ex-officio* member) shall hold office for a term of four years and may be eligible for reappointment for another term of four years and no mores (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 5: Resolution of appointment or removal from office.**

- (1) A member of the Board (other than an *ex-officio* member) may resign his appointment by notice in writing addressed to the President
- (2) The President may remove any member of the Board if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Institute that the member concerned should continue in office (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 6: Remuneration.**

A member of the Board (other than an *ex-officio* member) shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as may be determined by the President (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FUNCTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE**Committee's Recommendation:****Clause 7: Functions of the Institute.**

- (1) The functions of the Institute shall be:
 - (a) to provide detailed identification of technical and skills acquisition needs for the economy in training and development training programmes to meet those needs;
 - (b) to establish a vocational education and training system which includes basic and specialized training to meet the needs of both the formal and informal sectors;
 - (c) to carry out training of students and artisans and retraining of professionals to meet newest requirement identified in paragraph (a);
 - (d) to satisfy the demands of the labour market for employees with trade skills in order to improve production and productivity of the economy;
 - (e) to promote the balancing of supply and demand for skilled labour in both wage employment and for skills needed for self-employment in rural and urban areas;
 - (f) to promote on the job training in industry for both apprenticeship training and for skills updating and upgrading;

- (g) to promote and undertake any other activity that in the opinion of the management is calculated to help achieve the purposes of the Institute.
- (2) The Institute shall ensure that the training approach to be followed shall be highly job specific and practical and shall utilize modern methods of management skills development usually utilized by similar establishments in order to attain the highest standards (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Powers of the Institute.

The Institute shall have power to:

- (a) award diplomas and certificates for courses provided by it under section 1 of this Bill;
- (b) invest its funds in a manner and to such an extent as it may deem necessary or expedient;
- (c) establish and maintain a library, comprising such books, journals, records, reports and other publications and information systems as may be required for the performance of the functions conferred on the Institute by this Bill;
- (d) accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift, but the Institute shall not accept any gift if the terms and conditions attached are inconsistent with its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: Establishment of the Academic Board.

- (1) There shall be established for the Institute the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) the Director of the Institute who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Director;
 - (c) all Heads of Departments;
 - (d) the Librarian;
 - (e) not more than two members of the academic staff other than Heads of Departments to be appointed by the Board.
- (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:
 - (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the Institute including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;

- (b) making periodic reports on such academic matters to the Academic Board as the Board may from time to time direct;
- (c) discharging any other functions which the Board may delegate to it (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — APPOINTMENT, TENURE, DUTIES, ETC. OF
PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Appointment of Director of the Institute.

There shall be for the Institute a Director (in this Bill referred to as the Director) who shall:

- (a) be appointed by the President;
- (b) have such qualification and experience as are appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of those offices under this Bill;
- (c) hold office on such terms and conditions of service as stipulated in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 11: Duties of the Director.

Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Institute and shall be charged with the general responsibility for the management of the educational affairs and academic matters of the Institute and shall in particular:

- (a) direct and regulate the programme of work of the Institute;
- (b) promote research within the Institute;
- (c) award certificates or diplomas;
- (d) keep in safe custody all records of the Institute;
- (e) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the institute, such fees as the Board may, from time to time, determine;
- (f) exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be conferred or imposed upon him by the Board (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Tenure of office of the Director.

The Director shall hold office for a term of four years and may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 13: Terms and conditions of office of the Director.

The Director shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board as set out in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Removal of the Director from office.

Where it appears to the Board that the Director should be removed from office on the grounds of:

- (a) misconduct;
- (b) conviction from a court of competent jurisdiction (or panel of inquiry if not challenged in court);
- (c) inability to perform the functions of his office, the Board shall make a recommendation to that effect to the President and if the President, after making inquiries as he considers necessary, approves the recommendation, the President shall, in writing, declare the office of the Director vacant (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Registrar of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be a Registrar for the Institute who shall:
 - (a) be responsible to the Director for the day to day administration of the Institute;
 - (b) perform such other duties as the Board or the Director may require him to do.
- (2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Board and any other Committee and shall attend meetings unless excused for good cause or reason by the Chairman of the Board.
- (3) Where the Registrar is absent from a meeting of the Board, the Chairman may, after consultation with the Director, appoint a suitable person to act as Secretary for any particular meeting of the Board
- (4) A person so appointed to act under subsection (3) shall not be entitled to vote on any issue before the Board, or be counted towards a quorum unless such a person is so entitled as a member of the Board (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Tenure of office of the Registrar.

The Registrar:

- (a) shall hold office for a term of four years effective from the date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;
- (b) may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 17: Appointment of the Deputy Director.

- (1) There shall be for the Institute a Deputy Director.
- (2) The Deputy Director shall be a person of high academic and moral standing and manifest administrative experience, and shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Director.
- (3) The Board shall appoint the Deputy Director from among the Chief Lecturers in the Institute:
 - (a) from a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by the Director;
 - (b) on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted for the Institute.
- (4) The Selection Board referred to in subsection (3) (b) of this section shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chairman of the Board;
 - (b) the Director;
 - (c) two members of the Board not being members of the Academic Board;
 - (d) two members of the Academic Board,which may make inquiries as it deems fit before making the recommendation required under subsection (3) (b).
- (5) The Deputy Director shall:
 - (a) assist the Director in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) act in the place of the Director when the office of the Director is vacant or if the Director is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Director;
 - (c) perform such other functions as the Director or the Board may from time to time assign to him.
- (6) The Deputy Director:

- (a) shall hold office for a term of four years effective from the date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;
- (b) may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 18: Other principal officers of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be for the Institute the following Principal Officers in addition to the Registrar:
 - (a) the Bursar;
 - (b) the Librarian;
 - (c) the Head of Works;
 - (d) the Head of Medical and Health Services.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Institute and shall be responsible to the Director for the day to day administration and control of the financial affairs of the Institute.
- (3) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Director for the administration of the Library and the coordination of the library services in the teaching units of the Institute.
- (4) The Head of Works shall be responsible to the Director for the maintenance of the Institute's buildings, minor works, transport and supervision of the construction projects.
- (5) The Head of Medical and Health Services shall be responsible to the Director for the supervision of the medical and health facilities of the Institute
- (6) The Principal Officers mentioned in subsection (1):
 - (a) shall hold office for a term of four years in the first instance and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment;
 - (b) may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more.
- (7) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the Principal Officers shall be determined by the Director (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 19: Resignation of appointment by Principal Officers.

A Principal Officer may resign his appointment:

- (a) in the case of the Director, by notice in writing to the Board and the Board shall forward it to the President;
- (b) in any other case, by notice in writing to the Director who shall forward it to the Board (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 20: Appointment of other employees of the Institute.

- (1) The Board may appoint such other persons to be staff of the Institute as the Board may determine, to assist the Director and the Principal Officers in the performance of their functions under this Bill.
- (2) The remuneration of the staff of the Institute shall be determined by the Board (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 21: Staff Regulation.

Staff regulations shall be in line with the existing Public Service Rules and Regulations (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 22: Removal of staff of Institute from office.

- (1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or technical staff of the Institute other than the Director, should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of that office, the Board shall:
 - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity to make representations in person on the matter to the Board;
 - (c) if he or any three members of the Board so request within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements:
 - (i) a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the Board,
 - (ii) the person in question be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by an investigating committee set up with respect to the matter, and if the Board after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Board may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of the Board.

- (2) The Director may, in the case of misconduct by a member of staff which, in the opinion of the Director, is prejudicial to the interests of the Institute, suspend any such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.
- (3) A member of staff may be suspended from office for good cause, or his appointment may be terminated by the Board, and for the purpose of this subsection, "good cause" means:
 - (a) a conviction of any offence which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office;
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Board, after obtaining medical advice considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;
 - (d) conduct which the Board 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 service.
- (4) Any person suspended shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against such person and come to decision as to:
 - (a) whether to continue the persons suspension and if so, on what terms (including the proportion of his emolument to be paid to him);
 - (b) whether to reinstate the person, in which case the Board shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of the suspension;
 - (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case he shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension;
 - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against the person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Board may determine, and in any case where the Board, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.
- (5) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed under subsection (1) shall use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Board from making such regulations for the discipline of other categories of staff and workers of the Institute as

it may deem fit (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 23: Establishment of funds for the Institute.

- (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund (the Fund) from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Institute in the performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (2) There shall be paid into the Fund:
 - (a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Federal Government of Nigeria;
 - (b) fees charged and payable to the Institute by the students;
 - (c) any other amount charged or dues recoverable by the Institute;
 - (d) revenue accruing to the Institute by way of subvention, grants-in-aid, endowment or otherwise;
 - (e) interest on investments;
 - (f) donations and legacies accruing to the Institute from any source, for the general or special purpose of the Institute (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 24: Donations for particular purposes.

- (1) Donations of money to be applied to any particular purpose shall be placed to the credit of a Special Reserve Account approved by the Board until such a time as they may be expended in fulfillment of such purpose
- (2) The Board is not obliged to accept a donation of land, money and any other property for a particular purpose if the terms and conditions are contrary to the functions of the Institute (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 25: Payment into Bank.

All sums of money received on account of the Institute shall be paid into the bank as may be approved for the credit of the Institute's general current and deposit accounts (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 26: Powers to accept gifts.

- (1) The Institute may accept gifts 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 gifts if the conditions attached by the person or the organization making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Institute under this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 27: Expenditure of the Institute.

The Institute shall from time to time apply the fund at its disposal to:

- (a) the cost of administration and maintenance of the Institute;
- (b) publicize and promote the activities of the Institute;
- (c) pay allowances, expenses and other benefits of members of the Board and Committees of the Board;
- (d) pay the salaries, allowances and benefits of employees of the Institute;
- (e) pay other overhead allowances, benefits and other administrative costs of the Institute;
- (f) undertake such other activities as are connected with all or any of the functions of the Institute under this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 28: Power to borrow.

- (1) The Institute may, from time to time, borrow by overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (2) The Institute shall not, without the approval of the President, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the President.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where the sum to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Institute shall not borrow the sum without the prior approval of the President (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 29: Annual estimates and expenditure.

- (1) The Board shall not later than 30 September in each year, submit to the President an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute during the next succeeding year.
- (2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Institute in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and shall cause the

accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor - General of the Federation (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 30: Annual report.

The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, not later than 31 December in each year, a report in such form as the President may direct on the activities of the Institute during the immediately preceding year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Institute for that year and the auditor's report thereto (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 31: Discipline of students.

- (1) The Board may make rules providing for the Director to conduct enquiries into alleged acts of misconduct (including lack of discipline) by students and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances.
- (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this section.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other enactment, where it appears to the Board that any student of the Institute has been guilty of misconduct, the Board may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on it by regulations direct that:
 - (a) the student shall not during the period specified in the direction, participate in the activities of the Institute or make use of the facilities of the Institute as may be specified;
 - (b) the activities of the student shall during the period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in the manner specified;
 - (c) the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction;
 - (d) the student be expelled from the Institute.
- (4) Where the post of the Director is vacant or where the Director refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Board may either directly or through some other staff apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (1) to any student of the Institute who is considered guilty of misconduct.
- (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) in respect of any student, the student may, within a period of twenty one days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him appeal against the direction to the Board, and where such appeal is brought, the Board shall, after causing an inquiry to be made in the matter as the Board considers just,

either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in the manner the Board may deem fit.

- (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is pending under subsection (5) shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (7) The Director may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee of such members of the Institute as he may nominate.
- (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as terminating a student's activity in the Institute except on the grounds of misconduct.
- (9) The direction under subsection (3) (a) may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b).
- (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Board shall be final (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 32: Transitional provisions.

- (1) On the commencement of this Bill, any person employed by or serving in the Institute shall be deemed to have been employed or serving in the Institute under this Bill.
- (2) All assets or liabilities belonging to the Institute shall be deemed to belong to the Institute established under this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 33: Exclusion or discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.

- (1) No person shall be:
 - (a) required to satisfy requirements as to race (including ethnic groupings), sex, place of birth, family origin, religious or political persuasion as a condition for:
 - (i) becoming or continuing to be a student of the Institute,
 - (ii) being a holder of any certificate of the Institute or any appointment or employment at the Institute,
 - (iii) being a member of anybody established under this Bill;
 - (b) subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the Institute by reference to any of the matters mentioned in this subsection.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the Institute from imposing any disability or restriction on any person where such person willfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally or uniformly imposed on all persons or any group of them which duty, having regards to its nature and the special circumstance pertaining to

it, is in the opinion of the Institute, reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 34: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless otherwise requires:

"institute" means the Federal Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Imeko, Ogun State established by section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"board" means the governing body of the Institute (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"chairman" means Chairman of the Governing Board (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"director" means Director of the Institute (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"government" means government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"president" means President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 35: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Imeko, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to provide for the Legal Framework to establish the Federal Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Imeko, Ogun State (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Legal Framework to Establish Federal Institute of Technical and Vocational Education, Imeko, Ogun State; and for Related Matters (HB. 506) (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I 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 Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Institute of Technical and Vocational Education, Imeko, Ogun State for the purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Technical Education and Vocational Education and for Related Matters (HB. 506) and approved Clauses 1 - 35, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ix) ***Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education:***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Yankaba, Kano State to Provide for Research, Teaching, Instruction and Training on Vocational and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.592)” (Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL VOCATIONAL
AND SKILLS ACQUISITION COLLEGE, YANKABA, KANO STATE
TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH, TEACHING, INSTRUCTION AND
TRAINING ON VOCATIONAL AND SKILLS ACQUISITION; AND
FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 592)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE

Committee’s Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Yankaba, Kano State.

- (1) There is established in Yankaba, Kano State the Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College (herein referred to as "the College").
- (2) The College shall be —
 - (a) a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
 - (b) shall be capable of —
 - (i) acquiring, holding and disposing of the College's property, and
 - (ii) perform such other acts and things as a body corporate may by law and by the provision of this Bill do or perform (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Objectives and Powers of the College.

- (1) The objectives of the College shall be to —
 - (a) teach, research, instruct, and train students in both full-time and part-time courses in:
 - (i) Vocational, Skills Acquisition in areas, but not limited to:
 - (a) Automobile Servicing,
 - (b) Fabrication and Welding. Photography; Fashion Design and Cosmetology; Plumbing,
 - (c) Catering; Carpentry/woodwork, and Electrical and Solar Maintenance;
 - (ii) in such other applied fields connected to the implementation of the objectives set out in this Bill;
 - (b) develop and conduct courses for training of students as well as teachers in the area of its objectives;
 - (c) expand the horizon for indigenous research and provide the basis for cooperation, partnership, and collaboration with relevant institutions, researchers, and stakeholders in Nigeria as well as the global arena; and
 - (d) organize workshops, seminars, and conferences connected to the development of approved courses and the educational sector in general.
- (2) To carry out the objectives set out in subsection (1) of this section, the College shall have the power to —

- (a) erect campuses, relevant teaching and research departments, and units as circumstances so dictate in accordance with the guidelines and approval of the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE);
 - (b) conduct examinations and grant Certificates, National Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas, Professional Certificates, and other marks of distinctions to students or persons who have passed and completed an approved course of study of the College;
 - (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals, titles, prizes, distinctions, and other relevant awards related thereto;
 - (d) provide for the welfare, discipline, and promotion of members, staff, and children of members or staff of the College;
 - (e) receive from students and other persons pursuing an approved course of study in the College, fees and other charges subject to periodic review as may, from time to time, be directed by the Governing Council;
 - (f) grant and award honorary fellowship or academic titles to reputable individuals that have contributed to the growth and sustainability of the Centre and humanity in general;
 - (g) build, equip, and maintain lecture theatres, residential halls, laboratories, refectories, sports and leisure facilities, printing and publishing facilities, and other facilities that are necessary or incidental to the growth, development, and sustainability of the College;
 - (h) invest disposable incomes on projects that are meaningful and significant to the growth, development, and financial freedom of the College;
 - (i) borrow at interest, or on the security of the College's landed property or funds, amounts of money needed for projects connected to the development of the College but subject to the approval of two third-majority of members of the governing council after due consultation with economic and financial experts;
 - (j) encourage and make provision for research;
 - (l) consider and approve the annual estimates of the College;
 - (m) accept gifts and donations whose terms and conditions are consistent with the objectives set out in this Bill; and
 - (n) enter into a contract and do all things necessary or incidental to the implementation of the objectives of the College.
- (3) The powers conferred on the College by the provision of subsection (2) of this section shall be exercised by the Council on behalf of the College or by other manner prescribed by the Council (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 3: Establishment and Composition of the Governing Council.

- (1) There is to be established for the College a governing body herein referred to as "the Council" to give effect to the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section the Council shall comprise of the following members-
 - (a) the Chairman and other members who shall be persons with both the requisite knowledge and practical experience to be appointed by the President;
 - (b) the College's Officer in charge of policy, planning and strategy;
 - (c) the Provost of the College;
 - (d) the Registrar of the College who shall be the Secretary of the Council;
 - (e) one representative of the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE); and
 - (f) one representative of the Federal Ministry of Education.
- (2) The members of the Council shall receive remuneration and allowances as may be determined by the President from time to time.
- (3) The proceedings of the Council shall be in a manner set out in the schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Tenure of Office of the Members of the Council.

- (1) The Chairman and other members of the Council shall hold office for a period of four years and may only be reappointed for another term of four years.
- (2) When a member of the Council appointed by the president wishes to resign from his membership of the Council, he or she shall do so by a hand-written notice addressed to the President and copied to the Minister and the Council.
- (3) The member stated in subsection (2) above shall cease to be a member of the Council upon the President's acknowledgment of his or her letter of resignation.
- (4) When there is a vacancy in the membership of the Council, the person representing the same interest as the one whose exit created the vacancy shall be nominated or appointed as circumstances dictate to fill such position (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 5: Cessation of Membership.**

A member of the committee shall cease to hold office if —

- (a) he or she becomes permanently incapacitated or insane;
- (b) he or she is convicted of any offence by a competent court of a superior record that he is dishonest; and
- (c) he is found guilty of serious misconduct with regard to his duties (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC AND
ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS OF THE COLLEGE

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 6: Establishment, Composition, and Functions of the Academic Board.**

- (1) Subject to the powers and general oversight of the Council, the College shall have an Academic Board to —
 - (a) set guidelines, organize and monitor lectures of approved academic courses, examinations, and research projects;
 - (b) determine passes or failures in all approved academic courses in line with criteria spelt out in the academic policy or any other directives given by the National Board for Technical Educational (NBTE); and
 - (c) perform such other functions as may be assigned or delegated to it by the Council or the Provost.
- (2) The Academic Board shall comprise of the following members —
 - (a) the Provost who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) Deans of Faculties;
 - (c) Heads of Academic Departments;
 - (d) the Registrar who shall be the Secretary;
 - (e) the Centre's Librarian; and
 - (f) resource persons that may be appointed by the chairman from within or outside the College as consultants (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 7: Establishment and Composition of the Selection Committee for other Principal Officers.**

- (1) Subject to the general oversight of the governing council, there shall be a selection committee for the College which shall composed of the following members-

- (a) the chairman and four other members of the Council;
 - (b) the Provost of the College; and
 - (c) two members of the academic Board none of which shall be the Provost or a member of the Council.
- (2) The functions, procedures, and other related activities of the selection committee constituted in subsection (1) of this section shall be in accordance with the standards set out by the Council (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 8: Establishment and Composition of the College's Interview Panel.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of section 13 of this Bill, an interview panel shall be constituted to conduct interviews of candidates seeking to occupy non-principal offices of the College and it shall consist of —
- (a) the Provost;
 - (b) two representatives of the faculties in which the vacancy is declared;
 - (c) the head of the departments concerned; and
 - (d) the Registrar who shall be the secretary of the Panel.
- (2) The functions, procedure, and other matters of the Panel shall be determined from time to time by the Council (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE COLLEGE

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 9: Appointment of the Provost.

- (1) There shall be a Provost for the College who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister of Education;
- (2) The Provost shall be a person with a cognate experience of not less than 10 years in his academic field and vocational teaching competence;
- (3) The Provost shall be a person with the requisite qualifications and practical teaching and research experience;
- (4) Where there is a vacancy for the post of the Provost, the Council shall specify —
- (a) the advertise the vacancy in reputable and widely read national newspapers;
 - (b) the requirements from persons seeking to occupy the post;

- (c) the terms and conditions of service attached to the post and thereafter shortlist the names of suitable candidates for the consideration of the minister;
- (5) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, the president shall appoint one of the candidates recommended by the minister for the post of the Provost.
- (6) Subject to the general oversight of the Council, the Provost shall be the chief executive of the College vested with the responsibility of running all academic and general administration activities of the College and shall perform such other functions as assigned to him by the Governing Council;
- (7) The College shall hold office for a single unrenewable term of five years in accordance with the conditions of service stipulated in his or her appointment letter (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 10: Appointment of Deputy Provost.

- (1) The Council shall appoint for the College a Deputy Provost (Academic) and a Deputy Rector (Administration) from a list of five most senior academic staff in order of preference submitted by the Provost to assist him in the discharge of his duties.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost after due consideration of the recommendation of the selection Committee inaugurated for the purpose in section 7 of this Bill.
- (3) The functions of the Deputy Provost (Academic) shall be to —
 - (a) assist the Provost in the handling of academic matters of the College;
 - (b) act as the acting Provost in the absence of the Rector or when, for some reason, the post of the Provost is vacant;
 - (c) perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Provost or the Council.
- (4) The functions of the Deputy Provost (Administration) shall be to —
 - (a) assist the Provost in the discharge of administrative duties of the College; and
 - (b) perform such other duties assigned to him by the Rector or the Council (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 11: Appointment of Registrar.

- (1) There shall be a Registrar appointed by the Council to serve as the secretary of —

- (a) the Council;
 - (b) the Academic Board; and
 - (c) such other subcommittee(s) constituted by the Council.
- (2) The registrar shall also handle the records and correspondences of the College and perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Provost or the Council (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 12: Appointment and Functions of other Principal Officers of the College.

- (1) The Council shall appoint for the College —
- (a) a Bursar; and
 - (b) a Librarian.
- (2) The Bursar shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration and general control of the financial affairs of the College;
- (3) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost in administering and coordinating the activities of the central, faculty, departmental, and other libraries of the College;
- (4) The Bursar and the Librarian of the College shall both hold office for a single term of five years only (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 13: Other Employees of the College.

- (1) The Governing Council may also appoint other persons into the academic and non-academic staff of the College to assist the Provost and other principal officers in carrying out academic and administrative functions of the College;
- (2) The remuneration, allowances, pensions, and other conditions of service of the employees of the College shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 14: Procedure for Resignation.

- (1) Where the Rector wishes to resign, he or she shall do so through a letter addressed to the president and copied to the minister and the Council;
- (2) Other principal officers and employees who wish to resign shall do so in a manner prescribed by the Council (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 15: Funding of the College.

- (1) There is established for the College a fund into which shall be paid —
 - (a) all monies appropriated through the National Assembly;
 - (b) all monies that may be granted by the Federal Government through the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE);
 - (c) all monies received through donations gifts and grants-in-aid;
 - (d) all subscriptions, fees, and charges for services rendered by the College; and
 - (e) returns on investments and other monies or assets that may accrue to the Council or the College;
- (2) The College's Council shall submit to the minister responsible for education, through the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the succeeding year.
- (3) The estimate stated in subsection (2) above shall be submitted not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other times as the minister or the Board may direct (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 16: Account and Audit.

- (1) The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets, and liabilities with regards to each financial year as well as proper records connected therewith;
- (2) When the accounts subject to the provisions of subsection (1) above is certified by the Council, the account shall be audited by a firm approved by the Council from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the office of the Auditor General of the Federation;
- (3) The auditor appointed for the purpose of this section shall not be a member of the Council;
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this section the audited accounts shall be published within three months from the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 17: Annual Reports.

The Council shall notwithstanding the provision of section 16 of this Bill, submit to the Minister an annual report of its activities and administration of the College's fund pursuant to objectives set out in this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — DISCIPLINE

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 18: Discipline of students.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this clause, where it appears to the Rector that any student of the College has been found guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or regulations made, direct —
 - (a) that the student shall not during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Institute, or make use of such facilities of the College, as he may specify;
 - (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
 - (c) that the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the directions; or
 - (d) that the student be expelled from the College.
- (2) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Rector refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the council, either directly or through some other staff, may apply such disciplinary actions as specified in sub-section (1) to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.
- (3) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this clause in respect of any student may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the council; and where such an appeal is brought, the council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in any manner the council deems just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the council may think fit.
- (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection (3) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (5) The Provost may delegate his power under this clause to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate.
- (6) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities in the College otherwise than on the grounds of misconduct.
- (7) The directions as contained in Subsection (1) (a) and (b) may be combined.

- (8) In all cases under this clause, the decision of the council shall be final (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 19: Discipline of Staff.

- (1) If any staff is accused and found guilty of any misconduct or inefficiency, the Provost may suspend him for a period not less than three (3) months and direct the Staff Appointment, Promotions, and Disciplinary Committee —
- (a) to consider the matter justly; and
- (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate actions to be taken by the Provost;
- (2) In all cases under this clause, the officer shall be informed of the charge against him and shall be given a fair hearing;
- (3) The Provost may, after considering the recommendations made pursuant to Subsection (1) of this section, dismiss, terminate, retire or downgrade the officer concerned;
- (4) Any person aggrieved by the Provost's decision under Subsection (3) may within a period of 21 days from the receipt of the letter conveying the decision to him, appeal through a petition to the council.
- (5) The decision of the council on that particular matter is final (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 20: Power of the Minister for Directives and Visitation.

- (1) The minister shall have the power to give to the Council, such directives which are not inconsistent with the provision of this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directives;
- (2) The minister responsible for education shall be the visitor of the College;
- (3) The visitor shall, not less than once every five years, conduct a visitation to the College or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation.
- (4) The purpose of the visitation shall be to-
- (a) assess the academic and administrative performance of the College; and
- (b) for such other purposes, the visitors may deem fit (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee's Recommendation:**Clause 21: Interpretation.**

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"College" means the Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Yankaba, Kano State (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the College established in section 3 of this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; "Minister" means the Minister responsible for Education (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Board" means the Academic Board established in section 6 of this Bill to organize and monitor the academic tasks of the College (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Committee" means the selection committee established in section 7 of this Bill to screen and write recommendations about candidates seeking to occupy principal offices of the College (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Panel" means the interview Panel established in section 8 of this Bill to screen non-principal officers of the College (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Provost" means the chief executive officer vested with the responsibility of managing the day-to-day academic and administrative activities of the College appointed by the president in section 9 of this Bill (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Registrar" means the Chief Registrar of the College appointed in section 11 of this Bill to keep records, handle correspondence, and serve as the Secretary of the Council, Academic Board, and other important committees or subcommittees of the College (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Bursar" means an officer appointed in section 12 of this Bill who is responsible to the Provost and handles the financial affairs of the College; and (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

"Librarian" means one of the principal officers appointed in section 12 of this Bill to organize, coordinate, and administer the activities of all the libraries in the College (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Committee’s Recommendation:

Clause 22: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Yankaba, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

(Section 3 (3))

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Proceedings

1. (1) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make standing orders to regulate its proceedings or those of any of its Boards, Committee or subcommittee(s) for the purpose of giving effect to the objectives set out in this Bill.
(2) The quorum of the Council shall be the chairman or the secretary and four other members of the Council.
2. (1) The Council shall meet quarterly and whenever circumstances dictate, it may organize such other number of meetings provided it is summoned by the chairman or by notice given to him by not less than four other members of the Council.
(2) Where the chairman received such notice he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held not later than seven (7) days from the date on which the notice is served.
3. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Council but if he is absent, other members present at the meeting shall elect one of the members amongst them to preside at such meetings.
4. (1) Whenever the Council requires the advice of any person or institution on any matter related to the objectives set out in this Bill, the Council shall co-opt the said person for a period of time it considers necessary.

- (2) A person cop-opted for the purpose stated above shall not be entitled to vote at any of the meetings of the Council and shall also not be counted for the purpose of forming a quorum.

Committees

5.
 - (1) For the purpose of implementing the objectives set out in this Bill, the Council may appoint such number of subcommittees it considers necessary or expedient to execute on behalf of the Council such other functions as the Council may from time to time delegate;
 - (2) The number of persons so appointed in the sub-committee(s) may not necessarily be members of the Council;
 - (3) A person other than a member of the Council shall hold office in the Council, the Academic Board, Committee, and such other subcommittee(s) in accordance with the terms of his or her appointment as the Council may from time to time determine;
 - (4) Where the subcommittee(s) make a decision, such decision shall become effective only when it is approved by the Council.

Miscellaneous

6.
 - (1) The seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or any other person(s) authorized by the Council to act for that purpose;
 - (2) Any contract, instrument, or transaction which if executed by a person who is not a corporate body would not be required to be under the seal of the Council may be carried out or executed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman or a person so authorized generally or specifically as circumstances so dictates to act for that purpose;
 - (3) Any document claiming to be a document bearing a task duly executed under the seal of the Council of the College shall be recorded as such and unless the contrary is proved, shall be presumed to be so executed.
7. The validity of proceedings of the Council, Board, or Committee of the College shall not be questioned on account of any vacancy in their membership or by any defect in the appointment of their members or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in their proceedings (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Yankaba, Kano State to provide full and part-time courses in vocational and skills acquisition and other fields of studies and to make provisions for the General Administration of the College (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Yankaba, Kano State to Provide for Research, Teaching, Instruction and Training on Vocational and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB. 592) (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I 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 Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Yankaba, Kano State to Provide for Research, Teaching, Instruction and Training on Vocational and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.592) and approved Clauses 1 - 22, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(x) **Committee on Population:**

Report of the Committee on Population on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Identity Management Commission Act, 2007 and provide for Establishment of a National Identity Database and the National Identity Management Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 1281):

Order deferred by leave of the House.

21. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 15 May, 2025 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.21 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the ***Votes and Proceedings*** of Tuesday, 13 May, 2025, **page 3727**, *leave out* all the words in the ***Corrigendum*** and *insert* as follows:

“14. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Service Pension Board Act, No. 62, 2023, to among other things, Reconstitute the Membership of the Board, Provide the Template for Payment of Gratuity and Establish a Fund for the Scheme and for Related Matters (HB.2240) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Service Pension Board Act, No. 62, 2023, to among other things, Reconstitute the Membership of the Board, Provide the Template for Payment of Gratuity and Establish a Fund for the Scheme and for Related Matters (HB.2240) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Bello Isah Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency), and One other.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Public Service Matters, and Pensions.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker