



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28 November, 2018

1. The House met at 11.20 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 27 November, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

20th July, 2018

*Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

SUPPRESSION OF PIRACY AND OTHER MARITIME OFFENCES BILL (2018) FOR PASSAGE INTO LAW

Pursuant to Section 58 of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended),

*I hereby transmit a copy of the **Suppression of Piracy and Other Maritime Offences Bill, 2018** to the House of Representatives, for consideration and passage into law.*

*The **Suppression of Piracy and Other Maritime Offences Bill, 2018** is intended to:*

- (a) *curtail illegal activities of pirates at sea as well as to reduce the incidence of oil theft in domestic and international waters;*
- (b) *domesticate the relevant provisions of international treaties to which Nigeria is a signatory to, such as the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982 ('UNCLOS II') relating to Piracy, as well as the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts ('SUA') against the safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988 and its Protocols;*
- (c) *define the roles and responsibilities of each maritime stakeholder to avert conflicts of roles and overlapping responsibilities vis-a-vis piracy and maritime crimes; and*
- (d) *provide for the appropriate administration as well as prosecution of piracy, maritime crimes and other related offences.*

While I trust that this Bill will receive expeditious consideration and passage into law by the House of Representatives, please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcement

(a) Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the Staff and Students of **Australian Academy**, Gwarimpa, Abuja.

(b) Ad-hoc Committee to Interface with Members of the Anambra State House of Assembly and the State Governor with a View to Finding a Quick and Lasting Solution to the Crisis in the State House of Assembly:

Mr Speaker announced the Membership of the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Pally Iriase | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Abdullahi Idris Kontagora | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Daniel Reyenieju | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Kingsley Ebeonyi Sunny | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Tasir Olawole Raji | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Buba Yakub | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Yuguda Hassan Kila | — | <i>Member</i> |

(b) Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing Routine and Periodic Maintenance of National Roads and for Related Matters (HB. 49 and HIB. 163):

Mr Speaker announced the Membership of the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Toby Okechukwu | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Ezekiel Adaji Awalu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Brown Randolph Iwo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Nnebe Anayo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Albert Adeogun | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Sani Abdul Mohammed | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Mohammed Wudil | — | <i>Member</i> |

- (c) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Utilization of Funds Approved for the Execution of the Fight Against Boko Haram Insurgency and the Operational Lapses that Led to the Killing of 118 Nigerian Soldiers in Metele, Borno State (HR. 89/11/2018):***

Mr Speaker announced the Membership of the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Kingsley Chinda | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. John Dyegh | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Nnenna Ukeje | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Ayo Joseph | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Bassey Ewa | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Aminu Suleiman Goro | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (8) | Hon. Dickson Tarkighir | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (9) | Hon. Mohammed Gudaji Kazaure | — | <i>Member</i> |

5. **Admittance into the Chamber**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, Members of Parliament of Ghana/Young Parliamentary Forum (YPF), pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 (xi)" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila -- House Leader).

Agreed to.

6. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**

Need to Investigate the Killing of Mr Simon Mson Ajoko a Commercial Motor Cyclist which led to the Killing of Thirteen (13) Persons Alleged to be Cultists, in Lessel, Benue State:

Hon. Benjamin Iorember Wayo (Kwande/Ushongo 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 4 (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 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Investigate the Killing of Mr Simon Mson Ajoko a Commercial Motor Cyclist which led to the killing of thirteen (13) Persons Alleged to be Cultists, in Lessel, Benue State:

The House:

Notes that on the night of Saturday, 24 November, 2018, a group of persons engaged one Mr Simon Mson Ajoko of Mbagwa, Atikyese council ward and a commercial motorcyclist, to convey them to a hotel named Joy Guest Inn, in Lessel, Benue State, the headquarter of Ushongo Local Government Area;

Also notes that, after conveying these persons to Joy Guest Inn, Mr Simon Mson Ajoko demanded for his payment, where upon, these persons who were suspected to be cultists descended on him and hacked him to death;

Further notes that consequent upon the killing of Mr Simon Mson Ajoko, the Youths of the area mobilized themselves in self defence and killed 13 persons, and arrested 14 out of the 50 suspected cultists and handed them over to the Police;

Concerned that some of the alleged cultists handed over to the Police have escaped from custody;

Worried that, in April 2017, a group of persons who lodged in the same Joy Guest Inn unleashed terror on innocent and harmless people in the wake of party primaries, preparatory to the Local Government Area Councils election in Benue State which took place in June 2017;

Also worried that, even though a comprehensive report was lodged with the Police in respect of the attack in 2017, certain persons identified as responsible for the attack have not been arrested by the Nigeria Police;

Also concerned that Lessel town of Ushongo Local Government, has a Police Division with only 9 Police men, including the Divisional Police Officer (DPO);

Aware that the need for adequate Security for peaceful election in Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency and, indeed, Benue State cannot be over-emphasized in view of the fact that general elections have been fixed for 16 February and 2 March, 2019;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to:
 - (a) carry out full investigation into the killing of Mr Simon Mson Ajoko and bring the culprits to book,
 - (b) carry out full investigation into the circumstances surrounding the escape from custody of some of the suspects arrested by the youths and handed over to the Police,
 - (c) investigate the management of Joy Guest Inn, Lessel, in the wake of the killing of Mr Simon Mson Ajoko and attack on innocent persons in April of 2017,
 - (d) deploy enough police men to maintain law and order and ensure adequate security in Ushongo Local Government Area of Benue State; and
- (ii) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased (*Hon. Benjamin I. Wayo — Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House.

Noted that on the night of Saturday, 24 November, 2018, a group of persons engaged one Mr Simon Mson Ajoko of Mbagwa, Atikyese council ward and a commercial motorcycle, to convey them to a hotel named Joy Guest Inn, in Lessel, Benue State, the headquarter of Ushongo Local Government Area;

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Concerned that some of the alleged cultists handed over to the Police have escaped from custody;

Worried that, in April 2017, a group of persons who lodged in the same Joy Guest Inn unleashed terror on innocent and harmless people in the wake of party primaries, preparatory to the Local Government Area Councils election in Benue State which took place in June 2017;

Also worried that, even though a comprehensive report was lodged with the Police in respect of the attack in 2017, certain persons identified as responsible for the attack have not been arrested by the Nigeria Police;

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- (c) investigate the management of Joy Guest Inn, Lessel, in the wake of the killing of Mr Simon Mson Ajoko and attack on innocent persons in April of 2017,
- (d) deploy enough police men to maintain law and order and ensure adequate security in Ushongo Local Government Area of Benue State; and

(ii) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased (**HR. 90/11/2018**).

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

7. Presentation of Report

Committee on Science and Technology:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency with a view to Conducting Research in Areas of Ethno-Medical and Veterinary Surveys, so as to Develop Comprehensive Inventory of Medicinal, Aromatic and Pesticidal Plants, Animal parts, Minerals and other Bio-Diversities used in Natural Medicine in Nigeria and to Provide Research, Develop, Promote, Collate, Document and Preserve Nigeria's Indigenous (Traditional) Healthcare Systems, Medications and Non-Medications Healing Arts, Sciences, Technologies, Bio-Resources and Facilitate their Integration into the National Healthcare Delivery System; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219 and HB. 1383)" (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Animal Diseases (Control) Bill for the Purpose of Prevention, Detection, Control, and Eradication of Infectious and Contagious Transboundary and Zoonotic Animal Diseases; the Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance through the Control and Regulation of the Use and Administration of Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Drugs and Chemicals in Animals, Animal Products, and Medicated Animal Feeds as well as the Sales and Distribution of Pet Foods, Veterinary Medical Devices and other Veterinary Products; and for the Enhancement of Animal Welfare and Food Safety; and for Related Matters (HB. 682, HB. 1268 and HB. 140) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Animal Diseases (Control) Bill for the Purpose of Prevention, Detection, Control, and Eradication of Infectious and Contagious Transboundary and Zoonotic Animal Diseases; the Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance through the Control and Regulation of the Use and Administration of Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Drugs and Chemicals in Animals, Animal Products, and Medicated Animal Feeds as well as the Sales and Distribution of Pet Foods, Veterinary Medical Devices and other Veterinary Products; and for the Enhancement of Animal Welfare and Food Safety; and for Related Matters (HB. 682, HB. 1268 and HB. 140) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third time, and Passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Act, Cap. D3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Share of the Government of the Federation in the Additional Revenue under the Production Sharing Contracts; and for Related Matters (HB. 1494) — Second Reading**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Identity Management Commission Act, Cap. N54, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to, among other things, delete the Provisions of Section 5 (o), and Stipulate a time limit for the Issuance of the Permanent National Identity Card, to Provide for the Procedure and Principles to be followed by persons collecting Personal Data in an Electronic Form for Processing and Protection of Privacy in a framework that will guarantee and regulate Digital Data Privacy and Protection of Individual or Organized Private Sector and Provide a Mechanism for Collection, Processing, Retention, Disclosure, Destruction, Usage and Treatment of the Digital Data in Nigeria, to Protect the Legal interest of affected persons in Collection and Usage and to provide for Recapture, Revalidation and Reissuance of a new National Identity Card to those that were so captured before attaining the age of 18 years and to remove the expiring date on the National Identity Card; and for Related Matters (HB. 821, HB. 1471 and HB. 1511) — Second Reading**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

11. **Need to Reform Nigeria's Tertiary Educational System**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the strategic importance of education to any nation cannot be over emphasized being the fulcrum of national growth and development;

Also notes that tertiary education is the platform for developing human capital for social, economic and technological transformation and advancement of any nation;

Further notes that right to education is a fundamental human right and a tool of attaining not only academic excellence but also social justice and progress, through which citizens achieve not only personal growths, but also develop their civic and political consciousness;

Worried that Nigeria loses a minimum of ₦1 Trillion to Education Tourism annually because about 75,000 Nigerians are currently studying in Ghana, Benin Republic and Egypt, among others;

Also worried about the dwindling quality of education in Nigeria, thus making our graduates unemployable, as no fewer than 1.8 million graduates in the country move into the labour market every year with the hope of getting jobs that are not available;

Informed that numerous problems beset Nigeria's educational system, leading to poor quality and exodus of our youth from pursuit of tertiary education; these include inadequate funding and infrastructure, epileptic power supply and examination malpractices;

Aware that the Nigerian Government allocates 7% of the national budget to education which is far from the 26% budgetary allocation recommended by the United Nations Education and Scientific Organization (UNESCO) for developing countries like Nigeria;

Also aware that Nigeria's educational sector needs urgent reform, failing which it will continue to spiral down and Nigerians will continue to spend their hard earned foreign exchange in financing education tourism;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education, the National Universities Commission (NUC), and the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to carry out a holistic reform that would make Nigeria's tertiary Institutions internationally competitive, and to support the National Economic Development and Growth Plan; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to work with the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and other relevant agencies to ensure implementation and report back within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji — Ado Ekiti/Irepodun/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to incrementally improve the allocation to education budget to 26% within the next 4 years, subject to availability of revenue" (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu Aninri/Awgu/Oji River Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iv) as follows:
"Set up an *Ad hoc* Committee to liaise with the National University Commission (NUC) on the reform on tertiary education system and proffer a lasting solution to the problem of decay and report back in four (4) weeks" (*Hon. Hassan Saleh — Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(iii) *Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:*

“Organise a one week Educational Summit in January, 2019 and come up with practical resolutions to be forwarded to the Federal Ministry of Education for the revamping of the sector” (*Hon. Muhammad Sami Abdu Alkalari/Kirfi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(iv) *Insert a new Prayer (vi) as follows:*

“Urge the President to declare a state of emergency on the Nigeria educational sector” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the strategic importance of education to any nation cannot be over emphasized being the fulcrum of national growth and development;

Also noted that tertiary education is the platform for developing human capital for social, economic and technological transformation and advancement of any nation;

Further noted that right to education is a fundamental human right and a tool of attaining not only academic excellence but also social justice and progress, through which citizens achieve not only personal growths, but also develop their civic and political consciousness;

Worried that Nigeria loses a minimum of ₦1 Trillion to Education Tourism annually because about 75,000 Nigerians are currently studying in Ghana, Benin Republic and Egypt, among others;

Also worried about the dwindling quality of education in Nigeria, thus making our graduates unemployable, as no fewer than 1.8 million graduates in the country move into the labour market every year with the hope of getting jobs that are not available;

Informed that numerous problems beset Nigeria's educational system, leading to poor quality and exodus of our youth from pursuit of tertiary education; these include inadequate funding and infrastructure, epileptic power supply and examination malpractices.

Aware that the Nigerian Government allocates 7% of the national budget to education which is far from the 26% budgetary allocation recommended by the United Nations Education and Scientific Organization (UNESCO) for developing countries like Nigeria.

Also aware that Nigeria's educational sector needs urgent reform, failing which it will continue to spiral down and Nigerians will continue to spend their hard earned foreign exchange in financing education tourism;

Resolved to:

(i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education, the National Universities Commission (NUC), and the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to carry out a holistic reform that would make Nigeria's tertiary Institutions internationally competitive, and to support the National Economic Development and Growth Plan;

(ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to work with the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and other relevant agencies to ensure implementation and report back within six (6) weeks;

- (iii) urge the Federal Government to incrementally improve the allocation to education budget to 26% within the next 4 years, subject to availability of revenue;
- (iv) set up an *Ad hoc* Committee to liaise with the National University Commission (NUC) on the reform on tertiary education system and proffer a lasting solution to the problem of decay and report back in four (4) weeks;
- (v) organise a one week Educational Summit in January, 2019 and come up with practical resolutions to be forwarded to the Federal Ministry of Education for the revamping of the sector; and
- (vi) also urge the President to declare a state of emergency on the Nigeria educational sector (HR. 91/11/2018).

12. Need to Include Ataba and Other Andoni Communities in the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Environmental Clean-Up Report

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Government of Nigeria, in consultation with many relevant actors, invited the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to undertake an assessment of the extent and impact of oil pollution in the impacted Ogoni area and its environs;

Also notes that the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) investigation found that the surface and ground water within the area was highly contaminated, as the highest level of benzene concentration was found in water around Andoni Communities, particularly in Ataba;

Aware that oil pollution in the marine environment migrates and percolates through the soil and as well gets dispersed far from the point of initial impact;

Also aware that preliminary activities towards the commencement of the clean-up have been contemplated and arrangements are ongoing;

Worried that the current arrangements do not capture the Andoni Component of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report which was revealed to have the highest benzene concentration and hence pose far greater health risk;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to ensure that the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) carry out a Comprehensive clean up of the entire impacted area as defined in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report, and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Abiante Awaji Inombek – Andoni Opobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Prayer, and *insert* as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to ensure that the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) carry-out a comprehensive clean-up of the entire impacted areas up to Bonny and the mouth of the Atlantic Ocean captured as “impacted” in the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Report and report back within four (4) weeks” (*Hon. Brown Randolph Iwo Oruene – Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Government of Nigeria, in consultation with many relevant actors, invited the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to undertake an assessment of the extent and impact of oil pollution in the impacted Ogoni area and its environs;

Also noted that the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) investigation found that the surface and ground water within the area was highly contaminated, as the highest level of benzene concentration was found in water around Andoni Communities, particularly in Ataba;

Aware that oil pollution in the marine environment migrates and percolates through the soil and as well gets dispersed far from the point of initial impact;

Also aware that preliminary activities towards the commencement of the clean-up have been contemplated and arrangements are ongoing;

Worried that the current arrangements do not capture the Andoni Component of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report which was revealed to have the highest benzene concentration and hence pose far greater health risk;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to ensure that the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) carry-out a comprehensive clean-up of the entire impacted areas up to Bonny and the mouth of the Atlantic Ocean captured as "impacted" in the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Report and report back within four (4) weeks (HR. 92/11/2018).

13. Need to complete the Payment of Compensation on the Right of Way and Relocation of Public Utilities at the Bonny-Boddo Road Project to forestall a breakdown of Law and Order

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that since the Federal Government flagged off the Bonny-Bodo Road Project on 12 October, 2017, work has not commenced on the Bonny end of the Project;

Also notes that despite the long conclusion of enumeration, assessment of compensation on the Right of Way (ROW) and relocation of Public Utilities by the consultants to the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, nonpayment of compensation has stalled work on the Bonny end of the project, which had given hope to the people of Bonny who form half of the Degema/Bonny Constituency, being the primary target of the project;

Cognizant of the fact that the payment of compensation will be an effective way to foreclose all issues on Right of Way (ROW) and the delay in this case could result to avoidable tension;

Concerned that if this matter is not given urgent attention, there could be a breakdown of law and order, as tension and suspicion has started rising owing to refusal to pay the compensation on the Right of Way (ROW) and the relocation of Public Utilities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to remove all bottle necks in the way of payment of compensation on the Right of Way (ROW), relocate public utilities on the Bonny end of the project, and commence work thereon; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance to monitor progress and report back in two weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Randolph Brown Iwo Oruene — Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 93/11/2018).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

14. Consideration of Reports

(i) **Report of Conference Committee:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Biotechnology Development Agency; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein (HB. 33)" (Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 33)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND ITS GOVERNING BOARD, ETC.

Clause 2: Establishment and membership of the Governing Board.

- (1) There is established for the Agency, a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").
- (2) The Board shall consist of —
 - (a) a Chairman, who shall be appointed by the President on recommendation of the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, be a person who is capable of making outstanding contribution to the Field of biotechnology by reason of his ability, experience or specialized knowledge of biotechnology.
 - (b) a representative each of the following Federal Ministries and Agencies which are responsible for —
 - (i) Science and Technology;
 - (ii) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN);

- (iii) Interior;
 - (iv) Finance;
 - (v) Health;
 - (vi) Environment;
 - (vii) Organized private Sector;
 - (viii) Industry, Trade and Investment;
 - (ix) Education; and
 - (x) National Planning Commission.
- (c) a representative of Biotechnology Society of Nigeria.
 - (d) a representative of Biotechnology Centers of Excellence;
 - (e) a representative of Nigeria Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA);
 - (f) a representative of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN);
 - (g) a representative of Small and Medium Scale Industrialists;
 - (h) two other persons with specialized knowledge in Biotechnology; and
 - (i) the Director General of the Agency who shall be the Secretary of the Board (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill — 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 Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Biotechnology Development Agency; and for Related Matters and approved the recommendation of the Report.

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 Interpretation Act, Cap. 17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide that for any Person to be qualified to "act" in any Office, the Person must be qualified to hold the substantive position and such acting position must not be beyond six months; and for Related Matters (HB 137) (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 Interpretation Act, Cap. 17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide that for any Person to be qualified to "act" in any Office, the Person must be qualified to hold the substantive position and such acting position must not be beyond six months; and for Related Matters (HB. 137) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East 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 INTERPRETATION ACT, CAP. 17, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE THAT FOR ANY PERSON TO BE QUALIFIED TO "ACT" IN ANY OFFICE, THE PERSON MUST BE QUALIFIED TO HOLD THE SUBSTANTIVE POSITION AND SUCH ACTING POSITION MUST NOT BE BEYOND SIX MONTHS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB 137)

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. 17, LFN, 2004.

The Interpretation Act, Cap. 17 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. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 11.

The Principal Act is hereby amended in Section 11 by —

(i) inserting a new subsection (3) as follows:

"Provided that the power shall only be exercised if the person sought to be appointed is qualified to hold the substantive office".

(ii) by adding a new subsection (4) as follows:

"No law shall enable a person "to act" beyond six months in any single instance" (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 18 (1).

The principal Act is hereby amended by adding the definition of child after the definition of "act" but before "chief" as follows:

"Child" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Child Rights' Act, 2003, and adding the definition of youth immediately after "year" (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Youth" means a person who is eighteen years and above but below (50) years (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Interpretation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok —Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Interpretation Act, 2004 by among other things, providing that for any person to be qualified to "act" in any office, the person must be qualified to hold the substantive position and such an acting position cannot be beyond six months, Child and Youth are defined (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok —Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, Cap. 17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide that for Any Person to be Qualified to "Act" in Any Office, the Person must be Qualified to Hold the Substantive Position and Such Acting Position must Not be Beyond Six Months; and for Related Matters (HB. 137) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok —Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, Cap. 17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide that for any Person to be qualified to "act" in any Office, the Person must be qualified to hold the substantive position and such acting position must not be beyond six months; and for Related Matters (HB. 137) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (iii) **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 in Order to Provide for Offences and Penalties Relating to Computer Misuse and Cybercrime; and for Related Matters (HB. 706) (Committee of the Whole):**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

- (iv) **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Penal Code (Northern States) Federal Provisions Act, Cap. P9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 in Order to Provide for Offences and Penalties Relating to Computer Misuse and Cybercrime; and for Related Matters (HB. 707) (Committee of the Whole):**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

15. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 29 November, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Idris Ahmed — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.18 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker