



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7 May, 2025

1. The House met at 11.01 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House sang the National Anthem and recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**  
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 6 May, 2025.

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

4. **Announcement**
  - (i) **Nigeria Police Trust Fund 2024 Budget Proposal**  
Mr Speaker read a communication from the Ministry of Police Affairs on the 2024 Police Trust Fund Budget proposal and referred the matter to the Committee on Police Affairs.

*Matter referred to the Committee on Police Affairs.*

(ii) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker announced the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of Covenant Foundation School, Gudu District, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Peculiarvine Montessori Academy, Kubwa, Abuja.

(iii) **Appointment of Committee Chairmen:**

Mr Speaker announced the following Committee Chairmen:

- (1) Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori — *Chairman, Committee on Public Petitions.*
- (2) Hon. Billy Famous Osawaru — *Chairman, Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa.*

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

(i) ***Need to End Banditry, Kidnapping and Wanton Killing in Kemaji, Tenebo, Baabete, Nuku, Nanu in Kaiama, Yashikira District, Okuta, Ilesha Baruba and Other Villages in Baruten Local Government Areas, Kwara State:***

Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio (*Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency, and One other*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

***Need to End Banditry, Kidnapping and Wanton Killing in Kemaji, Tenebo, Baabete, Nuku, Nanu in Kaiama, Yashikira District, Okuta, Ilesha Baruba and Other Villages in Baruten Local Government Areas, Kwara State:***

The House:

*Notes* that Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency contains two strategic Local Government Areas in Kwara North of Kwara State;

*Also notes* that in the history of the two Local Government Areas, there has been no significant insecurity challenges and the people in the Local Governments have been living their normal lives in peace and harmony;

*Observes* that in recent times, certain groups of people armed with dangerous and sophisticated weapons have converged in the forests within the constituency disrupting people from farming, establishing their own government, collecting revenues from people, killing people at will and destroying properties within the communities in Niger State;

*Cognizant* that the climax of their recent havoc was their entry into Ilesha Baruba on Sunday, 20 April, 2025, around 9.00 p.m., shooting sporadically without justification, leaving eight people dead and several others injured;

*Concerned* that these rebels according to reports have not only been killing people, but have also taken over some villages in Kaiama and Baruten Local Governments such as; Durumi, Karonji, Gbete, Nanu, etc.;

*Disturbed* that these dissidents have also been releasing audio messages with threats to cause more havoc which is creating panic and forcing people to move out of their ancestral homes to seek refuge in places like Gure, Yashikira, Kaiama and other places outside Kwara State;

*Worried* that if the acts of these rebels are not curtailed, more havoc will be wrecked leading to several loss of lives and continuation of insecurity in the constituency and its environs;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Nigerian Army to redouble their efforts to stop the dissidents from more killings and destructions;
- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government as a matter of urgency to establish a

military battalion in Kaiama Local Government Area of Kwara State;

- (iii) further urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to those affected by the havocs of the dissidents;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Army, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio — Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency contains two strategic Local Government Areas in Kwara North of Kwara State;

*Also noted* that in the history of the two Local Government Areas, there has been no significant insecurity challenges and the people in the Local Governments have been living their normal lives in peace and harmony;

*Observed* that in recent times, certain groups of people armed with dangerous and sophisticated weapons have converged in the forests within the constituency disrupting people from farming, establishing their own government, collecting revenues from people, killing people at will and destroying properties within the communities in Niger State;

*Cognizant* that the climax of their recent havoc was their entry into Ilesha Baruba on Sunday, 20 April, 2025, around 9.00 p.m., shooting sporadically without justification, leaving eight people dead and several others injured;

*Concerned* that these rebels according to reports have not only been killing people, but have also taken over some villages in Kaiama and Baruten Local Governments such as; Durumi, Karonji, Gbete, Nanu, etc.;

*Disturbed* that these dissidents have also been releasing audio messages with threats to cause more havoc which is creating panic and forcing people to move out of their ancestral homes to seek refuge in places like Gure, Yashikira, Kaiama and other places outside Kwara State;

*Worried* that if the acts of these rebels are not curtailed, more havoc will be wrecked leading to several loss of lives and continuation of insecurity in the constituency and its environs;

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- (i) urge the Nigerian Army to redouble their efforts to stop the dissidents from more killings and destructions;
- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government as a matter of urgency to establish a military battalion in Kaiama Local Government Area of Kwara State;
- (iii) further urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to those affected by the havocs of the dissidents;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Army, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (**HR. 114/05/2025**).

(ii) ***Need to Intervene and Salvage the Destruction of Properties by Rainstorm in Ikot Ekpene and Essien Udim Local Government Areas, Akwa Ibom State:***

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 Intervene and Salvage the Destruction of Properties by Rainstorm in Ikot Ekpene and Essien Udim Local Government Areas, Akwa Ibom State:**

The House:

*Notes* the destruction of public and private properties, as well as sources of livelihood in Ikot Ekpene Federal Constituency by the devastating rainstorm that took place on Friday, 2 May and Saturday, 3 May, 2025;

*Also notes* that the rainstorm destroyed the fence, classroom blocks, water facility, ICT facility, staff quarters, hostels and electric poles at the Federal Government College, Ikot Ekpene, State College, Ikot Ekpene, and Independence High School, Ukana, Essien Udim, thereby disrupting congenial learning environment and exposing students to danger;

*Further notes* that the rainstorm also affected markets, residential structures and churches, pulled down electric poles, roofs, walls and destroyed personal items;

*Concerned* that the destruction of properties by the rainstorm has impacted negatively on learning environment and has affected people's source of livelihood and rendered them helpless, especially in the current economic climate;

*Aware* of the responsibilities of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in the mitigation of disasters and provision of emergency relief materials to victims of disasters, and the role of the Federal Ministry of Education in administration of schools;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide emergency relief materials to the victims of rainstorm in Ikot Ekpene Federal Constituency;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to re-construct destroyed school properties at the Federal Government College, Ikot Ekpene, for safe learning environment; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Basic Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

(HR. 115/05/2025).

*Motion referred to the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Basic Education and Services, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

(iii) ***Need for Intervention on the Massacre of 19 Villagers, Destruction of Properties, and Cattle Rustling in Sabon Sara Village, Gwana District, Alkareri Local Government Area, Bauchi State:***

Hon. Kabiru Yusuf Alhaji (*Alkareri/Kirfi Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

**Need for Intervention on the Massacre of 19 Villagers, Destruction of Properties, and Cattle Rustling in Sabon Sara Village, Gwana District, Alkareri Local Government Area, Bauchi State:**

The House:

*Notes* with concern the recent attack on Sabon Sara Village, Gwana District of Alkareri Local Government Area, Bauchi State, resulting in the brutal killing of 19 innocent villagers, including 9 vigilante members who were courageously defending their community, destruction of properties worth millions of naira, and rustling of over 200 cattle which is the economic lifeline of the affected families;

*Also notes* that on Saturday, 3 May, 2025, armed bandits and cattle rustlers launched a vicious attack on Sabon Sara Village;

*Aware* that these criminals are believed to be hiding in Madam Forest, which spans the boundaries of Taraba, Bauchi, and Plateau States; using the dense terrain as a haven for their operations, and causing the people of Sabon Sara and surrounding communities to be living in constant fear;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) condemn the barbaric act, and observe a minute silence and extend condolences to the families of the victims and the entire community;
- (ii) urge the Inspector-General of Police and the Chief of Army Staff to immediately deploy a joint security operation to flush out the bandits from Madam Forest and establish a permanent security presence in the area to prevent future attacks;
- (iii) also urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and the North East Development Commission (NEDC) to provide immediate relief materials, medical aid, rehabilitation support to the affected families and assist in rebuilding destroyed homes and restoring livelihoods;

- (iv) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance (*Hon. Kabiru Yusuf Alhaji — Alkaleri/Kirfi Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* with concern the recent attack on Sabon Sara Village, Gwana District of Alkaleri Local Government Area, Bauchi State, resulting in the brutal killing of 19 innocent villagers, including 9 vigilante members who were courageously defending their community, destruction of properties worth millions of naira, and rustling of over 200 cattle which is the economic lifeline of the affected families;

*Also noted* that on Saturday, 3 May, 2025, armed bandits and cattle rustlers launched a vicious attack on Sabon Sara Village;

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- (iii) also urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and the North East Development Commission (NEDC) to provide immediate relief materials, medical aid, rehabilitation support to the affected families and assist in rebuilding destroyed homes and restoring livelihoods;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance (**HR. 116,05/2025**).

*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

## 6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the First Time:

- (1) National Institute of Artificial Intelligence and Robotic Studies (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2243).
- (2) National Institute of Vocational and Technical Education (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2245).
- (3) Freedom of Information Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2255).
- (4) Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2261).

- (5) National Cotton Production, Processing and Research Institute, Ingawa, Katsina State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2251).
- (6) Desertification, Erosion, Flood and Ecological Control Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2252).
- (7) National Agricultural Loan Management Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2254).
- (8) National Health Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2271).
- (9) Research Institute of Maritime Industrial Fisheries Resources, Aniocha, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2143).
- (10) Robbery and Firearms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2221).
- (11) Agricultural Science Education (Compulsory in Secondary Schools) (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2222).
- (12) Nigerian Centre for Vaccine Research and Development, Ohaukwu, Ebonyi State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2223).
- (13) National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute Ngbo, Ebonyi State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2224).
- (14) Nigerian Mineral Development Corporation (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2225).
- (15) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2256).
- (16) Chartered Institute of Enterprise Risk Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2287).
- (17) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2288).

## 7. Presentation of Reports

### (i) *Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:*

Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education, Ijesha, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB.355).

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

### (ii) *Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:*

Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education, Oyin Akoko, Ondo State and for Related Matters (HB. 1600).

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

### (iii) *Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:*

Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to

Establish Federal College of Education, Suleja, Niger State and for Related Matters (HB.1803).

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

(iv) ***Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:***

Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of the Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical), Faskari, Kastina State and for Related Matters (HB. 1418).

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

(v) ***Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:***

Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal College of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal College of Education (Technical) Ogute-Okpella, Edo State and for Related Matters (HB.912)

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

**8. A Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework for the Establishment of Training Institutions of the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters (SB.470) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework for the Establishment of Training Institutions of the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters (SB.470) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Badagry, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 1500) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Badagry, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 1500) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

***Agreed to.***

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to expressly give the Commission Power to Regulate the Condition of Service and Procedure for the engagement of Academic Staff (other than Non-Academic Staff Member) on Part Time basis or Visiting Lectureship and for Related Matters (HB.01) — *Second Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to expressly give the Commission Power to Regulate the Condition of Service and Procedure for the engagement of Academic Staff (other than Non-Academic Staff Member) on Part Time basis or Visiting Lectureship and for Related Matters (HB.01) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Bello Isah Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*) and *One other*.

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria, Cap A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Certain Specialized Colleges and for Related Matters (HB.1481) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria, Cap A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Certain Specialized Colleges and for Related Matters (HB.1481) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.*

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Eye Centre, Doma, Nasarawa State, for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Eye, Coordination of Research, Training of Specialist in Eye Diseases and other Supporting fields and for Related Matters (SB.193) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Eye Centre, Doma, Nasarawa State, for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Eye, Coordination of Research, Training of Specialist in Eye Diseases and other Supporting fields and for Related Matters (SB.193) 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.*

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Wamakko, Sokoto State and for Related Matters (HB.2127) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Wamakko, Sokoto State and for Related Matters (HB.2127) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ahmad Abdullahi Kalambaina — Kware/Wamakko 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 Specialty Healthcare.*

14. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal College of Fisheries Technology and**

**Maritime Studies, Ngo, River State and for Related Matters (HB.2189) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal College of Fisheries Technology and Maritime Studies, Ngo, River State and for Related Matters (HB.2189) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Awaji-Inombek Dagomie Abiante — Andoni/Opobo Nkoro 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 Oceans and Fisheries.*

15. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical) Ikom, Cross River State and for Related Matters (HB. 255) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical) Ikom, Cross River State and for Related Matters (HB. 255) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Victor Abang — Ikom/Boki 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 Federal Colleges of Education.*

16. **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 Gbefwi 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.*

17. **Investigation of Electricity Debts Owed by Security Agencies, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs)**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

18. **Need to Investigate Activities of the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Recall* that the Federal Government in 2008, acting on the recommendation of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), established the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (FEDCAM) as a parastatal of the Federal Ministry of Health;

*Notes* that the Medical and Dental Practitioners' Act, Cap. M8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 provided the legal basis for the practice of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Nigeria relating to the practice of Homeopathic Medicine, Naturopathic Medicine, Acupuncture, Osteopathy, and Chiropractic in Nigeria;

*Aware* that in 2018 the Federal Government, through the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) created a Department of Traditional, Complementary, and Alternative Medicine (TCAM) in the Federal Ministry of Health with the task of developing and integrating Complementary and Alternative Medicine into the mainstream of the Nigerian Health Care Delivery System;

*Acknowledges* that the National Assembly passed the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Establishment) Act, 2021 as an unconventional institution for the pursuit of academic and professional knowledge in the field of complementary and alternative medicine in Nigeria;

*Concerned* that the College remains closed since October 16, 2010 following the shutdown of academic activities of the College by the National Universities Commission (NUC) for running degree programmes without the mandatory approvals and due process;

*Disturbed* that in 2011 the Federal Ministry of Health suspended the Management of the College and instituted an Interim Administrative Team to manage its affairs expending capital and overhead allocations amounting to hundreds of millions of naira for over 13 years and later in 2016 again appointed a staff of the College as Acting Head of Administration to ensure the day to day running of the college;

*Worried* by the allegations of unauthorized disbursement of funds, petitions and counter petitions to the financial crimes and anti-corruption agencies by staff of the College over financial impropriety by officials of the Ministry of Health and Management Staff of the College;

*Also worried* by the flagrant non-compliance with the provisions of the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine Act, 2021 and appointment of a Sole Administrator in breach of an Act of the National Assembly;

*Further worried* by the petitions and allegations of suspensions, non-payment of staff benefits and outright dismissal of some staff of the College by the Sole Administrator and employment of new staff without due process;

*Desirous* of the need to investigate the activities of the College, appointment of a Sole Administrator and non-compliance with the provisions of the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Establishment) Act 2021;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Specialty Healthcare to investigate the allegations of unauthorized disbursement and application of funds, closure of academic activities of the College by the National Universities Commission (NUC), continued non-functionality of the College and non-compliance with provisions of the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine Act, 2021 (*Hon.*

*Gbefwi Jonathan Gaza — Keffi/Karu/Kokona Federal Constituency), and four others.*

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Recalled* that the Federal Government in 2008, acting on the recommendation of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), established the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (FEDCAM) as a parastatal of the Federal Ministry of Health;

*Noted* that the Medical and Dental Practitioners' Act, Cap. M8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 provided the legal basis for the practice of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Nigeria relating to the practice of Homeopathic Medicine, Naturopathic Medicine, Acupuncture, Osteopathy, and Chiropractic in Nigeria;

*Aware* that in 2018 the Federal Government, through the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) created a Department of Traditional, Complementary, and Alternative Medicine (TCAM) in the Federal Ministry of Health with the task of developing and integrating Complementary and Alternative Medicine into the mainstream of the Nigerian Health Care Delivery System;

*Acknowledged* that the National Assembly passed the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Establishment) Act, 2021 as an unconventional institution for the pursuit of academic and professional knowledge in the field of complementary and alternative medicine in Nigeria;

*Concerned* that the College remains closed since October 16, 2010 following the shutdown of academic activities of the College by the National Universities Commission (NUC) for running degree programmes without the mandatory approvals and due process;

*Disturbed* that in 2011 the Federal Ministry of Health suspended the Management of the College and instituted an Interim Administrative Team to manage its affairs expending capital and overhead allocations amounting to hundreds of millions of naira for over 13 years and later in 2016 again appointed a staff of the College as Acting Head of Administration to ensure the day to day running of the college;

*Worried* by the allegations of unauthorized disbursement of funds, petitions and counter petitions to the financial crimes and anti-corruption agencies by staff of the College over financial impropriety by officials of the Ministry of Health and Management Staff of the College;

*Also worried* by the flagrant non-compliance with the provisions of the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine Act, 2021 and appointment of a Sole Administrator in breach of an Act of the National Assembly;

*Further worried* by the petitions and allegations of suspensions, non-payment of staff benefits and outright dismissal of some staff of the College by the Sole Administrator and employment of new staff without due process;

*Desirous* of the need to investigate the activities of the College, appointment of a Sole Administrator and non-compliance with the provisions of the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Establishment) Act 2021;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Committee on Specialty Healthcare to investigate the allegations of unauthorized disbursement and application of funds, closure of academic activities of the College by the National Universities Commission (NUC), continued non-functionality of the College and non-compliance with provisions of the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine Act, 2021 (**HR. 117/05/2025**).

**19. Need to Subsidize the High Cost of Cancer Treatment in Nigeria:**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the responsibility of the government is to provide for the welfare of the citizens, which includes their health and well-being;

*Also notes* that cancer is a major public health challenge in Nigeria, with many patients unable to afford treatment due to the high cost;

*Further notes* that the scourge of cancer is fast spreading amongst Nigerians, with reports revealing that in 2020, about 125,000 people were diagnosed with cancer, the most common type of cancer is breast, prostate and cervical cancer;

*Worried* that the costs of Cancer treatment varies from tens of millions of naira (or thousands of dollars) to hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, depending on the type of cancer, stage of the disease, treatment methods, location, and individual health history;

*Concerned* that patients with cancer in Nigeria are facing financial difficulties due to the complex and expensive supply chain for cancer drugs and limited availability of radiation therapy machines leaving some with a view that cancer is an illness for the wealthy or a death sentence, but that is no longer the case, as both the poor and the rich in most cases are caught by the menace;

*Disturbed* that the rising burden of cancer is causing a shortage of funding for cancer control services, with public financing being considered the most appropriate, sustainable and equitable solution to fund that aspect of health care to ameliorate the suffering of patients with cancer;

*Cognizant* of the urgent need for government intervention to subsidize cancer treatment and drugs for indigent patients in Nigeria;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to collaborate with the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, and other relevant agencies to establish a mechanism for the Executive Arm of Government to provide subsidies for cancer treatment and related drugs to ameliorate the suffering of patients; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Aderemi A. Oseni — Ibarapa East/Ido Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendments Proposed:**

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:  
“Urge the Executive Arm of Government through the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to expand availability of treatment centres as well as provide more radiotherapy machines” (*Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inonbek Dagomie — Andoni/Opobo-Nkoro Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.*

- (ii) In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “subsidies for”, insert the words “early detection screening” (*Hon. Miriam Onuoha Odinaka — Isiala Mbanjo/Okigwe/Onuimo Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.*

- (iii) Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:  
“Also urge the Executive Arm of Government through the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to make cancer screening free in Nigeria” (*Hon. Isiaka Ayokunle Ibrahim — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed.*

The House:

*Noted* that the responsibility of the government is to provide for the welfare of the citizens, which includes their health and well-being;

*Also noted* that cancer is a major public health challenge in Nigeria, with many patients unable to afford treatment due to the high cost;

*Further noted* that the scourge of cancer is fast spreading amongst Nigerians, with reports revealing that in 2020, about 125,000 people were diagnosed with cancer, the most common type of cancer is breast, prostate and cervical cancer;

*Worried* that the costs of Cancer treatment varies from tens of millions of naira (or thousands of dollars) to hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, depending on the type of cancer, stage of the disease, treatment methods, location, and individual health history;

*Concerned* that patients with cancer in Nigeria are facing financial difficulties due to the complex and expensive supply chain for cancer drugs and limited availability of radiation therapy machines leaving some with a view that cancer is an illness for the wealthy or a death sentence, but that is no longer the case, as both the poor and the rich in most cases are caught by the menace;

*Disturbed* that the rising burden of cancer is causing a shortage of funding for cancer control services, with public financing being considered the most appropriate, sustainable and equitable solution to fund that aspect of health care to ameliorate the suffering of patients with cancer;

*Cognizant* of the urgent need for government intervention to subsidize cancer treatment and drugs for indigent patients in Nigeria;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government through the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to expand availability of treatment centres as well as provide more radiotherapy machines;
- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government through the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to make cancer screening free in Nigeria;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to collaborate with the Federal Ministry of

Health and Social Welfare, and other relevant agencies to establish a mechanism for the Executive Arm of Government to provide subsidies for early detection screening, cancer treatment and related drugs to ameliorate the suffering of patients; and

- (iv) also mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 118/05/2025**).

**20. Need to Investigate Allegations of Immorality and Sodomy in Nigerian Correctional Facilities:**

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

**21. Alleged Attempted Assassination of Dr Saheed Abdullahi Mosadoluwa, His Family, and Workers at Harmony Garden and Estate Development Limited**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* an alleged attempted assassination of Dr. Saheed Abdullahi Mosadoluwa, along with his family and workers on March 2, 2025, at Harmony Garden and Estate Development Limited;

*Aware* that details surrounding the event are deeply alarming, according to reports, the incident that took place within the vicinity of the Nigerian Naval Base Epe, Lagos State, has further raised grave concern that demands immediate investigation and thorough action;

*Concerned* that this horrifying act raises serious questions about the involvement of state apparatus in actions that endanger the lives of innocent civilians;

*Cognizant* that the attempted assassination has left the victims in great fear for their safety, and the incident has caused great fear among citizens and stakeholders in the State;

*Also notes* that to uphold the integrity of the Nigerian Navy and restore public confidence in the security agencies, it is paramount that the matter be thoroughly investigated as the action undermines the rule of law and the rights of citizens to live in peace and security;

*Also cognizant* of the need to stand firm against any attack on the safety and dignity of Nigerian citizens by ensuring justice is served and that similar incidents do not go unpunished;

*Further cognizant* of the need to investigate the alleged attempted assassination to uphold the rule of law and accountability in all arms of government, including the Nigerian Navy;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) condemn the attempted assassination of Dr. Saheed Abdullahi Mosadoluwa, along with his family and workers and call for a transparent investigation, demand accountability for officers involved, and urge the Nigerian Navy to review its security protocols to prevent future occurrence; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Navy to investigate the attempted assassination of Dr. Saheed Abdullahi Mosadoluwa, his family, and workers, and the alleged involvement of men of the Nigerian Navy, Naval Base, Epe and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Clement Jimbo — Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Prayer (ii) immediately after the word “Navy”, *insert* the words “Police Affairs, and National

Security and Intelligence” (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Nalaraba — Awe/Doma/Keana Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed.*

The House:

*Noted* an alleged attempted assassination of Dr. Saheed Abdullahi Mosadoluwa, along with his family and workers on March 2, 2025, at Harmony Garden and Estate Development Limited;

*Aware* that details surrounding the event are deeply alarming, according to reports, the incident that took place within the vicinity of the Nigerian Naval Base Epe, Lagos State, has further raised grave concern that demands immediate investigation and thorough action;

*Concerned* that this horrifying act raises serious questions about the involvement of state apparatus in actions that endanger the lives of innocent civilians;

*Cognizant* that the attempted assassination has left the victims in great fear for their safety, and the incident has caused great fear among citizens and stakeholders in the State;

*Also noted* that to uphold the integrity of the Nigerian Navy and restore public confidence in the security agencies, it is paramount that the matter be thoroughly investigated as the action undermines the rule of law and the rights of citizens to live in peace and security;

*Also cognizant* of the need to stand firm against any attack on the safety and dignity of Nigerian citizens by ensuring justice is served and that similar incidents do not go unpunished;

*Further cognizant* of the need to investigate the alleged attempted assassination to uphold the rule of law and accountability in all arms of government, including the Nigerian Navy;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) condemn the attempted assassination of Dr. Saheed Abdullahi Mosadoluwa, along with his family and workers and call for a transparent investigation, demand accountability for officers involved, and urge the Nigerian Navy to review its security protocols to prevent future occurrence; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Navy, Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the attempted assassination of Dr. Saheed Abdullahi Mosadoluwa, his family, and workers, and the alleged involvement of men of the Nigerian Navy, Naval Base, Epe and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 119/05/2025**).

## 22. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Merchant Shipping Act, 2007, and Enact the Merchant Shipping Bill and for Related Matters (HB. 1592) (Committee of the Whole):***  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Merchant Shipping Act, 2007, and Enact the Merchant Shipping Bill and for Related Matters (HB. 1592)” (*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 REPEAL THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 2007,  
AND ENACT THE MERCHANT SHIPPING BILL AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Consideration deferred for further legislative action.*

*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 Repeal the Merchant Shipping Act, 2007, and Enact the Merchant Shipping Bill and for Related Matters (HB. 1592).

*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 Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Provide for Establishment of the Federal Medical Centre, Dadin-Kowa, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 644) (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 Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Provide for Establishment of the Federal Medical Centre, Dadin-Kowa, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 644)" (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 MEDICAL  
CENTRES ACT, 2022 TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE,  
DADIN-KOWA, KANO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

**Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022.**

The Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 (hereinafter called "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 the Second Schedule.**

The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new item "23"—  
  
"Federal Medical Centre, Dadin-kowa, Kano 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 Federal Medical Centres 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 Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Dadin-Kowa, Kano State *(Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Dadin-Kowa, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB.644) *(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 Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Provide for Establishment of the Federal Medical Centre, Dadin-Kowa, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 644) 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 Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of the Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada Dankadai, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 645) (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 Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of the Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada Dankadai, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 645)" (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 COLLEGES EDUCATION ACT, CAP. F8, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, TUDUN WADA, DANKADAI, KANO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.645)

**Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. F8, LFN, 2004.**

The Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap.F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill

*(Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

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

**Clause 2: Amendment of First Schedule.**

The First Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph "Y" to read thus:

"Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada, Dankadai, Kano 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 Federal Colleges Education 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 Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for establishment of Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada, Dankadai, Kano State *(Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada, Dankadai, Kano State; and for Related Matters (HB. 645) *(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 Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of the Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada Dankadai, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 645) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

**(iv) A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Education, Numan Adamawa State and for Related Matters (HB. 936) (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 Education, Numan Adamawa State and for Related Matters (HB. 936)" (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 OF EDUCATION, NUMAN ADAMAWA  
STATE; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB.936)

**Section 13:** Power of the University to make Statutes.

**Section 15:** Power of the Visitor to decide meaning of Statutes.

**Section 22:** "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 President" (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Section 25:** (4) (b) enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations for the award of degrees or other qualifications (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Article 4:** (3) The quorum of congregation shall be one-third or the whole number nearest to one-third of the total number of members of the congregation of 50, whichever is less (*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 the Federal University of Education, Numan Adamawa State and for Related Matters (HB. 936) and adopted the Report.

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

(v) **Committee on Science and Technology:**

*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Science, Technology, Innovation and Research Council to Set National Priorities on Research, Innovation and Development, to Improve Economic Growth and Competitiveness that can Lead to the Development of New Products, Processes, and Services, to Address Social and Environmental Challenges, to Improve the Quality of Life of People, to Create New Jobs and Opportunities and to Advance Knowledge and Understanding of Innovations; and for Related Matters (HB. 727)" (*Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inonbek Dagomie — Andoni/Opobo-Nkoro 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 REPEAL THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FUND ACT (1987) AND ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COUNCIL/NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUND TO IMPROVE COMPETITIVENESS AND WEALTH CREATION THAT CAN LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PRODUCTS, PROCESSES, AND SERVICES, TO ADDRESS SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE, TO CREATE NEW JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COUNCIL

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 1: Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council.**

- (1) There is established the National Research and Innovation Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").
- (2) The Council —
  - (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
  - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
  - (c) may acquire, hold or dispose of any property, movable or immovable, for the purpose of performing its functions under this Bill.
  - (d) the Headquarters of the Council shall be in the Federal Capital Territory with field Offices in Six Geopolitical Zones of the Country (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 2: Membership of the Council.**

- (1) The Council shall consist of:
  - (a) the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as the Chairman;
  - (b) Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as the alternate Chairman;
  - (c) Hon. Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology and other relevant Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as may be appointed into the Council by the President as members, in line with the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy;

- (d) a representative of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN);
  - (e) the President, Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA);
  - (f) a representative of Nigerian Society of Engineers and Two Representatives from Chartered Institute of Banking in Nigeria;
  - (g) President or representative of the Academies of Science (NAS), Engineering (NAE) and Education (NAEdu), President or representative of Nigerian Academies of Pharmacy (NAP) and Letters (NAL) as well as President or Representative of Social Science Academy of Nigeria (SSAN).
  - (h) one representative of the Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities and other Tertiary Institutions;
  - (i) a representative of the Committee of Directors of Research Institutes (CODRI);
  - (j) a representative of the National Association of Small-Scale Industrialists (NASSI);
  - (k) Executive Secretary of the council appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister as Council Secretary;
- (3) The President and Vice-President shall respectively be the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council during the subsistence of their offices as the President and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (4) The Ministers appointed into the Council by the President shall cease to be members of the Council in case of removal or vacation of offices as Ministers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (5) All other part-time members of the Council shall —
- (a) hold office for a maximum period of four years, subject to renewal for another four years; and
  - (b) may be removed by the President in the interest of the public, on the grounds of non-performance or misconduct (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 3: Proceedings of the Council.**

- (1) The Council may regulate its own proceedings and make standing orders for that purpose.
- (2) The Council shall meet at least four times in a year or at such times as may be convened by the President.
- (3) The quorum at meetings shall be one-third of members of the Council.

- (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt that person to be a member for as many meetings as may be necessary and that person while so co-opted shall have all the privileges of a member except that he is not entitled to vote or be counted in forming the quorum (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 4: Functions of the Council.**

- (1) The Council shall —
- (a) set national priorities on research, innovation and development;
  - (b) set directions to coordinate research and innovations generally (including research and development) in line with national priorities;
  - (c) recommend to the President, the establishment of additional research institutes or the reform and strengthening of existing ones;
  - (d) facilitate fund raising activities to support innovation in areas of national needs and priorities;
  - (e) facilitate sectoral, state and local level innovations by encouraging Federal Ministries, State and Local Governments to establish sectoral, State and Local Innovation Councils respectively;
  - (f) explore new strategies and alternatives for innovations and collaborations;
  - (g) identify ways and means to scale and sustain innovations;
  - (h) encourage universities, polytechnics, research and development institutions, centres of excellence, colleges of education, monotechnics, States, Local Governments and Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to innovate;
  - (i) encourage all important sectors of the economy to innovate;
  - (j) encourage innovation in public service delivery; and
  - (k) encourage multidisciplinary and globally competitive approach to innovation.
- (2) The Council shall formulate a roadmap for innovation and create a framework for —
- (a) evolving a Nigerian model of innovation with focus on inclusive growth;
  - (b) institutionalizing innovation as a culture in Nigeria from the lowest level up;
  - (c) delineating policy initiatives within the Government aimed at promoting innovation;

- (d) developing and championing innovation attitudes and approaches with special focus on youths;
- (e) creating appropriate environment to foster inclusive innovation;
- (f) exploring new strategies and alternatives for innovations and collaborations;
- (g) identifying ways and means to scale and sustain innovations;
- (h) encouraging State, Local, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to innovate;
- (i) facilitating innovations by (SMEs);
- (j) encouraging innovation in public service delivery;
- (k) encouraging multidisciplinary and globally competitive approaches for innovations;
- (l) carrying out such other activities connected with its functions to develop and enforce codes in order to give full expression to the general intendment of this Act; and
- (m) facilitating the establishment of sectoral Innovation Committees by heads of various Ministries, Departments and Agencies at their various offices.
- (n) the functions conferred on the Council under section 4 above shall be exercised by the Executive Secretary appointed for the Council (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 5: Establishment and Composition of the Technical Advisory Committees of the Council.**

- (1) There is established the Technical Advisory Committee of the Bill (in this Bill referred to as the "Governing Technical Advisory Committee").
- (2) The Governing Technical Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members and as may be appointed by the Council —
  - (a) the Executive Secretary Appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for Innovation, Science and Technology, as Chairman;
  - (b) five technocrats drawn from relevant Ministries, Departments, Agencies not less than the rank of Director, organized private sector, and professional regulatory bodies as may be recommended and approved by the Council as members;

- (c) two renowned home-based Nigerian researchers and innovators recommended by the Minister;
  - (d) two Nigerians internationally acclaimed Nigerian researchers or innovators in the diaspora as recommended by the Minister and approved by the Council
  - (e) Special Adviser to the President on research and innovation as a member; and
  - (f) the organized Labour represented by the Academic Staff Union of Research Institutions (ASURI);
  - (g) any other individual expert or representative of a group that may be recommended as a member by the Minister and appointed by the Council.
- (3) The Governing Technical Advisory Committee shall provide expert advice to the Council on strategies to accomplish its mandate with the Secretariat in the office of the Executive Secretary.
- (4) In compliance with subsection (3) of this section, the Governing Technical Advisory Committee shall —
- (a) recommend for the consideration and approval by the Council memos, programmes, projects, and work plans;
  - (b) conduct Annual Visitation of Research and Development Institutions to ensure that their Research Programs are aligned with National Priorities and are being conducted effectively and efficiently;
  - (c) convene and conduct annual high-level round table or summit on science, technology and innovation;
  - (d) recommend, for approval of the Council, operational guidelines and annual work plans of Sectoral Innovation Committees;
  - (e) monitor and report on activities of Sectoral Innovation Committee to the Council; and
  - (f) undertake other responsibilities as assigned by the Council.
- (5) The tenure of the members of the Governing Technical Advisory committee will be for four years with the exception of the Executive Secretary that is on full-time for a period of five years, subject to renewal for another five years and no more (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 6: Functions of Governing Technical Advisory Committee.**

The Governing Technical Advisory Committee shall have power to —

- (a) recommend annual estimates, reports and statements of accounts of the

- Council for consideration and approval of the Council;
- (b) determine the terms and conditions of service of the employees of the Council;
  - (c) recommend the approval of the award of research grants to be given by the Council in line with national priorities;
  - (d) recommend the approval of the creation of additional Directorates as may be necessary and in accordance with the provisions of this Bill;
  - (e) carry out such other activities as may, in the opinion of the Council, be necessary for the advancement of science, technology and innovations in Nigeria;
  - (f) consider and recommend to the Council, innovators and outstanding researchers deserving of award and special recognition;
  - (g) recommend for consideration and approval of the Council the annual activities of the Council and cause same to be presented to the National Assembly; and
  - (h) recommend the approval of intervention fund by the council for such other activities as may, in the opinion of the Governing Technical Committee, be necessary for the advancement of science, engineering, technology, entrepreneurship and innovation in Nigeria (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 7: Aims and objectives of the National Research and Innovation Fund (NRIF).**

- (1) The aims and objectives of the Fund shall be to:
  - (a) position Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) as a national top priority endeavor to guarantee stability, high standard of living, and quality of life for its citizenry and fast track industrial and economic development;
  - (b) fund and promote small, medium, and large-scale science, engineering, technology, and innovation projects and programmes;
  - (c) provision or maintenance of essential research infrastructure, equipment, research, publication and training.
  - (d) permit allocation of funds from the historical patterns of Government towards the key issues of competitiveness, equality of life, environmental sustainability and harnessing information technology and enhancing the manufacturing sector;
  - (e) increase the extent to which funds for the activities of the STI institutions are obtained via a competitive process and
  - (f) promote cross-sectoral collaboration within Nigeria's national system of innovation (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 8: Appointment of Executive Secretary.**

- (1) There is appointed for Council the Executive Secretary of the National Research and Innovation Council who will be recommended by the Minister of Innovation Science and Technology, approved and appointed by the President
- (2) The Executive Secretary shall hold office for a tenure of five years and may be renewed for another term of five years and no more
- (3) The Executive Secretary shall be a person holding a degree in Science or Technology or Engineering for a Minimum of 15 years post-qualification in addition to an Academic or Professional Doctorate Degree in any relevant field to STI.
- (4) A candidate with experience in Research Development Work and /or in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy will have an advantage.
- (5) A Candidate who has been involved in the management of a research grant/fund preferably from the Nigerian Government or companies will have an advantage.
- (6) The executive Secretary shall be the Chief Accounting Officer of the National Research and Innovation Fund.
- (7) Take responsibility for the execution of programs approved by the council and take charge of the day-to-day administration of the Council
- (8) Responsible for general direction and superintendence of the affairs of the Council.
- (9) Facilitate and support the efficient running of the activities of the sectoral Research and Innovation Councils
- (10) Ensure proper dissemination of the decisions of the Council to appropriate Bodies, Institutions, or authorities and
- (11) Carry out other functions and duties as the Council may assign to him (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 9: Directorate of the Council.**

There shall be for the Council, the following Directorates:

- (1) The Council shall have the following principal officers that are:
  - (a) the Executive Secretary;
  - (b) Director of —
    - (i) Engineering Services,

- (ii) Science, Technology and Innovation Promotion,
  - (iii) Legal Services,
  - (iv) Human Resource Management and Administration,
  - (v) Procurement Services, and
  - (vi) Finance and Accounts,
  - (vii) Information Communications Technology( ICT),
  - (viii) Sector Specialist Directorates on two-year renewable contracts and a maximum of 4 years to be Engaged/Appointed by the Council; and
- (c) such other Directors as may be determined by Council all of whom shall be appointed by the Council with the Approval of the President.
- (2) The Council shall have power to modify the operational structure of the Council as may be necessary to enhance the duties and functions under this Bill.
- (3) The principal officers for the Council, shall each have the requisite qualification and experience required for the effective performance of the functions of their respective Departments and be registered with the appropriate statutory professional bodies as specified under this Bill
- (4) Subject to the Pension Reform Act, the terms and conditions of service (including remuneration, allowances, benefits and pensions) of officers and employees of the Council shall be as determined by the Council.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section of this Section, the Council shall have power to appoint either on transfer or on secondment from any public service in the Federation, such number of employees as may, be required to assist the Council in the discharge of any of its functions under the Bill and persons so employed, shall be remunerated (including allowances) as the Council may consider appropriate (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 10: Other staff of the Council.**

The Executive Secretary and Management may subject to the Approval of the Council appoint such officers and other employees as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary for the purposes of the Council Operations (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 11: Conditions of Service for Employees of the Council.**

The Council shall develop and implement appropriate staff conditions of service for its employees with particular regard to the issue of remuneration ,pension scheme

and other fringe benefits sufficient to attract and retain quality staff and high calibre man power for the council (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

- Clause 2:**
- (1) There is established for the Foundation a governing board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").
  - (2) The Board shall consist of —
    - (a) a chairman who —
      - (i) is appointed by the President on the recommendation of the panel under this bill,
      - (ii) shall hold a minimum qualification of a university degree in either engineering, science, technology or other related discipline, and
      - (iii) has made outstanding contributions in the areas of applied research and innovation;
    - (b) at least nine but not more than 11 other members, appointed by the Council; and
    - (c) the Executive Secretary of the Foundation.
  - (3) For the purposes of appointing members of the Board referred to in sub clause (2) (b), the Council shall appoint a panel comprising eminent scientists which shall compile a shortlist of candidates of not more than 20 persons.
  - (4) The panel shall compile the shortlist after following transparent and competitive processes which includes advertising existing vacancies on the Board in at least two national newspapers, receiving and scrutinising curricula vitae submitted by interested applicants in response to news advertisements and conducting oral interviews for shortlisted applicants.
  - (5) Members of the Board shall be persons who have achieved distinction in the field of science, technology and innovation, research and technology management, engineering, business and entrepreneurship or public affairs.
  - (6) Without prejudice to the principle of federal character as enshrined in the Constitution, members of the Board referred to in sub clause (2) (b) shall be appointed by the President broadly representing the following sectors —
    - (a) universities and Federal Government constituted research institutes and allied Colleges;
    - (b) agricultural and environmental sciences;
    - (c) natural resources management;
    - (d) information and communication technologies;

- (e) natural sciences and engineering;
  - (f) social sciences and humanities;
  - (g) business and industrial growth;
  - (h) building and construction;
  - (i) national security;
  - (j) nuclear science and biotechnology;
  - (k) energy; and
  - (l) health.
- (7) The supplementary provisions set out in the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and related matters.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

*Leave out Clause 12 (Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa).*

***Agreed to.***

- Clause 13:**
- (1) Subject to the provisions of clause 14 of this Bill, a person appointed to be a member of the Board shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of his appointment and may be eligible for re-appointment for another term of four years and no more.
  - (2) At least one third of the Board members shall, at all times, consist of reappointed members to ensure continuity in the leadership of the Board.
  - (3) A person appointed in accordance with clause 12 (3) of this Bill to fill a vacancy on the Board shall be appointed from the same constituency and interest group as that of his predecessor and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

*Leave out Clause 13 (Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa).*

***Agreed to.***

***Committee's Recommendation:***

- Clause 2:**
- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 8 of this Bill, a member of the Board ceases to hold office if the member —
    - (a) resigns his appointment by notice signed by him and addressed to the President;
    - (b) becomes of unsound mind;
    - (c) becomes bankrupt or makes a compromise with his creditors;
    - (d) is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or corruption; or

- (e) becomes incapable of performing the functions of his office either arising from an infirmity of mind, body or any other cause.
- (2) Where the Council is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Foundation or the public for a member to continue in office, the President may remove that member from the Board.
- (3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor and the successor shall represent the same interest, discipline or constituency as his predecessor.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

*Leave out Clause 14 (Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa).*

***Agreed to.***

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 15: Remuneration of Members of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee.**  
The Chairman and Members of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee shall be paid such emoluments, allowances, and benefits as may be determined by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 16: Powers and functions of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee.**

The Governing Technical Advisory Committee shall have power to —

- (a) recommend the annual estimates, reports and statements of accounts of the Council for approval by the Council;
- (b) determination of the terms and conditions of service of the employees of the Council;
- (c) recommend the approval of the award of research grants to be given by the Council in line with national priorities;
- (e) recommend for consideration the creation of additional Directorates as may be necessary and in accordance with the provisions of this Bill for approval of Council;
- (f) carry out such other activities as may, in the opinion of the Board, be necessary for the advancement of science, technology and innovations in Nigeria;
- (g) consider and recommend to the Council, innovators and outstanding researchers deserving of award and special recognition;
- (h) consider and recommend the annual activities of the Council for approval of the Council and cause same to be presented to the President and National Assembly; and
- (i) recommend to the Council to approve intervention fund for such other activities as may, in the opinion of the Governing Technical Advisory

Committee, be necessary for the advancement of science, engineering, technology, entrepreneurship and innovation in Nigeria (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

PART III — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 17: Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Fund.**

- (1) There is established the National Research and Innovation Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Fund") for the implementation of Science, Technology, Research and Innovation programs and Projects in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) The reference in this section to Science, Technology, Research and Innovation purposes is a reference to any of the purposes set out in the Schedule to this Bill
- (3) All contributions and monies required or prescribed by this Bill shall be paid into the Fund.
- (4) The Council shall maintain a Fund which shall consist of such monies as may from time to time be credited by the Federal, State or Local Governments by way of loan or grant, moneys as may be received by the council in course of any of its functions under this Act and monies sourced annually from the following —
  - (a) 5% of the annual fund accruing to the following organisations —
    - (i) Raw Materials Research and Development Council,
    - (ii) National Automotive design and Development Council Fund,
    - (iii) National Communications Development Fund of National Communications Commission (NCC);
    - (iv) National Information Technology Development Fund,
    - (v) Ecological Fund,
    - (vi) National Lottery Trust Fund,
    - (vii) National Sugar Development Council Fund,
    - (viii) Industrial Training Fund,
    - (ix) Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF),
    - (x) Organised Private Sector (OPS) - 0.5% of Technology Transfer Fee, and
    - (xi) Solid Mineral Development Fund;
  - (b) one percent of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF)

- (c) foreign aid or assistance from bilateral or multilateral agencies;
  - (d) other internally generated revenues of the Foundation; and
  - (e) all other sums accruing to the Foundation by way of gifts, grants, emolument or bequest.
- (2) All monies standing to the credit of the Foundation shall be paid directly into the Fund.
- (3) The Fund shall be drawn competitively by researchers, inventors, and innovators in Nigeria's public and private sectors in the ratio of 9:1 for the purpose of conducting STI research and Development activities within the context of National Economic Development.
- (4) 20% of the Research and Innovation Fund shall be used for Infrastructure Development and Equipment Procurement in Research and Development (R&D) Institutions and Development Agencies, 2 % for Support, intervention, promotion, and Development of Technology Incubation centers in the 36 states of the Federation and FCT for commercialization of breakthroughs and results, 10% for Talent Hunt, Human Capital Building and Development and a maximum of 5% of the Fund shall be expended on Administrative functions (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 18: Expenditure of the Council.**

The Council shall apply the funds to —

- (a) the administration of the Council;
- (b) the performance of its functions;
- (c) the payment of emoluments and entitlements of members of the Council and the members of the Technical Advisory Committee;
- (d) the payment of personnel, overhead, allowances, benefits, and other administrative costs for staff of the council and members of various committees;
- (e) the cost of establishment and Maintaining of National STI House for hosting the Secretariat of NRIC and the Coordinating Ministry for STI( Federal Ministry of Innovation Science and Technology), maintaining the other offices and other interventions concerning the Sectorial Innovation Councils;
- (f) the training of members of staff of the Council;
- (g) the publication and promotion of research and innovation results from public and private sector research and development institutes;
- (h) the support of national research, innovation, and development bodies and for the payment of contributions to international organizations to which the Fund subscribes; and

- (i) any other expenditure in connection with all or any of the functions of the Council under this Bill (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 19: Exemption from Tax.**

- (1) The Council is exempt from tax payment on any income accruing from investments made by the Council as may be further approved by the Federal Ministry of Finance and Federal Inland Revenue Service.
- (2) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Council as may be further approved by Federal Ministry of Finance and Federal Inland Revenue Service (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 20: Investment of Income.**

Subject to the approval of the Board, the Foundation may invest its income in profitable production of goods by joint venture, partnerships, or shareholding as the case may be and the net income so generated shall be paid into the Fund (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 21: Annual Estimates, Income and Expenditure.**

The Executive Secretary shall, not later than 30th September each year, submit to the Council for approval of its programme of work and estimate of its income and payments into the Fund for the next succeeding year (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 22: Accounts and audit.**

- (1) The Council shall keep proper accounts for each year, keep proper records in relation to it, and audit the account.
- (2) The accounts of the Council shall be audited, not later than six months after the end of the year to which they relate, by auditors appointed by the Council from a list of auditors supplied and in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 23: Annual Reports.**

The Executive Secretary shall in consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee prepare and submit to the Council, not later than 30th September each year, a report on its activities, the Audited Accounts of the Committee, and the auditor's report for the preceding year (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah —*

*Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa).*

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 24: Borrowing Powers.**

The Executive Secretary may on recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and approval of the Council or in accordance with any general guidelines duly approved by the Council, borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source any money required by the Committee for meeting its obligations and performing its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa).*

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 25: Power to accept Gifts.**

- (1) The Council may accept gifts of land, money, or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift.
- (2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the objectives of the Council under this Bill (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa).*

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

PART 1V — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 26: Limitations of suits.**

- (1) A suit shall not commence against the Council before the expiration of one month after a written notice of intention to commence the suit has been served upon the Council by the intending plaintiff or his agent, and the notice shall clearly state the —
  - (a) cause of the action;
  - (b) particulars of claim;
  - (c) name and place of the abode of intending plaintiff; and
  - (d) relief which he claims.
- (2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) and any summons, notice, or other documents required or authorised to be served upon the Council under this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by —
  - (a) delivering it to the Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation; or
  - (b) sending it by registered post addressed to the head office of the Council (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa).*

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 27: Restriction on execution against property of the Council.**

- (1) In any action or suit against the Council, execution or attachment of process shall not be issued against the Council except a three-month notice of intention to execute or attach has been given to the Council.
- (2) Any sum of money which by the Judgment of any court has been awarded against the Council shall, subject to the directives given by the court where notice of appeal against the judgments has been given, be paid from the funds of the Council (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 28: Power to purchase or take property on lease.**

The Council may, subject to the Land Use Act, purchase or lease any interest in land, building, or property or build, equip, and maintain such other offices and premises for the efficient performance of its functions under this Bill [Cap. L5, LFN, 2004] (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 29: Power to sell or lease out property.**

The Council may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease out any land or office belonging to the Council (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 30: Indemnity.**

Any member or functionary of the Council shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Council against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member or functionary of the Council under this Bill (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 31: Power to make regulations and issue guidelines.**

- (1) The Governing Technical Advisory Committee shall, with the approval of Council make such regulations generally for the purpose of giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill and facilitating the performance of the functions of the Council.
- (2) The Council may issue guidelines to give effect to the respective relevant provisions of this Bill.
- (3) Regulations made shall be published in the Federal Government Gazette and

in such other manner as the Foundation may prescribe (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 32: Interpretation.**

In this Bill —

"Governing Technical Advisory Committee" - means the Governing Technical Committee of the Council established under this Bill to function as the Governing Board (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"development" means systematic utilization of knowledge or understanding gained from research towards the production of materials, devices, systems, or methods and includes design and development of prototypes and processes (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"functionary" means any person who performs official functions or duties on behalf of the Council (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"geopolitical zone" means North East, North West, North Central, South East, South West, and South-South geopolitical zones of the Federation (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"innovation" means the act or process of innovating or introducing a new product, technology or method (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"national facilities" means facilities designated as such by the Council pursuant to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"public officer" means any person working in the Public Service of the Federation or State as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"Relevant ministers" means Ministers of Science, Technology and Innovation, Finance, Budget and National Planning, Agriculture and Rural Development, Health, Education, Works and Housing, Power, Industries, Trade and Investments, Communication and Digital Economy, Justice and such other Ministers as may be determined by the President (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"Research" means a process intended to create new or improved technology that can provide competitive advantage at the business, development, national or global level (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"research institution" includes any organization practicing research as recognized by this Bill or any Act of the National Assembly or established by the Federal Government and (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"Science" includes any system of knowledge attained by verifiable means and the organized body of knowledge humans have gained by research (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"Minister" means Minister Charged with the Responsibility for Innovation, Science and Technology (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

"Ministry" means Federal Ministry of Innovation Science and Technology (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

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

**Committee’s Recommendation:**

**Clause 33: Citation.**

This Bill may be cited as the National Research and Innovation Council (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE GOVERNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Subject to this Bill and clause 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Governing Technical Advisory Committee may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee and any of its Sub committees .
2. Every meeting of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee shall be presided over by the Chairman and if the Chairman is unable to attend a particular meeting, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of the members to preside at the meeting.
3. The quorum at a meeting of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee shall consist of the Chairman (or in an appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 and six other members.
4. Upon any special occasion, the Governing Technical Advisory Committee may co-opt any person to be member for as many meetings as may be necessary, and that person, while so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member, except that the person is not entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

#### *Governing Technical Advisory Sub Committees*

5. (1) Subject to its standing orders, the Governing Technical Advisory Committee may set up such number of standing and ad hoc Sub Committees as it deems fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Council is concerned.
- (2) Every Governing Technical Advisory Sub Committees set up under the provisions of this subparagraph (1) shall be presided over by a member of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee and shall be made up of such Number of persons, not necessarily members of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee, as the Governing Technical Advisory Committee may determine in each case.
6. The decision of the Governing Technical Advisory Sub Committees is of no effect until it is confirmed the Governing Technical Advisory Committee of the Council.

#### *Miscellaneous*

7. The affixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Executive Secretary of the Council and one Member of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee authorized generally or specifically by the Governing Technical Advisory Committee to act for that purpose.
8. Any contract or instrument which, if made by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Council by the Executive Secretary or any other person generally or specifically authorised by the Governing Technical Advisory Committee to act for that purpose.
9. Any document purporting to be a contract, an instrument or other Document signed or sealed on the Council shall be received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed, without further proof, to have been so signed and sealed.

10. The validity of a proceeding of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee or a committee shall not be adversely affected by-
- (a) any vacancy in the membership of the Board;
  - (b) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee or Governing Technical sub-Committee; or such other member authorized generally or specifically by the Governing Technical Advisory Committee to act for that purpose.
  - (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in then proceeding.
11. A member of the Governing Technical Advisory Committee or subcommittee who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Governing Technical Advisory Committee or committee shall declare his interest and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD

1. Subject to this Act and clause 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Board and any of its committees.
2. Every meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman and if the Chairman is unable to attend a particular meeting, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of them to preside at the meeting.
3. The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall consist of the Chairman (or in an appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 and six other members.
4. Upon any special occasion, the Board may co-opt any person to be member for as many meetings as may be necessary, and that person, while so co-opted, shall have all the rights and privileges of a member, except that the person is not entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

#### *Committees*

5. (1) Subject to its standing orders, the Board may set up such number of standing and ad hoc committees as it deems fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Foundation is concerned.
- (2) Every committee set up under the provisions of subparagraph (1) shall be presided over by a member of the Board and shall be made up of such number of persons, not necessarily members of the Board, as the Board may determine in each case.
6. The decision of a committee is of no effect until it is confirmed by the Foundation.

#### *Miscellaneous*

7. The affixing of the seal of the Foundation shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the Executive Secretary of the Foundation or such other member authorised generally or specifically by the Board to act for that purpose.
8. Any contract or instrument which, if made by a person not being a body corporate would not

be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Foundation by the Executive Secretary or any other person generally or specifically authorised by the Board to act for that purpose.

9. Any document purporting to be a contract, an instrument or other document signed or sealed on behalf of the Foundation shall be received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed, without further proof, to have been so signed and sealed.
10. The validity of a proceeding of the Board or a committee shall not be adversely affected by —
  - (a) any vacancy in the membership of the Board;
  - (b) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or committee; or
  - (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceeding.
11. A member of the Board or committee who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or committee shall declare his interest and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

Leave out the provisions of the Second Schedule (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

***Agreed to.***

***Explanatory Memorandum:***

This Bill Seeks to to Repeal the National Science and Technology Fund Act (1987) and Establish the National Research and Innovation Council/National Reserch and Innovation Fund to Improve Competitiveness and Wealth Creation That Can Lead to the Development of New Products, Processes, and Services, to Address Social and Environmental Challenges, to Improve the Quality of Life of People, to Create New Jobs and Opportunities and to Advance Knowledge and Understanding of Science , Technology Innovations; and for Related Matters (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

***Agreed to.***

***Long Title:***

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Science and Technology Fund Act (1987) and Establish the National Research and Innovation Council/National Research and Innovation Fund to Improve Competitiveness and Wealth Creation that can Lead to the Development of New Products, Processes, and Services, to Address Social and Environmental Challenges, to Improve the Quality of Life of People, to Create New Jobs and Opportunities and to Advance Knowledge and Understanding of Science, Technology Innovations; and for Related Matters (HB. 727) (*Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa*).

***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 Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Science, Technology, Innovation and Research Council to Set National Priorities on Research,

Innovation and Development, to Improve Economic Growth and Competitiveness that can Lead to the Development of New Products, Processes, and Services, to Address Social and Environmental Challenges, to Improve the Quality of Life of People, to Create New Jobs and Opportunities and to Advance Knowledge and Understanding of Innovations; and for Related Matters (HB. 727) and approved Clauses 1 - 11, rejected Clauses 12 - 14, approved Clauses 15 - 33, the First Schedule, rejected the Second Schedule, approved the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(vi) **Committee on Public Procurement:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria Act, 2007 to be in tandem with what obtains in the Procurement Professional Practice across the Globe and for Related Matters (HB.346)” (Hon. Unyime Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PURCHASING AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT OF NIGERIA ACT, 2007 TO BE IN TANDEM WITH WHAT OBTAINS IN THE PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ACROSS THE GLOBE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 346)

**Committee’s Recommendation:**

**Clause 1: Amendment of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria Act, 2007.**

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria Act, 2007 (herein called "the principal Act") is amended as the out in this Bill (Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency).

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

**Committee’s Recommendation:**

**Clause 2: Amendment of Section 1.**

- (a) Section 1 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Purchasing" and substitute instead the word "Procurement".
- (b) Section 1 (1) (a) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Purchasing" and substitute instead the word "Procurement".
- (c) Providing for the training, education and examination of persons desiring to become professional procures as well as procurement auditors according to the provisions of Act whether in Nigeria or abroad".
- (d) Section 1 (1) (f) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "supplies" and substituted instead the words "Procurement and Supply Chain related matters" (Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal

*Constituency).*

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 3: Amendment of Section 2.**

- (a) a President of the institute who shall be the chairman of the council.
- (b) Section 2 (c) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the word "(ii) commerce" the word "(ii) Trade, Investment"
- (c) Section 2 (d) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the word "two" and inserting the word "one" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 4: Amendment of Section 3.**

Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing provision, new provisions thus:

"There shall be for institute a President and two Vice Presidents who shall fellows of the institute to be elected by fellows and chartered members at an annual general meeting and hold office each for a term of two years from the date of the election shall not be eligible for re-election after two terms of two years each" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 5: Amendment of Section 5.**

- (a) Section 5 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the word "Purchasing" with word "Procurement and Chain"
- (b) (i) Section 5 (2) (a) (i) of the Principle Act is amended by inserting "10" instead of "7" and inserting before the word "purchasing", the words "Procurement and Supply Chain";
- (ii) Section 5 (2) (a) (ii) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting before the word "purchasing", the word "Chain".
- (c) Section 5 (c) (b) (i) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting before the word "purchasing" the words "procurement and supply chain";
- (d) Section 5 (2) (ii) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting before the word "purchasing" the words "Procurement and Chairn".
- (e) Section 5 (2) (e) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting "s" from the words "Political"
- (f) Section 5 (2) (g) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately before the words "purchasing", the words "Procurement and Supply Chain"
- (g) Section 5 (3) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately

before the words "purchasing", the words "procurement or"

- (h) Section 5 (11) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "two immediately before the words "consecutive" and insert instead the words "three" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 6: Amendment of Section 6 (8).**

Section 6 (8) of the Principal Act by substituting for the words "commerce", the phrase "Industry, Trade and Investment" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 7: Amendment of Section 8.**

Section 8 (2) (d) (i) and (ii) of the Principal Act are amended by substituting for the words "purchasing" the words "procurement" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 8: Insertion of New Part IV.**

The Principal Act is amended by introducing a new part IV and subsequent parts renumbered accordingly.

PART IV — ESTABLISHMENT OF ACADEMY

11. (1) (d) "There is established for the institute an Academy:
- (i) The Academy shall be a center for training, education and examination of persons seeking to become professional in procurement, store, materials, warehouse, logistics management or procurement chain management in Nigeria and other parts of the world and
- (1) (d) Performing such other functions as may be assigned by the council.
- (a) Section 11(3) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting before the words "purchasing", the words "Procurement and Chain".
- (b) Section 11 (8) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "procurement or" immediately before the words "purchasing".
- (c) Section 11 (9) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "Procurement and Chain" before the words "purchasing" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 9: Insertion of New section 11 (9) (a) - (f).**

- (a) the incorporated entity or organization shall within a month of the employment forward the name of the particulars of the person appointed to head the procurement and supply chain management to the institute for proper documentation;
- (b) any incorporated entity or organization that employ non registered member of the institute as head of the procurement and supply chain management shall be liable to fine of 2,000 per day with 10% interest rate until such person appointed to head the procurement and supply chain management is removed;
- (c) the incorporated entity or organization shall officially write to the institute attaching the removal letter of the person within a month;
- (d) the institute has the right to institute a legal action against any incorporated entity or organization in order to enforce the Act;
- (e) the institute is mandatory to set up a committee that will from time to time be visiting the incorporated entity or organization to ensure that the Act is fully comply with;
- (f) the committee is entitle to send a collective report to the institute after inspection (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 10: Amendment of Section 12.**

- (a) Section 12 (1) (a) of the principal Act is amended by inserting the words "procurement and chain professionals" before the words "purchasing"
- (b) Section (12) (4) (b) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "Commerce" the phrase, "Minister in charge of Industry, Trade and Investment" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 11: Amendment of Section 13.**

Section 13 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "masters degree" before the words "degree" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 12: Amendment of Section 14.**

- (a) Section 14 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Purchasing and substitute instead the words "Procurement and Supply Chain Management Disciplinary Tribunal".

- (b) Section 14 (3) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Purchasing" and substitute instead the words "Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Chain Management Investigating Panel" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 13: Amendment of Section 16.**

- (a) Section 16 (4) (a) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the figure "₦50,000.00" the figure "₦100,000.00".
- (b) Section 16 (4) (b) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the figure "₦20,000.00", the figure "₦100,000.00" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 14: Amendment of Section 18.**

Section 18 (1) (a) of the Principal Act is Amended by deleting the words "supply" and replace with the words "Procurement and Supply Chain Management" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 15: Amendment of Section 19.**

Section 19 (a) and (b) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "Purchasing" the words "Procurement and Supply Chain Management" where it appears in this section (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 16: Amendment of Section 20.**

Section 20 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Purchasing" wherever appearing in this section and substitute instead the words "Procurement" (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

"Incorporated entity or organization" means any legal entity registered under Company and Allied Matters Act, 2020 (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Chain Management of Nigeria established under section 1 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

*to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"Investigating Panel" means the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Investigating Panel established under section 14 (3) of this Bill (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

"procurement and supply chain professional" means any qualified member who is into practice or employed by any organization, ministry, corporation and engaged in purchasing, supply, procurement, stores, logistics, materials or warehouse management (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the words "Procurement and supply chain professional" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"Tribunal" means the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Chain Disciplinary Tribunal established under section 14 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 17: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Chain Management of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Note:**

This Bill seeks to amend the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Chain Management of Nigeria Act to reflect and accommodate current reality in the global procurement practice (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria Act, 2007 to be in Tandem with what Obtains in the Procurement Professional Practice Across the Globe and for Related Matters (HB. 346) (*Hon. Unyime Josiah Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam 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 Public Procurement on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute

of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria Act, 2007 to be in tandem with what obtains in the Procurement Professional Practice across the Globe and for Related Matters (HB.346) and approved Clauses 1 - 17, 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.*

**23. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 8 May, 2025 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 1.03 p.m.*

**Abbas Tajudeen**  
*Speaker*