



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 26 March, 2025

1. The House met at 11.16 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House sang the National Anthem and recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**  
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 25 March, 2025.

*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*

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

Mr Deputy Speaker announced the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of Marich Children Academy, Lugbe, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Chukabells Academy, Waru, Abuja.

5. **Petition**  
A petition from Dion Solicitors (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Josephine Ebiaridor Egbide, on non-payment of her outstanding salary and benefits by the Federal Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity, was presented and laid by Hon. Rodney Ambaiwei (*Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency*).

*Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

6. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**
  - (i) ***Need to Curtail the Outbreak of Meningitis in Aleiro, Gwandu, and Jega Local Government Areas, Kebbi State:***  
Hon. Mansur Musa (*Aleiro/Gwandu/Jega 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 Curtail the Outbreak of Meningitis in Aleiro, Gwandu, and Jega Local Government Areas, Kebbi State:**

The House:

*Concerned* about the alarming outbreak of meningitis in Aleiro, Gwandu, and Jega Federal Constituency in Kebbi State, which has led to loss of lives as the cases continue to increase;

*Also concerned* that this outbreak is devastating to the affected communities, and therefore calls for a swift and coordinated action to be taken by the Federal Government to address this public health crisis;

*Notes* that meningitis is a highly contagious disease with the potential to cause widespread harm to communities, and its rapid spread has overwhelmed the health systems in the affected areas;

*Worried* that the disease has claimed 97 lives, with 546 confirmed cases in the communities of Gwandu town, Cheberu, Masama, Kwasgara, Kambaza, Amore, Dutsiyal, and other neighbouring villages around Gwandu, leading to an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty among the residents;

*Aware* that the Executive Arm of Government, through its health agencies, has a responsibility to protect the health and wellbeing of Nigerians, particularly in situations where the outbreak of an infectious disease threatens public health and safety;

*Desirous* of the timely provision of medical treatment, vaccines, and the implementation of effective control measures that are critical to preventing the further spread of this deadly disease;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) call on the Federal Ministry of Health, the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), and relevant health agencies to urgently deploy medical personnel, provide adequate medical supplies and vaccines in order to curtail the outbreak of meningitis in Aleiro, Gwandu, and Jega Federal Constituency of Kebbi State;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Health, the NCDC, and National Orientation Agency to immediately initiate a public awareness campaign to educate Nigerians, particularly the people of the affected communities on prevention, early signs, and symptoms of meningitis, and the importance of seeking medical help without delay;
- (iii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to provide immediate relief and support to the families affected by the meningitis outbreak, including financial aid for funeral expenses and the rehabilitation of those who have recovered;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Legislative Compliance to monitor and ensure the intervention of the Executive Arm of Government in affected areas are both comprehensive and timely, including the allocation of necessary

resources, and the enforcement of resolutions aimed at combating the meningitis outbreak (*Hon. Mansu Musa — Aleiro/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Concerned* about the alarming outbreak of meningitis in Aleiro, Gwandu, and Jega Federal Constituency in Kebbi State, which has led to loss of lives as the cases continue to increase;

*Also concerned* that this outbreak is devastating to the affected communities, and therefore calls for a swift and coordinated action to be taken by the Federal Government to address this public health crisis;

*Noted* that meningitis is a highly contagious disease with the potential to cause widespread harm to communities, and its rapid spread has overwhelmed the health systems in the affected areas;

*Worried* that the disease has claimed 97 lives, with 546 confirmed cases in the communities of Gwandu town, Cheberu, Masama, Kwasgara, Kambaza, Amore, Dutsiyal, and other neighbouring villages around Gwandu, leading to an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty among the residents;

*Aware* that the Executive Arm of Government, through its health agencies, has a responsibility to protect the health and wellbeing of Nigerians, particularly in situations where the outbreak of an infectious disease threatens public health and safety;

*Desirous* of the timely provision of medical treatment, vaccines, and the implementation of effective control measures that are critical to preventing the further spread of this deadly disease;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) call on the Federal Ministry of Health, the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), and relevant health agencies to urgently deploy medical personnel, provide adequate medical supplies and vaccines in order to curtail the outbreak of meningitis in Aleiro, Gwandu, and Jega Federal Constituency of Kebbi State;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Health, the NCDC, and National Orientation Agency to immediately initiate a public awareness campaign to educate Nigerians, particularly the people of the affected communities on prevention, early signs, and symptoms of meningitis, and the importance of seeking medical help without delay;
- (iii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to provide immediate relief and support to the families affected by the meningitis outbreak, including financial aid for funeral expenses and the rehabilitation of those who have recovered;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Legislative Compliance to monitor and ensure the intervention of the Executive Arm of Government in affected areas are both comprehensive and timely, including the allocation of necessary resources, and the enforcement of resolutions aimed at combating the meningitis outbreak (**HR. 102/03/2025**).

(ii) ***Need to Investigate the Over ₦1 Trillion Sukuk Backed Road Projects in Nigeria:***  
Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbepwi (*Keffi/Karu/Kokona Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

**Need to Investigate the Over ₦1 Trillion Sukuk Backed Road Projects in Nigeria:**

The House:

*Notes* that since 2017, the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN), through the Debt Management Office (DMO), has raised over ₦1.1 trillion through six Sovereign Sukuk issuances to finance 124 federal road projects spanning 5,820 kilometres across the nation's six geopolitical zones, with the most recent data from the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) in December 2024 confirming this amount (approximately \$657.6 million USD at current exchange rates);

*Recalls* that the Sukuk financing breakdown includes ₦100 billion (2017), ₦100 billion (2018), ₦162.557 billion (2020), ₦250 billion (2021), ₦130 billion (2022), and ₦350 billion (2023), with indications from various reports suggesting an additional ₦150 billion was issued in October 2023, pushing the cumulative total to approximately ₦1.242 trillion by the end of 2024, pending official DMO confirmation for late 2024 issuances;

*Observes* that despite this significant investment, Nigeria's road infrastructure remains in a deplorable state, with over 70% of the country's 200,000-kilometer road network still unpaved, as noted by S&P Global Ratings in January 2024;

*Worried* that without robust accountability mechanisms, the Sukuk program risks becoming a conduit for mismanagement or corruption;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to provide the Committee on Works with detailed real-time records of all Sukuk-funded projects, including financial disbursements, project statuses, and contractor performance as at date and to be updated every quarter;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to conduct a forensic probe into the allocation, expenditure, and outcomes of the ₦1.242 trillion Sukuk funds raised from 2017 to 2024, identifying instances of diversion, inflation, or contractor noncompliance;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Works to submit a comprehensive report within six (6) weeks, detailing findings, issues, and proposed remedial measures to the issues surrounding the Sukuk financing in Nigeria;
- (iv) further mandate the Clerk, House of Representatives to publish this resolution in the Journal of the National Assembly or the Gazette of the Federal Government of Nigeria in compliance with Sections 88 and 89 of the 1999 Constitution as amended (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbepwi — Karu/Keffi/Kokona Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that since 2017, the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN), through the Debt Management Office (DMO), has raised over ₦1.1 trillion through six Sovereign Sukuk issuances to finance 124 federal road projects spanning 5,820 kilometres across the nation's six geopolitical zones, with the most recent data from the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) in December 2024 confirming this amount (approximately \$657.6 million USD at current exchange rates);

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  - (iv) further mandate the Clerk, House of Representatives to publish this resolution in the Journal of the National Assembly or the Gazette of the Federal Government of Nigeria in compliance with Sections 88 and 89 of the 1999 Constitution as amended (HR. 103/03/2025).
- (iii) ***Need to Avert the Incessant Accidents, Loss of Lives and Property Occasioned by the Ongoing Rehabilitation and Dualization of Aba - Ikot Ekpene Road in Abia and Akwa Ibom States of Nigeria:***
- Hon. Patrick Umoh (*Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara 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 Avert the Incessant Accidents, Loss of Lives and Property Occasioned by the Ongoing Rehabilitation and Dualization of Aba - Ikot Ekpene Road in Abia and Akwa Ibom States of Nigeria:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Aba - Ikot Ekpene Road is an all-important road to the South South and South East geopolitical zones of Nigeria; with huge traffic of commuters in goods and services as well as the axle traffic of heavy -duty trucks on the road which require concrete and proper rehabilitation of the road to serve the needs of the people of Nigeria;

*Aware* that the reconstruction/ rehabilitation of the Aba - Ikot Ekpene road was awarded to Messrs CGGC Nig. who were at the time of the award obligated to comply with the Bill of Engineering Measurement and Evaluation (BEME);

*Also aware* that there have been incessant accidents resulting in the loss of lives and property on the road principally due to the negligence of the contractors in implementing the Bill of Engineering measurement and Evaluation ; which had a design with two bridges to be constructed alongside the two existing bridges but with different grades depending on the vertical alignments;

*Further aware* that the road in its design had from the design, dualized carriages of 7.3metres each and a shoulder of 2.7m on both sides of the carriages;

*Concerned* that Messrs CGGC ended up by milling the existing profile with a single carriage which cannot allow for heavy duty trucks to pass abreast;

*Also concerned* that a design that had a total of 15 kilometers line drains on both sides, ended up without a sum total of 1 kilometer of side -drain in totality.

*Further concerned* that the highest vertical points at kilometer 15,(the boundary between Akwa Ibom and Abia), kilometer 30 (before Akwa Ibom State Polytechnic), and kilometer 35 (Holy Child Girls Sec. School), which has been posing nightmares to trucks and trailers with loads from Calabar heading to Aba, have remained as they were, in fact becoming more scary than before; in that about 12 culverts that were designed to be inserted at strategic points along the entire length, now have only two which are constructed without proper specifications.

*Cognizant* that the contractor — Messrs CGGC Nig. has completely neglected the idea of complying with the BEME of all these components with reckless abandon;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to ensure that Messrs CGGC complies with the Bill of Engineering measurement and Evaluation in the reconstruction of Aba- Ikot Ekpene Road of Nigeria to avoid incidences of road accidents, loss of lives and property;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to proceed on proper oversight of the project in question and report within two (2) weeks; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency

(FERMA), and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word “Works” *leave out* the words “Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)” (*Hon. Akabachi Amadi — Mbaitoli/Ikeduru Federal Constituency*).

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

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

The House:

*Noted* that the Aba - Ikot Ekpene Road is an all-important road to the South South and South East geopolitical zones of Nigeria; with huge traffic of commuters in goods and services as well as the axle traffic of heavy -duty trucks on the road which require concrete and proper rehabilitation of the road to serve the needs of the people of Nigeria;

*Aware* that the reconstruction/ rehabilitation of the Aba - Ikot Ekpene road was awarded to Messrs CGGC Nig. who were at the time of the award obligated to comply with the Bill of Engineering Measurement and Evaluation (BEME);

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*Cognizant* that the contractor — Messrs CGGC Nig. has completely neglected the idea of complying with the BEME of all these components with reckless abandon;

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- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to ensure that Messrs CGGC complies with the Bill of Engineering measurement and Evaluation in the reconstruction of Aba- Ikot Ekpene Road of Nigeria to avoid incidences of road accidents, loss of lives and property;

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to proceed on proper oversight of the project in question and report within two (2) weeks; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 104/03/2025**).

**7. Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2227).
- (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2228).
- (3) Federal University of Education, Zaria, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2229).
- (4) Treaty (Making Procedure, Etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2230).
- (5) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2231).
- (6) Yusuf Maitama Sule Federal University of Education, Kano, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2232).
- (7) Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Imo, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2233).
- (8) Federal College of Livestock Development, Kusada, Katsina State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2220).
- (9) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (State Creation of Gobir) (HB. 2226).
- (10) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2025 (Creation of Ughievwen Local Government) (HB. 2234).

**8. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 396) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 396) 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 Establish the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Garaku, Nasarawa State to Provide Courses of Instruction, Training and Research in the Exploration and Exploitation of Minerals for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 2010) — Second Reading**



*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Garaku, Nasarawa State to Provide Courses of Instruction, Training and Research in the Exploration and Exploitation of Minerals for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 2010) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Jonathan Gwefi Gaza — Keffi/Karu/Kokona Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Solid Minerals Development.*

10. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Decentralize the Governance of Natural Resources in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Mines and Minerals, Including Oil Fields, Oil Mining, Geological Surveys and Natural Gas from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB. 200, HB. 1310, HB. 1446 and HB. 1546) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Decentralize the Governance of Natural Resources in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Mines and Minerals, Including Oil Fields, Oil Mining, Geological Surveys and Natural Gas from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB. 200, HB. 1310, HB. 1446 and HB. 1546) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*), and Three others.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Rename and Transfer Fingerprints, Identification and Criminal Records in Part I — Exclusive Legislative List to Part II — Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB.1411, HB.1403 and HB.1918) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Rename and Transfer Fingerprints, Identification and Criminal Records in Part I — Exclusive Legislative List to Part II — Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB.1411, HB.1403 and HB.1918) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*), and One other.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

12. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Concurrent Legislative List of the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Insert a New Paragraph which Provides for "Road Toll and for Related Matters (HB.1406) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Concurrent Legislative List of the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Insert a New Paragraph which Provides for "Road Toll and for Related Matters (HB.1406) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

13. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to move Construction of Roads other than 'Trunk A' Federal Roads to Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB. 1431) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to move Construction of Roads other than 'Trunk A' Federal Roads to Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB. 1431) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

14. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for the Inclusion of Tourism and Tourism Related Matters on the Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB. 2060) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for the Inclusion of Tourism and Tourism Related Matters on the Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB. 2060) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

15. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to insert a New Item in the Exclusive Legislative List with Respect to Piracies and Crimes Committed on the High Seas and for Related Matters (HB.1412) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to insert a New Item in the Exclusive Legislative List with Respect to

Piracies and Crimes Committed on the High Seas and for Related Matters (HB.1412) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu 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 Constitution Review.*

**16. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Transfer Quarantine from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB.1543) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Transfer Quarantine from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List and for Related Matters (HB.1543) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Marcus Onobun — Esan Central/Esan West/Igueben Federal Constituency*), and *One others*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

**17. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to move Water for Domestic, Commercial, Industrial, Irrigation, Power, and Other Uses to the Concurrent Legislative List, to allow State Governments put to Sustainable Use Water Within their State, make Provisions for State Governments to Access Mines in their States, Provide for the Financial Autonomy of Local Government Councils by Prescribing an Independent Consolidated Local Government Council Account and for Related Matters (HB.1512) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to move Water for Domestic, Commercial, Industrial, Irrigation, Power, and Other Uses to the Concurrent Legislative List, to allow State Governments put to Sustainable Use Water Within their State, make Provisions for State Governments to Access Mines in their States, Provide for the Financial Autonomy of Local Government Councils by Prescribing an Independent Consolidated Local Government Council Account and for Related Matters (HB.1512) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*), and *Thirty Three others*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

**18. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Increase the Number of Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission to Provide for each State of the Federation and Federal Capital Territory, Abuja the Opportunity of One Person Representation and for Related Matters (HB.188) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Increase the Number of Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission to Provide for each State of the Federation and Federal Capital Territory, Abuja the Opportunity of One Person Representation and for Related Matters (HB.188) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi — Bida/Gbako/Katcha 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 Constitution Review.*

19. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Mandate all Government Statutory Corporations, Commissions, Authorities, Agencies including all Persons and Bodies Established by Law to Submit Yearly Financial Statement to the Auditor General within a Specified Period and for Related Matters (HB.770) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Mandate all Government Statutory Corporations, Commissions, Authorities, Agencies including all Persons and Bodies Established by Law to Submit Yearly Financial Statement to the Auditor General within a Specified Period and for Related Matters (HB.770) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji — Epe 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 Constitution Review.*

20. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Strengthen Transparency and Compliance to the Principles of Federal Character and for Related Matters (HB.1141) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Strengthen Transparency and Compliance to the Principles of Federal Character and for Related Matters (HB.1141) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa 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 Constitution Review.*

21. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for the Public Disclosure of Reports of the Auditor-General of the Federation and for the Auditor-General of a State and for Related Matters (HB. 1144) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for the Public Disclosure of Reports of the Auditor-General of the Federation and for the Auditor-General of a State and for Related Matters (HB. 1144) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa 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 Constitution Review.*

22. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Qualify the Immunity Conferred on the President, Remove the Immunity Conferred on the Vice President, the Governors and their Deputies, in Order to Curb Corruption, Eradicate Impunity and Enhance Accountability in Public Office and for Related Matters (HB.1664) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Qualify the Immunity Conferred on the President, Remove the Immunity Conferred on the Vice President, the Governors and their Deputies, in Order to Curb Corruption, Eradicate Impunity and Enhance Accountability in Public Office and for Related Matters (HB.1664) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Solomon T. Bob — Abua/Odual/Ahoada East 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 Constitution Review.*

23. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Specify the Period for the Laying of Annual Budget Estimates Before the National and State Houses of Assembly; and for Related Matters (HB.1694) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Specify the Period for the Laying of Annual Budget Estimates Before the National and State Houses of Assembly; and for Related Matters (HB.1694) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

24. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Separate the Offices of the Attorney-General of the Federation, Attorney-General of a State from the Offices of the Minister of Justice of the Federal Government and Commissioner for Justice of the Government of a State and for Related Matters (HB.1697) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Separate the Offices of the Attorney-General of the Federation, Attorney-General of a State from the Offices of the Minister of Justice of the Federal Government and Commissioner for Justice of the Government of a State and for Related Matters (HB.1697) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

25. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for the Establishment of the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation and the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federal Government; and for Related Matters (HB. 2061) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for the Establishment of the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation and the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federal Government; and for Related Matters (HB. 2061) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*), and Six others.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

26. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) by amending Part 1 of the First Schedule and Creating Additional Three States Oke - Ogun State, Ijebu State and Ife - Ijesa State and for Related Matters (HB. 1098) — Second Reading**
- Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) by amending Part 1 of the First Schedule and Creating Additional Three States Oke - Ogun State, Ijebu State and Ife - Ijesa State and for Related Matters (HB. 1098) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade 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 Constitution Review.*

27. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make provisions for the Creation of "Tiga State" from the Present Kano State with Headquarters in "Rano" and for Related Matters (HB.1308) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make provisions for the Creation of "Tiga State" from the Present Kano State with Headquarters in "Rano" and for Related Matters (HB.1308) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ghali Mustapha Tijani — Alabsu/Gaya/Ajingi 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 Constitution Review.*

28. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Create a New State in the South Eastern Region of Nigeria Known as Orlu State and for Related Matters (HB.1430) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Create a New State in the South Eastern Region of Nigeria Known as Orlu State and for Related Matters (HB.1430) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

29. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Create an Additional State in the South East Region of Nigeria, Carved from the Existing Five (5) States to be known as Etiti State with Capital at Okigwe and for Related Matters (HB.1998) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Create an Additional State in the South East Region of Nigeria, Carved from the Existing Five (5) States to be known as Etiti State with Capital at Okigwe and for Related Matters (HB.1998) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. George Ibezimako Ozodinobi — Njikoka/Dunukofia/Anaocha 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 Constitution Review.*

30. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Establish and Provide Roles for Traditional Rulers in Nigeria and Provide for the Recognition of the Advisory Role of Traditional Rulers in the Constitution and for Related Matters (HB. 203 and HB. 71) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Establish and Provide Roles for Traditional Rulers in Nigeria and Provide for the Recognition of the Advisory Role of Traditional Rulers in the Constitution and for Related Matters (HB. 203 and HB. 71) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

31. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Grant Citizenship Rights to Spouses of Women from Nigeria, Specify the Minimum**

**Number of Youths and Women that May be Appointed into Specific Offices; and for Related Matters (HB.1195 and HB.1422) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Grant Citizenship Rights to Spouses of Women from Nigeria, Specify the Minimum Number of Youths and Women that May be Appointed into Specific Offices; and for Related Matters (HB.1195 and HB.1422) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Daniel Asama Ago — Jos North/Bassa Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

**32. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Guarantee Indigene Status to Persons by Reason of Birth or Continued Residence for a Period of Not Less than Ten Years or by Reason of Marriage and for Related Matters (HB. 2057) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Guarantee Indigene Status to Persons by Reason of Birth or Continued Residence for a Period of Not Less than Ten Years or by Reason of Marriage and for Related Matters (HB. 2057) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*), and *Six others*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

**33. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to include Citizenship by Investment as one of the classes of Citizenship in Nigeria, provide for the Acquisition of Nigerian Citizenship by Qualified Foreign Investors who meet Specified Investment Thresholds and for Related Matters — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to include Citizenship by Investment as one of the classes of Citizenship in Nigeria, provide for the Acquisition of Nigerian Citizenship by Qualified Foreign Investors who meet Specified Investment Thresholds and for Related Matters be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*), and *Six others*..

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

**34. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Penalties for Certain Capital Offences in Alignment with Relevant International Best Practices and for Related Matters (HB. 2120) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal



Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Penalties for Certain Capital Offences in Alignment with Relevant International Best Practices and for Related Matters (HB. 2120) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency), and Six others.  
*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

**35. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 91 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Uniform Standards and remove ambiguity, and for Related Matters, 2025 (HB. 2170) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 91 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Uniform Standards and remove ambiguity, and for Related Matters, 2025 (HB. 2170) 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 Constitution Review.*

**36. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide Additional Restrictions and Derogations from Fundamental Rights, and Additional Conditions for the Proclamation of State of Emergency by the President; and for Related Matters.(HB.1517) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide Additional Restrictions and Derogations from Fundamental Rights, and Additional Conditions for the Proclamation of State of Emergency by the President; and for Related Matters.(HB.1517) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Obinna Aguocha — Ikwuano/Umuahia North/Umuahia South Federal Constituency).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

**37. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make Free, Compulsory and Universal Basic Education a Fundamental Right of all Citizens under Chapter IV of the Constitution and for Related Matters (HB. 1661and HB. 1206) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make Free, Compulsory and Universal Basic Education a Fundamental Right of all Citizens under Chapter IV of the Constitution and for Related Matters (HB. 1661and HB. 1206) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Daniel Asama Ago — Bassa/Jor North Federal Constituency), and Two others.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

38. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Substitute the Names of Okpe and Sapele with Okpe East and Okpe West respectively under Part 1, First Schedule of the Constitution and for Related Matters (HB. 1314) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Substitute the Names of Okpe and Sapele with Okpe East and Okpe West respectively under Part 1, First Schedule of the Constitution and for Related Matters (HB. 1314) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benedict Etanabene — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie 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 Constitution Review.*

39. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Part 1 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to Reflect the Proper Name of Ibadan North-East Local Government Area of Oyo State and for Related Matters (HB.1482) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Part 1 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to Reflect the Proper Name of Ibadan North-East Local Government Area of Oyo State and for Related Matters (HB.1482) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abbas Adekunle Adigun — Ibadan North East/Ibadan South East 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 Constitution Review.*

40. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to change the names of Eket and Esit-Eket in Part 1 of the First Schedule and for Related Matters (HB.1522) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to change the names of Eket and Esit-Eket in Part 1 of the First Schedule and for Related Matters (HB.1522) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Okpolupm Ikpong Etteh — Eket/Esit Eket/Ibena/Onna Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

41. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Change the Name of Ibeno in Part 1 of the First Schedule and for Related Matters (HB.1523) — *Second Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Change the Name of Ibeno in Part 1 of the First Schedule and for Related Matters (HB.1523) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Okpolupm Ikpong Etteh — Eket/Esit Eket/Ibeno/Onna Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

42. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Stronger Measures and Checks for the Sustenance of the Autonomy of the Local Government System in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1669) — *Second Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Stronger Measures and Checks for the Sustenance of the Autonomy of the Local Government System in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1669) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Dibiagwu Eugene Okechukwu — Oguta/Ohaji-Egbema/Oru West 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 Constitution Review.*

43. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Creation of Uturu-Chieze Local Government Area in Abia State and for Related Matters (HB. 1524) — *Second Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Creation of Uturu-Chieze Local Government Area in Abia State and for Related Matters (HB. 1524) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah — Isuikwato/Umuneochi 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 Constitution Review.*

44. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to accommodate the thirty-seven (37) Development Area Councils of Lagos State as full-fledged Local Government Areas, increasing the total number of Local Government Areas in Lagos State to fifty-seven (57) and the total number of Local Government Areas in the Federation to Eight Hundred and Eleven (811), and for Related Matters (HB. 1498) — *Second Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to accommodate the thirty-seven (37) Development Area Councils of Lagos State as full-fledged Local Government Areas, increasing the total number of Local Government Areas in Lagos State to fifty-seven (57) and the total number of Local Government Areas in the Federation to Eight Hundred and Eleven (811), and for Related Matters (HB. 1498) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke — Ikeja Federal Constituency*), and *Twenty-One others*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

**45. A Bill for an Act to Alter the First Schedule to Section 3 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Reflect the Proper Name of Jaba Local Government Area of Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB. 1614) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the First Schedule to Section 3 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Reflect the Proper Name of Jaba Local Government Area of Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB. 1614) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Amos Magaji Gwamna — Jaba/Zango Kataf 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 Constitution Review.*

**46. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 162(5) and (6) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Related Matters (HB. 1660) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 162(5) and (6) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Related Matters (HB. 1660) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor 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 Constitution Review.*

**47. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Change the name of the Local Government from Aiyekire Local Government Area to Aiyedire Local Government Area, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.2028) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Change the name of the Local Government from Aiyekire Local Government Area to Aiyedire Local Government Area, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.2028) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Olufemi Richard Bamisile — Gbonyin/Ekiti East/Emure 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 Constitution Review.*

48. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Framework for Local Government Administration, Establish a Robust Legal Regime to Strengthen Administrative Efficiency, Promote Transparency, Accountability, and Deepen Democratic Practices at the Local Government Level and for Related Matters (HB. 2121) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Review the Framework for Local Government Administration, Establish a Robust Legal Regime to Strengthen Administrative Efficiency, Promote Transparency, Accountability, and Deepen Democratic Practices at the Local Government Level and for Related Matters (HB. 2121) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*), and Six others.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.*

49. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to Create Anaocha North/Anaocha South and Njikoka/Dunukofia Local Government from the present Njikoka/Anaochaidunukofia Local Government within Anambra State and for Related Matters (HB.1999) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to Create Anaocha North/Anaocha South and Njikoka/Dunukofia Local Government from the present Njikoka/Anaochaidunukofia Local Government within Anambra State and for Related Matters (HB.1999) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. George Ibezimako Ozodinobi — Njikoka/Dunukofia/Anaocha 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 Constitution Review.*

50. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Remove Local Government as a Tier of Government Constitutionally Recognized and Funded by the Federal Government and to vest their Creation, Funding in the State Governments and for Related Matters (HB. 1215) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Remove Local Government as a Tier of Government Constitutionally Recognized and Funded by the Federal Government and to vest their Creation, Funding in the State Governments and for Related Matters (HB. 1215) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Solomon T. Bob — Abua/Odual/Ahoada East 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 Constitution Review.*

**51. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to give effect to the Creation of Additional Local Government Councils in Imo State and for Related Matters (HB.2100) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to give effect to the Creation of Additional Local Government Councils in Imo State and for Related Matters (HB.2100) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Harrison Anozie Nwadike — Isu/Njaba/Nkwerre/Nwangele 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 Constitution Review.*

**52. Re-committal of the Police Training Institutions Bill, 2025**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Recalls* that the Police Training Institutions (Establishment) Bill, 2025 was passed by the National Assembly;

*Observes* that the Directorate of Legal Services scrutinized the Bill in line with its mandate and raised fundamental issues needed to be addressed, before the Bill could be transmitted to the President for assent;

*Notes* that the observation of the Legal Directorate is based on the inclusion of the Nigeria Police University of Science and Technology, among the Police Training Institutions which should be through a substantive Bill;

*Aware* that the clauses establishing the Nigeria Police University of Science and Technology has been separated from the Police Training Institutions Bill, 2025, thus making it a substantive Bill; and

*Resolves to:*

Commit the Police Training Institutions (Establishment) Bill, 2025 to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**53. Consideration of Reports**

(i) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Tallase, Gombe State and for Related Matters (SB.297) (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 Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Tallase, Gombe State and for Related Matters (SB.297)" (*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 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP. A12, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 (AS AMENDED) TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, TALLASE, GOMBE STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (SB. 297)

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

The Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) (in this Act 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 thus: "Federal College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Tallase, Gombe State" (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 3: Citation.**

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.*

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make provision for the establishment of Federal College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Tallase, Gombe State (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*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 the Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Tallase, Gombe State; and for Related Matters (SB. 297) (*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 Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Tallase, Gombe State and for Related Matters (SB.297) and approved Clauses 1 - 2, 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.*

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Okeho, Oyo State and for Related Matters (SB.720) (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 Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Okeho, Oyo State and for Related Matters (SB.720)” (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 FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF AGRICULTURE ACT, CAP. F22, LFN, 2004 AND ESTABLISH FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, OKEHO, OYO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (SB. 675)

- Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004.**

The Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 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 Section 2.**

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the existing subsection "(1) (c)", new paragraph "(d)" —

"(d) the Federal University of Agriculture, Okeho, Oyo 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 Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment)



Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal University of Agricultural Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make provision for the establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Okeho, Oyo State (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004 and Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Okeho, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (SB. 675) (*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 Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Okeho, Oyo State and for Related Matters (SB.720) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kobo, Kano State to make Provision for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 691) (Committee of the Whole):***

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kobo, Kano State to make Provision for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 691)” (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 PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, KABO,  
KANO STATE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

**Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kobo, Kano State.**

(1) There is hereby established the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kobo, Kano State.

- (2) The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The University shall be a training institution for the development of E Science and Technology in the country.
- (4) The University shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry of Education through the National Universities Commission (NUC) who shall be responsible for approving and regulating all academic programmes run in the University, to ensure quality compliance and provide funds for academic and research programmes, infrastructures and remunerations of employees (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Subclause (3), immediately after the words “development of”, *leave out* the word “e-Science”, and *insert* the word “Science” (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

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

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

The objects of the University shall be —

- (a) to encourage the advancement of learning in science and technology, and all related disciplines and to hold out to all persons without discrimination on race, creed, sex or political conviction;
- (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate research, diploma and higher degrees with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in science and technology and related professional disciplines;
- (c) to produce mature technologists with capabilities not to only understand the technological needs of Nigeria as a nation, but to also exploit existing technological infrastructure and improve on it to develop new ones to provide required solutions;
- (d) to act as agents and catalysts for effective environmental and ecological technology system, through post graduate training, research and innovation, for effective economic utilization and for conservation of its immediate environment and the country's entire natural and human resources;
- (e) to bring quality transformation in Science and Technology Education by focusing on practical teaching, research and learning innovations that add value;
- (f) to collaborate with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of science and technology solutions, with a view to promoting quality good governance, leadership and management skills among Scientists and Technologists;
- (g) to identify and promote the principles of sustainable development to represent an important part of the study curriculum with a special emphasis on its biological, chemical and technological aspects of environmental and ecological needs of the society, with a view to finding solutions to them

within the context of overall national development needs;

- (h) to provide and promote sound basic environmental and ecological technology training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous technological challenges;
- (i) to provide higher Education and foster a systematic advancement of knowledge that is oriented towards industrial technologies and assessment of environmental impacts;
- (j) to provide for instructions in such branches of Environmental Sciences Education as it may deem necessary to provide for research, and for the dissemination of environmental knowledge as it may determine;
- (k) to prepare global experts that have excellent theoretical knowledge, practical skills and experience in basic natural scientific disciplines and related field of engineering with operational competence and knowledge in environmental protection, managing ecological and climate change problems; and
- (l) to undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a University of Science and Technology of the highest standard (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in Clause 2 (a), and *insert* as follows:

“Encourage the advancement of learning in science and technology, and all related discipline and to hold out to all persons without any discrimination” (*Hon. Ali Lawan Shettima — Busari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Clause 3: Constitution and Principal Officers of the university.**

(1) The University shall consist of:

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

- (j) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf.
- (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the principal officers of the University.
- (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 4: Powers of Federal University of Science and Technology, Kabo, Kano State.**

- (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in clause 1 of this Bill, Federal University of Science and Technology Kabo, Kano State shall have power:
  - (a) to offer courses of instruction, training and research in Technology, Sciences and allied areas for the production of quality and skilled technologists required at lower, middle and higher levels of manpower in Nigeria in particular and the world at large;
  - (b) to establish such colleges, campuses, institutes, schools, departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of National Universities Commission;
  - (c) to institute professorships, readerships or associate professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;
  - (d) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;
  - (e) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University;
  - (f) to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down;
  - (g) to grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;
  - (h) to demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purposes of instruction, such fees as the University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives of the Minister;
  - (i) subject to clause 11 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever it is situated;
  - (j) to accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms

and conditions attached thereto;

- (k) to enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;
  - (l) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, workshops, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;
  - (m) to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and book selling;
  - (n) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment, it not being immediately required for current expenditure in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time, to vary any such investments, to deposit any moneys for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;
  - (o) to borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the security of any or all of the property, movable or immovable, of the University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find it necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;
  - (p) to make gifts for any charitable purpose;
  - (q) to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by statute to do; and
  - (r) to do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the statutes and without prejudice to clause 7 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University by subclause (1) of this clause shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which may be authorized by the statute.
- (3) The power of the University to establish further campuses and colleges within the University shall be exercisable by statute and not otherwise (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 5: Functions of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.**

- (1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present, shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring degrees.
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of Congregation or Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the

chairman at all meetings of the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 6: Establishment and Composition of Council.**

- (1) The Council of the University shall consist of:
  - (a) the Pro-Chancellor who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Honourable Minister of Education;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his/her absence, one person from the Federal Ministry responsible for Education to represent him/her;
  - (e) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation appointed by the Federal Executive Council; by virtue of the Universities Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1993 (as amended);
  - (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
  - (g) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members; and
  - (h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members.
- (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the University.
- (3) The Council so constituted shall have a tenure of four years from the date of its inauguration provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the Visitor and a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University.
- (4) The powers of the Council shall be exercised, as in this Bill and to that extent establishment circulars that are inconsistent with this Bill shall not apply to the University.
- (5) The Council shall be free in the discharge of its functions and exercise of its responsibilities for the good management, growth and development of the University.
- (6) The Council in the discharge of its functions shall ensure that disbursement of funds of the University complies with the approved budgetary ratio for:
  - (a) personnel cost;
  - (b) overhead cost;
  - (c) research and development;
  - (d) library development; and

- (e) the balance in expenditure between academic vis-à-vis non-academic  
(Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader).

**Amendment Proposed:**

- (i) Leave out all the words in Clause 6 (d), and insert as follows:  
“A representative of the Ministry of Education not below the rank of a Director” (Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

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

- (i\ii) Leave out all the words in Clause 6 (e), and insert as follows:  
“Four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation appointed by Mr President ” (Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

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

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

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

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University.
- (2) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the Finance, and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
- (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (6) Rules made under sub-clause (5) of this clause by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that Committee conflict with any direction given by the Council, whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the Council shall prevail.
- (7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.

- (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least three times in every year.
- (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council.
- (10) Any request made under sub-clause (9) of this clause shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

- (1) Subject to clause 6 of this Bill and subclauses (3) and (4) of this clause and the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organize and control the teaching by the University, the admission of students where no other enactment provides to the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the University.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subclause (1) of this clause and subject as therein mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the Senate to make provision for:
  - (a) the establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;
  - (b) the organization and control of courses of study at the University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;
  - (c) the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;
  - (d) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus;
  - (e) the establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and similar institutions at the University;
  - (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and the regulation of their conduct;
  - (g) the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and
  - (h) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.
- (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school, department, institute or other teaching and research units of the University, or any hall



of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.

- (4) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this clause or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorized or required by this Bill or by statute.
- (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study at the University is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other University of high repute or a person engaged in practicing the profession in a reputable organization or institution.
- (6) Subject to right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this sub-clause, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred upon him if after due enquiry he is found to have been guilty of dishonorable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 9: Functions of the Vice Chancellor.**

- (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and subject to clause 5 of this Bill except the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.
- (2) Subject to clauses 6, 7 and 14 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise of directing the activities of the University and shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the University and ex-officio Chairman of the Senate.
- (3) The Vice Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the University Tenders' Board, which is saddled with the responsibility of approving the conduct of public procurement of goods, works and services within the approved threshold from time to time.
- (4) It shall be the responsibility of the Vice Chancellor to establish and appoint members of the Tenders' Board in line with the extant Public Procurement Rules and Regulations (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**PART II — GENERAL FUND, TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, ETC. TO  
THE UNIVERSITY AND CONDITION OF SERVICE OF EMPLOYEES**

**Clause 10: General fund of the University.**

- (1) There shall be a general fund of the University which shall consist of the following:

- (a) grants-in-aid;
  - (b) fees;
  - (c) income derived from investments;
  - (d) gifts, legacies, endowments and donations not accepted for a particular purpose;
  - (e) income derived from the exercise of any functions conferred or imposed on the University by this Bill;
  - (f) any other amounts, charges or dues recoverable by the University;
  - (g) revenue, from time to time, accruing to the University by way of subvention;
  - (h) interests on investments;
  - (i) donations and legacies accruing to the University from any source for the general or special purposes of the University; and
- (2) The general fund shall be applied for the purposes of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 11: Transfer of Property.**

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council of the University shall, by virtue of this sub-clause and without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.
- (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by this clause and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**PART III — STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**Clause 12: Power of the University to make Statutes.**

- (1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make statutes for any of the following purposes, that is to say:
  - (a) making provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority of the University;
  - (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the University or any of its authorities;
  - (c) regulating the admission of students (where no other enactment provides to the contrary), and their discipline and welfare;
  - (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an

academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any statute, regulation or other instrument made thereunder; or

- (e) making provision for any other matter for which provision by statute is authorized or required by this Bill.
- (2) Subject to clause 28 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any statute made under this clause as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of of that Act.
- (3) The statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this clause by the University.
- (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this clause shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent statute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 13: Mode of exercising power to make statutes.**

- (1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this clause and not otherwise.
- (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been approved:
  - (a) at a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting; and
  - (b) at a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting.
- (3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Council, and may be approved as required by subclause (2) of this clause by either one of those bodies or the other.
- (4) A statute which:
  - (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or
  - (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any statute shall come into operation after approval by the Visitor.
- (5) For the purpose of clause 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within subclause (4) of this clause, on the date on which it is approved by the President.
- (6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time:

- (a) as to the meaning of any provision of a statute; or
  - (b) as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he shall think fit.
- (7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under sub-clause (6) of this clause shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the University and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that sub-clause, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria.
- (8) Nothing in sub-clause (7) of this clause shall affect any power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 14: Proof of Statute.**

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

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

**Clause 15: Power of Visitor to Decide Meaning of Statutes.**

- (1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a statute, the matter may be referred to the visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he/she shall think fit.
- (2) The decision of the visitor on any matter referred to him/her under this clause shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the University, and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the visitor under this clause, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria: Provided that nothing in this sub-clause shall affect any power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (3) The foregoing provisions of this clause shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or a non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in sub-clause (1) of this clause; and accordingly the references in sub-clause (2) of this clause to any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or a non-academic matter (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 16: The Visitor.**

- (1) The President, Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be the Visitor of the University.
- (2) The Visitor shall cause a visitation to the University when necessary, at least every five years, or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or persons as the Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University to make available to the Visitor and to any other person conducting a visitation in pursuance of this clause, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purposes of a visitation.
- (4) The Visitor shall make the report of such visitations and white paper thereon available to the Council which shall implement same (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 17: Removal of certain Members of Council.**

- (1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the President, and the President, after making such enquiries (if any) as he may consider appropriate approves the recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in question from office.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subclause (1) of this clause to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 18: Removal and Discipline of Academic, Administrative and Professional Staff.**

- (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on the ground of misconduct or of professional inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall: -
  - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
  - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter by the Council; and
  - (c) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question

should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.

- (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.
- (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and for the purposes of this subclause "good cause" means:
  - (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or
  - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
  - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
  - (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service; or
  - (e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the University.
- (4) Any person suspended pursuant to subclause (2) or (3) of this clause shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as:
  - (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
  - (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;
  - (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case such a person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
  - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine.
- (5) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this clause, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against

a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

- (6) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subclause (1) of this clause to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this clause shall:
  - (a) apply to any directive given by the Visitor in consequence of any visitation; or
  - (b) prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in Subclause (2), and *insert* as follows:

“The Vice Chancellor may in a case of misconduct by a member of staff, upon the recommendation by the Dean of Faculty, Director or Head as may be appropriate suspend such member, and such suspension may be ratified by the Council” (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Clause 19: Procedure for Staff Discipline.**

- (1) The Vice Chancellor shall constitute an Investigation Panel to determine whether or not a prima facie case has been established against any member of staff.
- (2) The Investigation Panel shall consist of such members of the Senate as he may determine and include the President or the Chairman of the union to which the staff being investigated belongs.
- (3) The report and recommendation of the Investigation Panel shall be forwarded to the Council for consideration (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 20: Removal of Examiners.**

- (1) If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, except in such cases as may be prescribed by the Vice-Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of clause 7(5) of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner

removed in pursuance of subclause (1) of this clause.

- (3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor on signing an instrument of removal pursuant to this clause, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it is related (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 21: Discipline of Students.**

- (1) The Students shall be:
- (a) represented in the University's Students Welfare Board and other committees that deal with the affairs of students;
  - (b) participate in various aspects of curriculum development;
  - (c) participate in the process of assessing academic staff in respect of teaching; and
  - (d) be encouraged to be more self-assured as part of the national development process.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this clause, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct:
- (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the directions, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facilities of the University, as may be so specified; or
  - (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
  - (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
  - (d) that the student be expelled from the University.
- (3) Where a direction is given under subclause (1)(c) or (d) of this clause in respect of any student, that student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such an appeal is brought the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.
- (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance to subclause (2) of this clause shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this clause to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as



he may nominate.

- (b) nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of students' activities at the University otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (c) a direction under subclause (2) (a) of this clause may be combined with a direction under subclause (2) (b) of this clause (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

**Clause 22: Exclusion of Discrimination on Account of Race, Religion, etc.**

- (1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the University, the holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment or employment at the University, or a member of any body established by virtue of this Bill; and no person shall be subject to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters.
- (2) Nothing in subclause (1) of this clause shall be construed as preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons mentioned in that subclause where such person willfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such person or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 23: Restriction on Disposal of Land by University.**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the University by this Bill) except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the Governor: Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 24: Transfer of Land to the University.**

- (1) For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) any purpose of the University shall be the same as that of the Federation.
- (2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Government pursuant to this clause, the Government may, by a certificate under the hand and seal of the person so authorized or any other person authorized in that behalf transfer it to the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House*

*Leader).*

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

**Clause 25: Quorum and Procedure of Bodies Established by this Bill.**

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

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

**Clause 26: Appointment of Committee, etc.**

- (1) Any body of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorize a committee established by it:
  - (a) to exercise, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine; and
  - (b) to co-opt members.
- (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.
- (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in pursuance of this clause, shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.
- (4) Nothing in the provisions of subclause (1), (2) and (3) of this clause shall be construed as:
  - (a) enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with clause 1 of this Bill; or
  - (b) enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations of the award of degrees or other qualifications.
- (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the officer in question); and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 27: Retiring Age of Academic Staff.**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Reform Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of a University shall be seventy (70) years. And other academic staff is (65) years.

- (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for thirty-five (35) years or sixty-five years whichever comes first shall not apply to an academic staff of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 28: Special Provisions relating to Pension of Professors.**

- (1) A person who retires as a professor having served:
- (a) as an academic staff who retires as a professor in a recognized university shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that the professor has served continuously in a recognized university up to retirement age;
  - (b) notwithstanding subsection (1) where the professor has not served up to retirement age, he shall be entitled to the rate of pension mentioned under subsection (1) provided that he has served a minimum of 20 years as a professor in a recognized university ;
  - (c) where an academic joins Nigerian University as a professor, such a professor shall have served continuously for at least 20 years in a recognized university (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 29: Miscellaneous and Administrative Provisions.**

- (1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-Chancellor, Secretary to the Council or any other person authorized by statute.
- (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
- (3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorized to do so by the Council.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of any body established in pursuance of this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceeding.
- (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.
- (6) Nothing in clause 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made in pursuance to this Bill.

- (7) The power conferred by this Bill on any body to make statutes or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the statute contained in the Schedule of this Bill) or any regulation by a subsequent statute or as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances.
- (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of clause 11 or clause 27 of this Bill or the Second Schedule to this Bill.
- (9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 30: Restriction of suits and execution.**

- (1) **Pre-Action Notice:**
  - (a) No legal proceeding shall be instituted and/or commenced against the University or any of its agents in the course of their official duties unless a 3 months' Pre-Action Notice of such intention is served on the University by an aggrieved party.
  - (b) The Notice shall state the reason and the cause of action intended to be taken against the University, the particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims.
  - (c) For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that no suit shall be commenced against an officer or servant of the University, in any case where the University is vicariously liable for any alleged act, neglect or default of the officer or servant in the performance or intended performances of his duties, unless three months at least has elapsed after written notice of intention to commence the same shall have been served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent.
  - (d) In any suit against this University, no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the University, but any sums of money which may be judgment of the court be awarded against the University shall, subject to any direction given by the court where notice of appeal has been given by the University in respect of the said judgment, be paid by the University from its general fund.
- (2) **Service of Notices:**

Service upon the University of any notice, order or other document may be effected by delivering the same or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Registrar and Secretary of the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 31: Interpretation.**

- (1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

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

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

"College" means the College established pursuant to clause 2 (1) (b) of this Bill for the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the University established by clause 6 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Functions" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree, has been conferred by the University and any other person as may be designated as a graduate by the Council, acting in accordance with the recommendation of the Senate (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Minister" means the Hon. Minister of Education (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

"Officer" does not include the Visitor (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

*interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"Professor" means a person designated as a Professor of the University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Provisional Council" means the provisional council appointed for the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

"Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to clause 3 (1) (e) of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

"The Statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"Undergraduate" means a person registered as a student undergoing a course of study for a first degree of the University or such other course in the University as may be approved by the Senate as qualifying a student undergoing it for the status of an under-graduate; and (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"University" means Federal University of Science and Technology, Kobo, Kano State, established and incorporated by clause 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

- (2) Where in any provision of this Bill it is laid down that the proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority or another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals of that or recommendations received by it in pursuance of that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 32: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kobo, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

##### *The Chancellor*

1. (1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the President.
- (2) The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years.
- (3) If it appears to the visitor, that the chancellor should be removed from his/her office on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his/her office, the visitor may by notice in the Federal Gazette remove the chancellor from office.

##### *The Pro-Chancellor*

2. (1) The Pro-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman of Council shall be appointed or

removed from office by Mr. President upon recommendation by the Minister of Education.

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

*The Vice-Chancellor*

3. (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall:
- (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying: -
- (i) the qualities of the persons who may apply for the post, and
- (ii) the terms of conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for consideration;
- (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of:
- (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as chairman,
- (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor, and
- (iii) two members of Congregation who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor, to identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post on their own volition because they felt that it is not proper to do so.
- (3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of:
- (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;
- (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;
- (c) two members of the Senate who are Professors, but who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons in the shortlist drawn up under Subclause'(2) of this paragraph through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and recommend to the Council three candidates for further consideration.
- (4) The Council shall select and appoint as the Vice-Chancellor one candidate from among the three candidates recommended to it under Subclause (3) of this clause and thereafter inform the Visitor.
- (5) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.
- (6) The Vice Chancellor may be removed from office by the Council on grounds of



gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his/her office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind, at the initiative of the Council, Senate or the Congregation after due process.

- (7) When the proposal for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Senate of the University consisting of:
  - (i) three members of the Council, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the committee; and
  - (ii) two members of the Senate, provided that where the ground for removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.
- (8) The committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Vice-Chancellor and shall report its findings to the Council.
- (9) The Council may where the allegations are proved remove the Vice-Chancellor or apply any other disciplinary action it may deem fit and notify the Visitor accordingly provided that a Vice-Chancellor who is removed shall have right of appeal to the Visitor.
- (10) There shall be no sole administrator in the University.
- (11) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall appoint an acting Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of the Senate.
- (12) An acting Vice Chancellor in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months.

*Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

4. (1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellors as Council may from time to time deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for each post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant.
- (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from each list forwarded to it under subclause (2) of this paragraph and forward his name to the Council for confirmation.
- (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:
  - (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;
  - (b) act in the place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and
  - (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.
- (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor:

- (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;
- (b) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no more;
- (c) may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor and Senate; and
- (d) "Good cause" for the purpose of this clause means gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office arising from infirmity of the body or mind.

*Office of the Registrar*

- 5. (1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with paragraph 6(2) of this Schedule.
- (2) The person holding the office of the Registrar shall by virtue of that office be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

*Other Principal Officers of the University*

- 6. (1) There shall be for the University the following principal officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is:
  - (a) the Bursar; and
  - (b) the University Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under paragraph 7 of this Schedule.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.
- (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-ordination of the library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or research units.
- (4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

*Functions of the Registrar and Tenure*

- 7. (1) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council subject thereto as the Vice Chancellor may from time to time direct.
- (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to the other duties conferred on him/her by or under this Bill, be a Secretary to the Council, Senate, Convocation and Congregation and in his/her absence, the Council or any such committee may appoint some other persons to Act as Secretary. The Registrar shall not vote on any question before the

Council or count towards a quorum.

(3) A Registrar shall :

- (a) hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment;
- (b) where on the commencement of this Bill a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office:
  - (i) for less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years,
  - (ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the School, and
  - (iii) for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the School.

*Functions of the Bursar and Tenure*

8. (1) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of financial affairs of the University.
- (2) (a) A Bursar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment:
- (b) Where on the commencement of this Bill a Bursar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —
- (i) for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years;
  - (ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, The Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University;
  - (iii) for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, The Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University.

*Functions of the University Librarian and Tenure*

9. (1) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and co-ordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the University.
- (2) A University Librarian shall:
- (a) hold office for a single term of five years only and upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment;
  - (b) where on the commencement of this Bill a University Librarian appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office —
    - (i) for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years,
    - (ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as University Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University,
    - (iii) for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as University Librarian to complete his/her second term and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University.

*Director of Works*

10. There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Works Department. He/she shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of University facilities.

*Director of Health Services*

11. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Health Centre. He/she shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

*Selection Board for other Principal Officers*

12. (1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of:
- (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Senate; and

- (d) two members of the Senate.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subclause (1) of this paragraph shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine.
- (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of their appointments and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.
- (4) Notwithstanding subclause (3) of this clause, the Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar, Bursar or Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter such principal officer shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University.

*Resignation and Re-appointment*

13. (1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule may resign his office:
- (a) in the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the Visitor;
  - (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall, in the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the Visitor.
- (2) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, a person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

*Transfer of Property to the University*

1. Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 11 (1) of this Bill —
- (a) the reference in the subclause to property held by the provisional Council and the University shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the provisional Council and the University; and
  - (b) all outstanding debts and liabilities of the provisional Council shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Bill.
2. (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University established by this Bill had been a party to it in place of the provisional Council.
- (2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (1) above, including enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the provisional Council shall be construed in accordance with that subparagraph so far as applicable.

- (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the University established by this Bill.

*Registration of transfers*

3. (1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situate provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply, with necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

*Transfer of Functions, etc.*

4. (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
- (2) The persons who were members of the Provisional Council shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council as set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
- (3) The first meeting of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
- (4) The persons who were members of the Academic Board immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
- (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Bill is made, the schools, school boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on that day become schools, school boards and students of the University as constituted by this Bill.
- (6) Persons who were Deans of schools and Heads of Academic Departments shall continue to be Deans or HODs of the corresponding School/Department, until new appointments are made in pursuance of the statutes.
- (7) Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as established or was otherwise employed by the Provisional Council shall become the holder of an appointment at the University with the status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as member of that staff or as such an employee (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

*The Council*

1. (1) The Council shall consist of —
  - (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor and the deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation appointed by the Federal Executive Council; by virtue of the Universities Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1993 (as amended);
  - (d) four person appointed by the Senate from among the members of that body;
  - (e) two persons appointed by congregation from amongst the members of that body; of the Universities Miscellaneous Act, 1993 (as amended);
  - (f) one person appointed by convocation from among the members of that body;
  - (g) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his/her absence, one Person from the Federal Ministry responsible for Education to represent him/her;
  - (h) one person to represent the armed forces of the Federation and the Police Force.
- (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a), (b), (g) or (h) of this article may, by notice to the Council, resign his/her office.
- (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a), (b), (g) or (h) of this article shall, unless he/she previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years beginning with effect from the 1st of August in the year in which he/she was appointed.
- (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a), (b), (g) or (h) of this article vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he//she was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his/her predecessor.
- (5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by the removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further period of four years.
- (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) (c), (f), (g) and (h) of this article.
- (7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and subject to clause 4 of the Bill and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.
- (8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice to with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

*The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

2. (1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of-
  - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he/she is present;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
  - (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by Congregation.
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be five.
- (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

*Annual Budget and Estimates, etc.*

3. (i) The estimates of income and expenditure for a financial year shall be presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the Council and may be approved by the Council before the beginning of that financial year; Provided that the Vice-Chancellor may during any financial year present and the Council may approve supplementary estimates of income or expenditure.
- (ii) The annual and supplementary estimates shall be prepared in such form and shall contain such information as the Council may direct.

*Gifts, Donations, etc.*

4. (i) The Council may on behalf of the University accept by way of grants, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, property and money in aid of the finances of the University on such conditions as it may approve.
- (ii) Registers shall be kept of all donations to the University including the names of donors and any special conditions under which any donation may have been given; Provided that the University shall not be obliged to accept a donation for a particular purpose unless it approves of the terms and conditions attaching to such donation.
- (iii) All property, money or funds donated for any specific purposes shall be applied and administered in accordance with the purposes for which they are donated and shall be accounted for separately.

*Payment Into Bank*

5. All sums of money received on account of the University shall be paid into such bank as may be approved by the Council for the credit of the University's general, current or deposit account: Provided that the Council may invest, as it deems fit, any money not required for immediate use other than donations of money referred to in subclause (1) of this clause.

*Audit*

6. (1) The Council shall cause the accounts of the University to be audited by auditors appointed by the Council as soon as may be after the end of each financial year or for any such other period as the Council may require.



- (2) The appointment and other matters relative to the auditors, their continuance in office and their functions, as the case may be, shall, subject to the provisions of this clause, be prescribed by statute.

*The Senate*

7. (1) The Senate shall consist of:
- (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (ii) Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
  - (iii) the Deans of respective Colleges;
  - (iv) the Professors in the University;
  - (v) Heads of Academic Departments and Units;
  - (vi) the University Librarian;
  - (vii) one elected representative of each College;
  - (viii) two members of Academic Staff elected by the Congregation;
  - (ix) one elected representative of each department;
  - (x) two members representing a variety of interests of the professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (xi) Registrar — Secretary.
- (2) The procedure for election of members of Senate to the Council shall be prescribed by Regulations.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present, and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (4) The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest whole number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph (3) of this Article, the Senate may regulate its own procedure.
- (5) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his office.
- (6) Subject to paragraph (8) of this article, there shall be elections for the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner on such day in the month of May or June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor may from time to time determine.
- (7) An elected member shall hold office for the period of two years beginning with 1 August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at any election held in pursuance to paragraph (6) of this article in the year in which his period of office expires, so however that no person shall be such a candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office as an elected member for a

continuous period of six years or would have so held office if he had not resigned it.

- (8) No election shall be held in pursuance of this article in any year if the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance to paragraph (11) of this article does not exceed by more than one the figure which is thrice the number of those elected members holding office on the date of the certificate who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of paragraph (7) of this article.
- (9) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no person shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member by reason only of reduction in the after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue in or take office as all elected member.
- (10) If so requested in writing by any fifteen members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor or in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.
- (11) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respect any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-chancellor on 30 April of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of the Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

#### *Congregation*

- 8. (1) Congregation shall consist of:
  - (i) Vice-Chancellor;
  - (ii) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
  - (iii) the full-time members of the academic staff;
  - (iv) the Registrar;
  - (v) the Librarian;
  - (vi) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree, other than honorary degree, of any University recognized for the purposes of this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) Subject to clause 4 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice Chancellors present at the meeting as Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one third or the whole number nearest to one third of the total number of members of Congregation of fifty, whichever is less.
- (4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:
  - (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purpose of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or
  - (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation during a

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

- (5) The procedure for election of members of Congregation to the Council and the Senate shall be prescribed by Regulations.
- (6) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.
- (7) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolutions or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions, in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

#### *Convocation*

9. (1) Convocation shall consist of:
  - (i) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to this Bill;
  - (ii) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill;
  - (iii) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph (2) of this article.
- (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of convocation if —
  - (a) he is either a graduate of a University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
  - (b) he applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pay the prescribed fees.
- (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and subject to paragraph (4) of this article may provide for the payment, from time to time, of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.
- (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of the Convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a) or (b) of this article are entered and retained on the register.
- (5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register or a copy of the register at the principal times of the University at all reasonable times.
- (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is not, a member of Convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.
- (7) The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third or the whole number nearest

to one third or the whole number of members of Convocation whichever is less.

- (8) Subject to clause 4 of the Act, the Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

*Organization of Faculties and Branches thereof*

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

*Division of Colleges*

- 11. Each College shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.

*College Boards*

- 12. (1) There shall be established in respect of each College, a Board of Studies which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:
  - (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the college;

- (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and
  - (c) advise the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate.
- (2) Each College Board of Studies shall consist of:
  - (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (b) the Dean;
  - (c) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;
  - (d) the College Examination Officer;
  - (e) such of the teachers assigned to the college and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and
  - (f) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.
- (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one quarter, whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the board; and subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

*Deans of the Colleges*

- 13.
  - (1) The Board of each College shall, at a meeting in the last term of any academic year which the term of office of the Dean expires, nominate one of its members, being one of the Professors assigned to that teaching unit, for appointment by the Senate as Dean of the College.
  - (2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this Article shall act as Dean of the College and chairman of all meetings of the College Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the College.
  - (3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.
  - (4) The Dean of a College shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the College.
  - (5) It shall be the function of the Dean to present to Convocation for the conferment of degrees to persons who have qualified for the degrees of the University at examination held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that College.
  - (6) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several Colleges and that Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the University by the Senate.
  - (7) The Dean of a College may be removed from office for good cause by the College

Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor: Provided that at the next College Board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.

- (8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in clause 15(3) of the Act.

*Departmental Board of Studies*

14. (1) There shall be a Departmental Board of Studies whose membership shall be made of all academic staff of the Department.
- (2) It shall be headed by a Professor who shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor and in the absence of a Professor, a senior academic staff shall be appointed in acting capacity.
- (3) For a Professor the term is for 3 years while 1 year is for acting capacity.
- (4) The Board shall superintend over all teachings and examinations in the Department.
- (5) The Board shall handle all disciplinary matters in the Department and make recommendations to the College where necessary.
- (6) Allocation of courses in the department shall be done by the Departmental Board on recommendation of the Head of Department.

*Tenure of Directors*

14. A Director shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment subject to the extant Regulations.

*Creation of Academic Posts*

16. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

*Appointment of Academic Staff*

17. (1) Subject to the Bill and Statutes, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the Council through the Departments and Colleges.
- (2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set up.
- (3) For appointment to Professorships, Associate Professorship or Readerships or equivalent posts, a Board of Selection, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor — Chairman;
  - (b) Deputy Vice-Chancellor — Member;
  - (c) the Dean of the College — Member;
  - (d) Head of Department — Member;

- (e) such other person(s), not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping the Board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint; and
  - (f) Registrar — Secretary.
- (4) For other academic posts, a Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
  - (a) the Vice-Chancellor or his representative — Chairman;
  - (b) the Dean of the College — Member;
  - (c) Head of the Department concerned — Member;
  - (d) an internal member of Council (not below the Rank of Senior Lecturer from the sister college in the Candidate's subject-area) — Member;
  - (e) Registrar or his representative — Secretary.
- (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such posts other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the Selection Board.
- (6) Boards of Selection may interview candidates directly or consider the reports of specialist interviewing panels and shall in addition, in the case of Professorships, Associate Professorship, Readerships or equivalent Posts, consider the reports of External Assessors relevant to the area in which the appointment is being considered. Quorum shall be three (3) including the Chairman.

*Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff*

18. (1) The administrative and professional staff of the University other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with delegation of powers made by the Council on its behalf.
- (2) A Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
- (i) Vice Chancellor;
  - (ii) Deputy Vice Chancellor;
  - (iii) Registrar;
  - (iv) Bursar;
  - (v) University Librarian;
  - (vi) the Head of Department concerned; and
  - (vii) Establishment and Human Resources Officer who shall serve as Secretary. Quorum shall be three (3) including the Chairman.

*Interpretation*

19. In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kano, Kano State Bill and any word or expression defined in the Bill has the

same meaning in this Statute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to upgrade the Federal Polytechnic, Kobo to Federal University of Science and Technology, Kobo, Kano State and to provide for a legal framework that would allow for academic and professional programmes leading to the award of first degrees, post-graduate degrees and diplomas in diverse courses of interest to its core objective with special emphasis on environmental sciences, research, technical and training of focused, qualified, efficient and dedicated corps of scientists and technologists in Nigeria to compete favourably with the rest of the world and meet the learning and research needs of prospective students of the host communities and researchers in Nigeria and the world over (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kobo, Kano State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (SB. 691) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kobo, Kano State to make Provision for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 691) and approved Clauses 1 - 2 as amended, approved Clauses 3 - 5, approved Clause 6 as amended, approved Clauses 7 - 17, approved Clause 18 as amended, approved Clauses 19 - 31, the schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iv) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 396) (Committee of the Whole):***

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 396)”* (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL  
UNIVERSITY, OKIGWE, IMO STATE, MAKE COMPREHENSIVE



PROVISIONS FOR ITS DUE MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION;  
AND RELATED MATTERS (SB.396)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND  
FUNCTIONS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, OKIGWE, IMO STATE

**Clause 1: Establishment and Objects of the Federal University, Okigwe.**

- (1) There is established the Federal University Okigwe (in this Bill referred to as "the University").
- (2) The University:
  - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and
  - (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

The objects of the University shall be to:

- (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the opportunity of acquiring tertiary education;
- (b) develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, post-graduate research and higher degrees with emphasis on research, entrepreneurship, planning, adaptive, technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in the engineering, scientific, and allied professional disciplines with the aim of producing socially mature men and women with capability not only to understand, use and adapt existing technologies in education but also to improve on them and develop new ones;
- (c) act as agents and catalysts through post-graduate training, research and innovation for the effective and economic utilization, exploitation and conservation of the country's resources;
- (d) offer to the general population, the results of training and research and to foster the practical applications of these results;
- (e) establish appropriate relationships with other national institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies in the Agriculture, Health Sciences, Social Sciences and Arts and Related sectors;
- (f) identify the problems and needs of Nigeria and find solutions to them within the context of overall national development;
- (g) provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a foundation for the development in Nigeria, taking into account indigenous cultures and the need to enhance national unity;
- (h) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in restricted fields of learning and human endeavor;

- (i) relate its activities to the technological, social, cultural and economic needs of the people of Nigeria; and
- (j) undertake any other activities appropriate for a university of the highest standard (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 3: Constitution of the University and its constituent bodies, etc.**

- (1) The University shall consist of:
  - (a) a Chancellor;
  - (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;
  - (c) a Vice Chancellor and a Senate;
  - (d) a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (e) a body to be called Congregation;
  - (f) a body to be called Convocation;
  - (g) the Campuses and Colleges of the University;
  - (h) the Faculties, Schools, Institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;
  - (i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection;
  - (j) all graduates and undergraduates; and
  - (k) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance with provisions made by Statute in that behalf.
- (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Principal Officers of the University mentioned therein.
- (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution of the following bodies, namely:
  - (a) the Council;
  - (b) the Senate;
  - (c) the Congregation; and
  - (d) the Convocation (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

- (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in Section 2 of this Bill, the

University shall have power to:

- (a) establish such Campuses, Colleges, Faculties, Institutes, Schools, Extra-mural Departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;
- (b) institute professorships, lecturerships and other positions and offices and to make appointments thereto;
- (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;
- (d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of the University;
- (e) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down;
- (f) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;
- (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purpose of instruction such fees as the University may from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of the appropriate authority;
- (h) subject to section 23 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate;
- (i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching thereto;
- (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;
- (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;
- (l) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and book selling;
- (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by Statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by law of endorsement, whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time being un-invested with any bank on

deposit or current account;

- (n) borrow, whether on interest or not, and if need be, upon the security of any or all of the property movable or immovable of the University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;
  - (o) make and receive gifts for any charitable purpose;
  - (p) do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by any other Statute to do; and
  - (q) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the Statutes made thereunder and without prejudice to Section 9 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which may be authorized by this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 5      Functions of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.**

- (1) The Chancellor shall in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present shall preside at all meetings of convocation held for conferring degrees.
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor, and except for the Vice Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Congregation or Convocation, and the Pro-Chancellor shall when he is present, be the Chairman at all meetings of the Council (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 6:      Establishment and Composition of Council.**

- (1) There shall be a Council for the University consisting of:
  - (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for Education;
  - (e) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation;
  - (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
  - (g) two persons appointed by the congregation from among its

members; and

(h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members.

- (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the Governing Body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University, including its public relations.

- (2) There shall be a Committee of the Council to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
- (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the Constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- (4) The Council shall ensure proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation, and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council, and where any rule so made by the Committee conflict with any directions given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail.
- (7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by extant government circulars.
- (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least four times every year.
- (9) If required in writing by any five members of the Council the Chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council:

Provided that if after 28 days of the receipt or delivering to him of such request, the chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar shall within 14 days thereof cause a meeting of the Council to be convened for that purpose. The request shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting  
(*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

- (1) Subject to section 5 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of this section and to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the University, admission to Postgraduate courses and other admission of students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the University.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, it shall in particular be the function of the Senate to make provision for the:
  - (a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges, faculties, departments, schools, institutes and other teaching and

- research units of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;
- (b) organization and control of courses of study in the University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;
  - (c) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the University;
  - (d) making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus;
  - (e) establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and similar institutions in the University;
  - (f) supervision of the welfare of students in the University and the regulation of the conduct;
  - (g) granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and
  - (h) determination of what description of dress shall be academic dress for the purpose of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.
- (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, faculty, department school, institute or other teaching and research units of the University, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.
- (4) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Senate shall —
- (a) may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the provisions of this section or for the purpose of providing for any matter for which provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Bill or by Statute;
  - (b) by regulation, provide that at least one of the persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study in the University is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course relates in some other university of high repute.
- (5) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred on him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of any dishonorable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 9: Functions of the Vice Chancellor.**

- (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence

before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and, subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.

- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall have general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University, and shall to the exclusion of any other person or authority be the Chief Executive and Academic Officer of the University and Ex-officio Chairman of the Senate (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

PART II — FUNDS, TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, ETC.  
AND STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

**Clause 10: General fund of the University.**

- (1) There shall be a general fund of the University which shall consist of the following:
- (a) grants-in-aid;
  - (b) fees;
  - (c) income derived from investments;
  - (d) gifts, legacies, endowments and donations not accepted for a particular purpose;
  - (e) income derived from the exercise of any functions conferred or imposed on the University by this Bill;
  - (f) any other amounts, charges or dues recoverable by the University;
  - (g) revenue, from time to time, accruing to the University by way of subvention;
  - (h) interests on investments;
  - (i) donations and legacies accruing to the University from any source for the general or special purposes of the University; and
- (2) The general fund shall be applied for the purposes of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 11: Transfer of property to the University.**

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.
- (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the transfer of property by this section and to matters arising there from and with respect to other matters mentioned in that Schedule (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).



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

**Clause 12: Power of the University to make statutes.**

- (1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make Statutes for any of the following purposes:
  - (a) making provision with respect to the composition and Constitution of any authority of the University;
  - (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the University or any of its authorities;
  - (c) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the University, and their discipline and welfare;
  - (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non- academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any Statute, regulation or other instrument made there-under; and
  - (e) making provision for other matters for which provision by Statute is authorized or required by this Bill.
- (2) Subject to section 25 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 27 (1) of that Act.
- (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this section by the University.
- (4) The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent Statute (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 13: Mode of exercising the power to make Statutes.**

- (1) The power of the University to make Statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has been approved at a meeting of the:
  - (a) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting; and
  - (b) Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting.
- (3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by both bodies in no particular order.

- (4) A Statute which makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor.
- (5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a Statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the Council and the Senate in accordance with subsection (3) of this section or in the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the President (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 14: Proof of Statutes.**

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

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

**Clause 15: Power to decide the meaning of statute.**

- (1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he deems fit.
- (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of that University and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any other authority in Nigeria:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution.

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

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

**Clause 16: The Visitor.**

- (1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

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

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

**Clause 17: Removal of certain members of the Council.**

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

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

**Clause 18: Removal and Discipline of Academic, Administrative, and Professional Staff.**

- (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice Chancellor, should be removed from office or on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office Council shall:
  - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
  - (b) afford such person an opportunity of making representation in person on the matter to the Council; and
  - (c) take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the appointment.
- (2) If the affected staff or any three members of the Council so request within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the notice of the Council's decision, the Council shall make arrangements for:
  - (a) a Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate to review the matter and to report on it to the Council;

- (b) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear before and be heard by an investigating Committee with respect to the matter; and
  - (c) if the Council after considering the report of the investigating Committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of gross misconduct by a member of staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall immediately be reported to the Council.
- (4) Any member of staff may be suspended from duty or his appointment may be terminated by Council for a good cause and for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means:
  - (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to 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 Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office;
  - (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office; or
  - (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
- (5) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to whether to:
  - (a) continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
  - (b) reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension;
  - (c) terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which case such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
  - (d) take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine.
- (6) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the person,

the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning such a person.

- (7) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) above to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (8) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of staff and workers of the University as may be appropriate (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 19: Removal of Examiners.**

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

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

**Clause 20: Procedure for Staff Discipline.**

- (1) The Vice Chancellor shall constitute an Investigation Panel to determine whether or not a prima facie case has been established against any member of staff.
- (2) The Investigation Panel shall consist of such members of the Senate as he may determine and include the President or the Chairman of the union to which the staff being investigated belongs.
- (3) The report and recommendation of the Investigation Panel shall be forwarded to the Council for consideration (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 21: Discipline of Students.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where after due process it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student is guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the:

- (a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the University or make use of such facilities of the University as may be so specified;
  - (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
  - (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction;
  - (d) student be expelled from the University.
- (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) paragraphs (a) to (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal against the direction to the Senate.
  - (3) Where an appeal is brought pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Senate thinks fit.
  - (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
  - (5) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary Board consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate.
  - (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University for conduct which in the opinion of Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the University or to its corporate objective or image.
  - (7) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

#### PART IV — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### **Clause 22: Exclusion or discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.**

- (1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place of birth, family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition for becoming or continuing to be a student in the University; holder of any degree, appointment or employment in the University; or member of any body established by virtue of this Bill.
- (2) No person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University by reference to any of the matters referred to in subsection (1) of this section (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 23: Transfer of land to the University.**

- (1) For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) any purpose of the University shall be the same as that of the Federation.
- (2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Government pursuant to this section, the Government may, by a certificate under the hand and seal of the person so authorized or any other person authorized in that behalf transfer it to the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 24: Restriction on disposal of land by University.**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the University by this Bill) except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the Visitor:

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

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

**Clause 25: Quorum and procedure of bodies.**

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

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

**Clause 26: Appointment of Committee, etc.**

- (1) Any body of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body and authorize a Committee established by it to:
  - (a) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine; and
  - (b) co-opt members and direct whether or not co-opted members shall be entitled to vote in that Committee.
- (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of Committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them and either dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.
- (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or Regulations, the quorum and procedure of a Committee established or meeting held pursuant to this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the Committee or hold the meeting.
- (4) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of every Committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the

Council, (other than a Committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the officer in question) and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every Committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

- (5) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be construed as enabling:
- (a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 12 of this Bill; or
  - (b) the Senate to empower any other body to make Regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 27: Retiring Age of Academic Staff.**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Reform Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of a University shall be seventy (70) years. And other academic staff is (65) years.
- (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for thirty-five (35) years or sixty-five years whichever comes first shall not apply to an academic staff of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 28: Special Provisions relating to Pension of Professors.**

- (1) A person who retires as a professor having served:
  - (a) as an academic staff who retires as a professor in a recognized university shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that the professor has served continuously in a recognized university up to retirement age;
  - (b) Notwithstanding subsection (1) where the professor has not served up to retirement age, he shall be entitled to the rate of pension mentioned under subsection (1) provided that he has served a minimum of 20 years as a professor in a recognized university ;
  - (c) where an academic joins Nigerian University as a professor, such a professor shall have served continuously for at least 20 years in a recognized university (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 29: Miscellaneous Administrative provisions.**

- (1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor and the affixing of the seal shall:
  - (a) in the case of certificates issued by the University, be authenticated by the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar; and
  - (b) in the case of any other document, be authenticated by any member



of Council, the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar or any other person authorized by Statute.

- (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorized to do so by the Council without seal.
- (4) The validity of the proceedings of any body established pursuant to this Bill shall not be affected by.
- (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.
- (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to Statutes or Regulations made pursuant to this Bill.
- (7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make Statute or Regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any:
  - (a) Statute (including the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill; or
  - (b) regulation by a subsequent Statute or Regulation as the case may be:

Provided that the Statutes and Regulations may have different provisions in relation to different circumstances.

- (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of sections 11, and the Second Schedule to this Bill.
- (9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 30: Interpretation.**

- (1) In this Bill:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behavior that may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or Regulation made, pursuant to this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"officer" does not include the Visitor (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

"professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by Statute or by Regulations (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"the provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the University by the President at the takeoff of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"the Statutes" means all such Statutes as are in force from time to time (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"teacher" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

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

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

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

"undergraduate" means a person in statu pupillari the University, other than:

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

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

"the University" the Federal University Okigwe incorporated and constituted by this Bill; and (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

"the Bill" means the Federal University Okigwe Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

- (2) Where in any provision of this Bill, it is laid down that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or recommendations received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Clause 31: Citation.**

This Bill is cited as the Federal University, Okigwe (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### Section 3 (2)

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

##### *The Chancellor*

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

*Pro Chancellor*

2. (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office by the President.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of his appointment.

*The Vice-Chancellor*

3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Vice Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the University (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1993 as amended.

*Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

4. (1) There shall be for the University, two Deputy Vice-Chancellors or such number of Deputy Vice Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.
- (2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Deputy Vice Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1993 as amended.
- (3) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:
  - (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;
  - (b) act in place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and
  - (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

*Office of the Registrar, Bursar and University Librarian*

5. (1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with paragraph 6 (2) below.
  - (2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall by virtue of that office be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.
  - (3) The Registrar shall hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
6. (1) There shall be for the University, the following Principal Officers in addition to the Registrar, that is:
    - (a) the Bursar; and
    - (b) the University Librarian.
  - (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.

- (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the coordination of all library services in the University and its Campuses, Colleges, Faculties, Schools, Departments and Institutes and other Teaching or Research Units.
- (4) The Bursar and the University Librarian shall each hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in their letter of appointment.

*Other Officers of the University*

7. There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Works Department. He shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of University facilities.
8. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Health Centre. He shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

*Resignation and Re-appointment*

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

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 11 (2)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY; FUNCTIONS, ETC.

*Transfer of Property to the University*

1. Without prejudice to the generality of Section 11 (1) of this Bill:
  - (a) the reference in the subsection to property held by the provisional Council and the University shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the provisional Council and the University; and
  - (b) all outstanding debts and liabilities of the provisional Council shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Bill.
2. (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the provisional

Council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University established by this Bill had been a party to it in place of the provisional Council.

- (2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (1) above, including enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the provisional Council shall be construed in accordance with that subparagraph so far as applicable.
- (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the University established by this Bill.

#### *Registration of Transfers*

3.
  - (1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees of any other matter) apply, with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property in question.
  - (2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.
4.
  - (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
  - (2) The persons who were members of the provisional Council shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill must have been duly constituted.
  - (3) The first meetings of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
  - (4) The persons who were members of the Senate immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule of this Bill must have been duly constituted.
  - (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Bill is made, the faculties, faculty boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on that day become faculties, faculty boards and students of the University as established by this Bill.
  - (6) Persons who were Deans or Associate Deans of Faculties or Members of Faculty Boards shall continue to be Deans or Associate Deans or become Members of the corresponding Faculty Boards, until new appointment are made in pursuance of the Statutes under this Bill.
5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as established or was otherwise employed by the Provisional Council shall be employed at the University on such designation, status and functions which correspond as nearly as possible to those which pertained to him as a member of that staff or as such an employee.
6. Questions as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice- Chancellor (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 12 (3)

**FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OKIGWE STATUTE NO. 1**

*Articles:*

1. The Council
2. Finance and General Purpose Committee
3. The Senate
4. The Congregation
5. Convocation
6. Organization of Faculties and the Branches thereof
7. Faculty Board
8. The Dean of the Faculty
9. Selection of Certain Principal and other key officers
10. Creation of Academic Post
11. Appointment of Academic Staff
12. Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff

*The Council*

1. (1) Any member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council resign his office.
- (2) A member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of a period of four years starting from 1st August in the year in which he was appointed.
- (3) Where a member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of his tenure, the body that appointed him may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of his unexpired term.
- (4) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of Council otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for reappointment for only one further period of four years.
- (5) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member pursuant to Section 6 (d) and (e) of this Bill.
- (6) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, the members present at the meeting may appoint one of them to be the Chairman at that meeting, and subject to section 5 of this Bill and the provisions of this paragraph the Council may regulate its own procedure.
- (7) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.
- (8) The Council constituted by this Bill shall have a four year tenure from the date of its inauguration provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the visitor and a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University.



- (9) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance with the laws and Statutes of the University, and to that extent, establishment circulars that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the University shall not apply to the University.

*The Finance and General Purpose Committee*

2. (1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee of the Council shall consist of:
- (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the committee at any meeting at which he is present;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and
  - (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him.
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.
- (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the committee may regulate its own procedure.

*The Senate*

3. (1) There shall be a Senate for the University consisting of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) all Professors of the University;
  - (d) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic units of the University;
  - (e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research Institutes of the University;
  - (f) the University Librarian; and
  - (g) academic members of the congregation who are not Professors as specified in the Laws of the University.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present and in his absence, one of the Deputy Vice Chancellors appointed by him shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter (or the nearest whole number less than one quarter), and subject to paragraph (2) above the Senate may regulate its own procedure.
- (4) If so requested in writing by any ten members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor,

or in his absence a person duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

*Congregation*

4. (1) Congregation shall consist of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - (b) the full time Members of the Academic Staff;
  - (c) the Registrar;
  - (d) the Bursar; and
  - (e) every Member of the Administrative and Technical Staff who holds a degree of any University recognized for the purpose of this Statute by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree.
- (2) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of congregation when he is present, and in his absence one of the Deputy Vice Chancellors appointed by him shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of congregation shall be one-third (or the nearest whole number to one-third) of the total number of Members of congregation or fifty, whichever is less.
- (4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:
- (a) the total number of Members of Congregation for the purposes of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or
  - (b) the names of the persons who are Members of Congregation during a particular period-
- shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the case may be of the names of those persons.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of this schedule, congregation may regulate its own procedure.
- (6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of electing a Member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or Regulations.

*Convocation*

5. (1) Convocation shall consist of:
- (a) the Officers of the University mentioned in Schedule 1 to this Bill;
  - (b) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill; and
  - (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph (2) below.

- (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a Member of convocation if he:
  - (a) is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
  - (b) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pays the prescribed fee.
- (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (3) below, may provide for the payment from time to time of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.
- (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being Members of convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a) or (b) of this paragraph are entered and retained on the register.
- (5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register, or a copy of the register at the principal offices of the University at all reasonable times.
- (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named therein is not, a Member of convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a Member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.
- (7) The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third (or the whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of Members of convocation whichever is less.
- (8) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Chancellor shall be Chairman at all meetings of convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice Chancellor shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
- (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a Member of the Council, as may be provided by statute.

*Organisation of Faculties and Branches thereof*

6. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.
7. (1) There shall Be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:
  - (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the faculty;
  - (b) deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, by the Vice Chancellor or by the Senate; and
  - (c) advice the Vice-Chancellor or Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or Senate.

- (2) Each Faculty Board shall consists of:
  - (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (b) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty;
  - (c) such number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and
  - (d) such persons whether or not Members of the University as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate.
- (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight Members or one-quarter of the Members of the Board for the time being whichever is greater.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

*The Dean of the Faculty*

8. (1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the Faculty Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years. He will be eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he may not be elected again until two years have elapsed.
- (2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint an Acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer for the faculty, who will act for a period of one year in the first instance, renewable for another one year only.
- (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he shall be a Member of all committees and other Boards appointed by the Faculty.
- (4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty and it shall be the function of the Dean to present to the convocation for the conferment of Degrees, persons who have qualified for the Degrees of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that Faculty.
- (5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans which shall consist of all the Deans of the several Faculties and that committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the Committee by the Senate.
- (6) The Dean of a Faculty may be removed from office for a good cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of the Dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor provided that at the next Faculty Board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.
- (7) In this article, "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 17 (4) of this Bill.

*Selection of Certain Principal and other key Officers*

9. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar, the University Librarian, Director of Works or Director of Health Services, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of:

- (i) the Pro-Chancellor;
  - (ii) the Vice-chancellor;
  - (iii) two Members appointed by the Council, not being Members of Senate; and
  - (iv) two members appointed by the Senate not being Members of Council.
- (2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board the Council may make an appointment to that office.
- (3) A person appointed to the office of Director of Works or Director of Health Services shall hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

*Creation of Academic Post*

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

*Appointment of Academic Staff*

11. Subject to this Bill and the Statutes derived from it, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as prescribed from time to time by Statutes.

*Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff*

12. (1) The administrative and technical staff of the University, other than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this schedule shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that behalf.
- (2) In the case of administrative or technical staff that has close and important contact with the academic staff, there shall be Senate participation in the process of selection (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State, to make comprehensive provisions for its due Management and Administration (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State, Make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and Related Matters (SB.396) (*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 Establish Federal University, Okigwe, Imo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 396) and approved Clauses 1 - 31, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (v) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Police Force Training Institutions, to serve as High Level Centres for the Provision of Professional Training and for Related Matters (SB.470) (Committee of the Whole):***

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Police Force Training Institutions, to serve as High Level Centres for the Provision of Professional Training and for Related Matters (SB.470)” (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 PROVIDE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS OF THE  
NIGERIA POLICE FORCE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS THERETO

*Consideration deferred.*

*Chairman to report progress.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Police Force Training Institutions, to serve as High Level Centres for the Provision of Professional Training and for Related Matters (SB.470).

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

- (vi) ***Committee on Health Institutions:***

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment, Kano, Kano State to Provide Treatment and Research for Cardiovascular Cases and for Related Matters (HB. 868)” (Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency).*

***Agreed to.***

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE  
FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE RESEARCH AND TREATMENT,  
KANO STATE, TO PROVIDE TREATMENT AND RESEARCH FOR  
CARDIOVASCULAR CASES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND  
MANAGEMENT AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 1: Establishment of National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment.**

- (1) There is hereby established at Kano, an Institute by the name of the national Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute"), which shall be a body corporate with Perpetual succession and a common seal.
- (2) The Institute shall be a specialized Centre for the treatment of all cardiovascular cases, in addition to conducting research and training of personnels in Cardiac cases at all levels (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

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

- (1) The functions of the Institute shall be to provide as part of the hospital and specialist services, matters in connection with the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases, research and training of personnels in cardiovascular related cases;
- (2) Liaise and coordinate with any donor, experts or research project on facility, resources and materials in consultation with the Minister and State Commissioner concerned;
- (3) Publication of research activities and recommendations thereof;
- (4) Accreditation of cardiovascular centres established across States of the Federation and Publish reports/recommendations.

**Powers of the Institute.**

- (5) The Institute shall have power to:
  - (a) to provide diagnostic, curative, promotive and rehabilitative physiotherapy services;
  - (b) to provide ambulatory and domiciliary treatment for cardiac related cases, and employing the services of other medical practitioners;
  - (c) to provide facilities for the training of all cardiac related cases and dispensing medical personnel and technicians;

- (d) to create facilities for research into all aspects of cardiovascular cases, this includes visual, clinical and experimental researches;
  - (e) to develop new diagnostic and therapeutic instrument and appliances better suited for treatment and the management of cardiac related cases in Nigeria;
- (6) For the purpose of the discharge of its functions under the foregoing provisions of this section, the Institute may:
  - (a) arrange periodic conferences, seminars, study groups and like activities on the study of Cardiovascular and other related topics;
  - (b) advise the Government of the Federation or of a State on all matters relating to cardiovascular patients and rehabilitation;
  - (c) offer such assistance to cardiovascular units in hospitals or departments in various parts of the Federation, as the Board may deem necessary;
  - (d) do anything in connection with or incidental to the functions conferred on it by this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 3: Constituent Parts of the Institute.**

The Institute shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) a management board;
- (b) an education/training committee;
- (c) the clinical and other departments of the Institute;
- (d) all members of the administrative, clinical and technical staff; and
- (e) all students of the Institute (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 4: The Management Board.**

- (1) There is hereby established for the Institute a board to be known as National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") which shall have general responsibility for the governing of the Institute and shall consist of —
  - (a) the Chairman;
  - (b) the Director;
  - (c) four persons, broadly representative of the whole Federation and representing a variety of interest, who shall be appointed by the President; representation of six geopolitical zones in the board;



- (d) two persons appointed by the consultant staff of the institute from among their number; members should be knowledgeable in the cardiovascular field;
  - (e) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, or his representative;
  - (f) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, or his representative.
- (2) The chairman and other members who are not ex-officio shall be appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister;
- (3) The chairman shall be a person of proven integrity, coupled with experience and outstanding ability in administration and professional or technical education.
- (4) The Members specified in Paragraph (b), (d), (e) and (f) of subsection 91) of this section, are hereafter referred to as "*ex-officio* members".
- (5) The Supplementary provisions in the Schedule to this Bill, shall have effect with respect to the Constitution and proceedings of the Board and the education committee and other matters therein mentioned. There should be odd number in the board membership to break vote tie or quorum (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Subclause (1) (c), *leave out* the word "four", and *insert* the word "six" (*Hon. Ali Lawan Shettima — Busari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Committee's Recommendation:****Clause 5: Tenure of Office of the Chairman and Members of the Board.**

- (1) The chairman and any other member of the Board(not being an ex officio member), shall hold office for a period of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of four years —
  - (a) unless provided otherwise, members of the Board appointed under paragraph (d) of section 4 (1) of this section (4) of this Bill, shall hold office for more than two years and shall not be eligible for re-appointment;
  - (b) a member of the Board, other than an *ex-officio* member, shall be paid out of monies at the disposal of the Board such remuneration and allowances in accordance with scales approved from time to time by the president;
- (2) In the event of the death or incapacity of the Chairman of the Board, or if any reason other than effluxion of time, the office of the Chairman becomes vacant, the president shall, on the recommendation of the Minister, appoint another person as Chairman for the residue of the term of the Chairman of the Board.

- (3) The Office of a Member of the Board shall become vacant if —
- (a) he previously resigns his office by notice in writing given to the Minister;
  - (b) the period of his appointment has expired; or
  - (c) there is passed by the Board, a resolution declaring —
    - (i) that he has become unfit for membership of the Board, by reason of the fact that he has become incapable by reason of mental or bodily infirmity of discharging his duties, or
    - (ii) that he has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without leave of the Board; or absent from three consecutive meetings with sufficient notice duly served,
    - (iii) he has been convicted of an offence which involved moral turpitude.
- (4) Soon after the office of a member becomes vacant, the authority by which he was appointed shall appoint another person in his place in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.
- (5) Any member of the Board other than an *ex-officio* member may, by notice to the Board, resign his appointment (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 6: General Duty of the Board.**

- (1) The Board shall be the governing body of the Institute and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the centre, including its public relations.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it shall be the duty of the Board —
  - (a) to construct, equip, maintain and operate the hospital and to provide comprehensive services teaching and clinical research in the treatment of all cardiovascular related matters;
  - (b) to equip, maintain and operate such training schools and other similar institutions as the Board considers necessary for providing the institutions at all times with adequate and sufficiently qualified staff, including cardiologists, surgeons, nurses and members of other allied professionals and calling relevant to the treatment of cardiac cases;
  - (c) to construct, equip, maintain and operate such clinics, units, outpatient departments, laboratories, research or experimental stations and other like institutions, as the Board may consider necessary for the efficient functioning of the institutions.
- (3) The duty of running the institutions imposed by the forgoing subsection shall

include, without prejudice to the extent of that duty apart from this subsection, the duty of providing proper courses of instructions for students, but the Board shall not have power to award degrees, so however that the board shall not be prevented from arranging for students to attend courses at or take higher qualifications awarded by other institutions not controlled by the Board. This subsection should provide eligibility criteria for enrolling in course(s) of instructions for student and certification of attendance thereof.

- (4) The Board shall ensure that the standard of treatment and care for patients provided at all establishments, do not fall below these usually provided by similar establishments of internationally high repute.
- (5) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power to do anything with its opinion, is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 7: Responsibilities of the Board.**

The Board shall be responsible for laying down general policies and guideline relating to the management of the affairs of the institution, including the management of the hospital and provision of facilities relating to the training of all categories of personnel and it shall be the duty of the Director to execute such policies and to keep within such guidelines staff (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 8: The Director-General.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Director General shall be appointed or removed from his office by the President.
- (2) The Director General shall hold office for four years in the first instance and shall be eligible for reappointment for a term not exceeding four years, on each occasion.
- (3) Subject to this section, the Director General shall hold office on such terms and emoluments and as otherwise may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (4) The Director General shall, in relation to the Board, take precedence before all other members of the Institute, except the Chairman of the Board and any person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Board.
- (5) Subject to this section the Director General shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute and in addition to any other function conferred on him by this Bill have the general function of direction the day to day activities of the Centre (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Subclause (1), immediately after the word “from”, *leave out* the word “his” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

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

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

PART II — APPOINTMENT OF STAFF AND THE  
POWER OF THE MINISTER TO GIVE DIRECTIONS

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 9: Appointment of staff.**

- (1) The senior members of the clinical, administrative and technical staff of the institute shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendations of a committee, to be known as the Appointment and Promoting Committee, set up under the provisions of paragraph 4 (3) of the Schedule of this Bill.
- (2) The Board shall from among the officers appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section select, on the recommendation of the Director General, a person to act as the Secretary to the Board and to the education committee.
- (3) The power to appoint all other categories of staff to hold or act in offices in the institute (including power to make appointments on promotion and transfer and to confirm, dismiss or exercise other disciplinary control over person holding or acting in such offices) shall be exercised by the Chief Medical Director acting on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee constituted under paragraph 4 (4) of the Schedule of the Act (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 10: Composition of the Education Committee.**

The Education Committee shall consist of —

- (a) the Director General who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) the Heads of Departments of the Institute, responsible for training; and
- (c) the persons for the time being holding such offices in the institute, as the Director may specify (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 11: Functions of the Education Training Committee.**

The Education/Training Committee shall have responsibility for the running of the academic affairs of the institute including —

- (a) the organization and control of courses of study at the institute and of the examinations held in connection with those courses;
- (b) determine the requisite qualifications for admission into any of the courses offered by the institute;
- (c) determine the duration of the training period; and

- (d) effecting the affiliation of the institute with universities and institutions for the conferment of awards or fellowship to students, on the successful completion of the relevant courses (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 12: Candidacy for Admission.**

Where a candidate offers himself for admission as a post graduate medical student under his Act, he shall satisfy the board that he is a registered medical practitioner or that he is on the temporary or provisional register of medical practitioner of the Nigeria Medical Council of Nigeria (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 13: Power of the Minister to give directions.**

The Minister may give to the Board directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual person or case), with regard to exercise by the Board of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be given which is inconsistent with the duties of the Board under this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**PART III — FINANCE AND PROPERTY**

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 14: Financial provisions.**

- (1) The Board shall establish a fund which it shall pay —
- (a) such sums as may be provided, from time to time by the Government of the Federation or of a State for the institute; and
  - (b) all sums accruing to the institute by way of fees gifts, testamentary disposition, contributions from philanthropic persons or organization or otherwise however.
- (2) Except with the approval of the Minister, the institute shall not have power to borrow money.
- (3) The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister, not later than 31st December in each financial year, an estimate of the income and expenditure during the next succeeding financial year.
- (4) The Institute shall keep proper account in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited after the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate by —
- (a) the account shall be audited by a firm of auditors appointed by the Board from the list in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 15: Fees for services.**

The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, prescribe the scale of fees chargeable for hospital services provided by the institutions (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 16: Power to accept gifts.**

- (1) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.
- (2) The Board shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Board under this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 17: Discipline of Students.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this sections, where it appears to the Director-General that any student of the institution has been guilty of misconduct, he may, without prejudice to ay other disciplinary powers conferred on him by regulations 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 its facilities as may be so specified; or
  - (b) that the activities of the student during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
  - (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
  - (d) that the student be expelled from the institute.
- (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner appeal from the directive of the Board, and where such an appeal is brought, the Board shall after causing inquiry to be made in the matter as the Board considers appropriate, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Board thinks fit.
- (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of the last foregoing subsection, which not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (4) The Director General may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the institute

- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the institute otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (6) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of any enactment relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists nurses or members of any other profession or calling.

Under this section, there is a need to make provision for fair hearing with sufficient notice for eering student(s) like it is contained in section18 (1) (a) give notice of those reasons for disciplinary actions to the person in the question (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out* all the words in Subclause (2), and *insert* as follows:

“Where a directive is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner appeal against the directive of the Director-General to the Board and where such an appeal is brought, the Board shall after causing the inquiry to be made in the matter as the Board considers appropriate, either confirm or set aside the directive or modify it in such manner as the Board thinks fit” (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 18: Removal and Discipline of Clinical Administrative and Technical Staff.**

- (1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the clinical administrative for technical staff of the institute, other than the Director-General should be removed from his office or employment the Board shall require the Director General to —
  - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
  - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter of the Board; and
  - (c) if the person in question so requests within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangement —
    - (i) for a committee to investigate the matter and to report on it to the Board, and
    - (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and bring heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter and if the Board after considering the report of the investigation 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 General may, in case of misconduct by a member of staff, which in the opinion of the Director General is prejudiced to the interest of the institute suspend any such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board;
- (3) For good cause any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Board; and for the purpose of this section;  
"Good cause" means —
  - (a) a conviction for 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, or
  - (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; or
  - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
  - (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 his service.
- (4) Any persons suspended shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3) of the 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 that person and come to a decision as to ;
  - (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so, on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him); or
  - (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the board shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension; or
  - (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case such person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
  - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of 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) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section, to use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.



- (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Board from making regulations for the discipline of students and all other categories of employees of the institute, as the Board may prescribe.
- (7) Regulations made under subsection (6) of this section need not be published in the federal Gazette, but the Board shall bring them to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 19: Discipline of the Junior Staff.**

- (1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Director General may suspend him for not more than three months and forthwith shall direct the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotion Committee appointed under the provisions of paragraph 3 (b) of the Schedule to this Bill —
  - (a) to consider the case; and
  - (b) to make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Director General
- (2) In all cases under this section the officer shall be informed of the charge against him and shall be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself.
- (3) The Director General may after considering the recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss terminate retire or down-grade the officer concerned.
- (4) Any person aggrieved by the Director-General's decision under subsection (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Board to reconsider his case, and the Board's decision thereon shall be final (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**PART IV — MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY**

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 20: Establishment of Discrimination on Account of Religion, Race, etc.**

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 family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition to becoming or continuing to be a student at the institute, the holder of any appointment or employment at the institute or 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:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the institute from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the aforementioned persons,

where such person willfully refuses or fails, on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the institute reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 21: Annual Reports.**

The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, through the Minister not later than 30 June in each year, a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the activities of the Board during the immediately preceding year and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the institute for that year and of the auditor's report thereon (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 22: Interpretation.**

In this Bill, the context otherwise require —

"The Board" means the governing board for the institute, appointed under section (4) of this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

"The Institute" means the National Burns and Rehabilitation Institute established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

"Function" includes power and duties (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

"The Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Health (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

"Student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board, for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 23: Citation.**

This Bill may be cited as the National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease, Research and Treatment Bill. 2025 (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**SCHEDULE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO  
THE BOARD, THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, ETC.**

***Proceedings of the Board***

1. Subject to the provisions of this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the decision of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of the members of the body and for the person presiding to have a second or casting vote), the Board may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Board or any committee thereof.
2. The quorum of the Board shall be five, which shall include the Chairman and at least one other member who is not an ex-officio member, and the quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.
3.
  - (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Board, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman; and of the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen days of the date of the receipt by him of the notice.
  - (2) At any meeting of the Board the Chairman of the Board shall preside and if the Chairman is absent, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.
  - (3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter the Board may co-opt him as member for such period as it thinks fit: a person who is member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote and shall not count towards a quorum.
  - (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Board shall be summoned by the Minister, who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at that meeting, Committees of the Board and Education Committee.
4.
  - (1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Board such functions as the Board may determine but a decision of a committee shall be of no effect until it confirmed by the Board.
  - (2) The Education/Training committee may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the education committee such of its functions as the education committee may determiner but a decision of a committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Education/Training committee.
  - (3) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of his Schedule the Board shall appoint the following committee, that is —

- (a) the Appointments and Promotions Committee, which shall —
  - (i) consist of not less than five members, including the Director General, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
  - (ii) be charged with the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment and promotion of the clinical, administrative and technical staff of the Institute and have a quorum of three members;
- (b) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall have the powers set out in section 19 of the Act.

5. Employees of the Institute:

- (a) to pay the employees of the Institute such remuneration and allowances as the Board may with the approval of the Minister determine;
- (b) to pay any person appointed to a committee of the Board such remuneration (whether by way of fees or otherwise), in respect of the performance of his functions under this Bill and such travelling and subsistence allowances while on the business of the Board as the may determine;
- (c) to establish for the employees of the Institute such superannuation scheme (whether contributory or not), as the Board may determine; and
- (d) to give loans to its employees for purpose approved by the Board.

*Miscellaneous*

- 6.
  - (1) The Fixing of the seal of the board shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or of some other member, authorized generally or specially by the Board for that purpose.
  - (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Institution by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Board or committee of the Board.
  - (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
- 7. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or a committee thereof, shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or of any other person on the committee.
- 8. Any member, and any person holding office on a committee of the Board who has personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Board and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.
- 9. Need to provide a quorum in the Board meeting and majority vote in case of voting

*Education/Training Committee*

10. The Provisions of this Schedule shall apply mutatis mutandis to the education/training; so however that in relation to the quorum thereof, it shall be as may be determined by the education/training committee (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to establish the National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease, Research and Treatment, Kano State, to provide treatment and research for cardiovascular cases (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment, Kano State, to Provide Treatment and Research for Cardiovascular Cases and for Related Matters (HB. 868) (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara 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 Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment, Kano, Kano State to Provide Treatment and Research for Cardiovascular Cases and for Related Matters (HB. 868) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, approved Clause 4 as amended, approved Clauses 5 - 7, approved Clause 8 as amended, approved Clauses 9 - 16, approved Clause 17 as amended, approved Clauses 18 - 22, 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.*

**54. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 27 March, 2025 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.23 p.m.*

**Benjamin Okezie Kalu**  
*Deputy Speaker*