



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29 January, 2019

1. The House met at 11.23 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 Thursday, 24 January, 2019.
The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcement**
 - (a) **Referral of the National Tobacco Control Regulations, 2018.**
Mr Speaker recalled a communication on Thursday, 20 December, 2018, from the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria forwarding to the House, the National Tobacco Control Regulations, 2018. He noted that, inadvertently, the matter was not referred to an appropriate Committee, and therefore referred it to the Committee on Delegated Legislation.
 - (b) **Defection:**
 - (i) Mr. Speaker read a communication announcing his defection from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).
 - (ii) Mr. Speaker also read the following communications from:
 - (a) Hon. Ahmed Yerima (*Misau/Dambam Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).
 - (b) Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok (*Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the All Progressives Congress (APC) to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).
4. **Presentation of Bills**
The following Bills were read the *First Time*:
 - (1) Counselling Practitioners Council of Nigeria Bill, 2019 (HB. 1603).
 - (2) Federal Polytechnic Mpu, Enugu State, (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB.1604).

- (3) Defence Research and Development Bureau Bill, 2019 (HB. 1606).
- (4) Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1601).

5. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Ad-hoc Committee on the National Minimum Wage:*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Minimum Wage Act, Cap. N61, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Minimum Wage Bill, 2019 to Prescribe a National Minimum Wage for Workers; and for Related Matters (HB. 1602)" (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) *Ad-hoc Committee on Need to Curb Excessive Electricity Charges being levied on Consumers by Distribution Companies (DISCOs):*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Need to Curb Excessive Electricity charges being levied on Consumers by Distribution Companies (DISCOs) (H.R. 163/2017)" (*Hon. Israel Ajibola Famurewa — Atakummosa East/Atakummosa West/Ilesa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) *Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:*

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, Cap. E4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include Colleges of Agriculture and Increase some Penalties and to include Tertiary/Teaching Hospitals and Private Universities as Beneficiaries of the Fund; and for Related Matters (HB. 531, HB. 620, and HB. 868).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(iv) *Committee on Tertiary Education and Services*

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the University of Lagos Act, Cap. U9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification for the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University Authority; and for Related Matters (HB. 1106).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(v) *Committee on Tertiary Education and Services*

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the University of Nigeria Act, Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification for the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University Authority; and for Related Matters (HB. 1108).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(vi) *Committee on Tertiary Education and Services*

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi State as a Conventional University with Restricted Programmes and Limited and Focused Facilities to ensure Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country; and for Related Matters (HB. 1161).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

6. *Privilege (Order Six, Rule 2 and 4) and Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (g)*

Hon. Gbilla Mark Terseer (*Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to a publication on page 5 of *Peoples Daily Newspaper* of 20 January, 2019, with the caption "**Project Implementation; Reps raise alarm over unspent \$100m World Bank fund**" concerning the Growth and Empowerment (GEM) Project of the World Bank domiciled with the Ministry of Trade and Investment and supervised by the Ministry of Finance. He expressed concern at the article which purported that the nation would return the sum of \$100 million project fund to the World Bank due to non-implementation of the GEM Project, targeted at about 4000 Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), but which was allegedly converted to benefit only 25 companies, by the Minister of Trade and Investment without due legislative process.

Hon. Gbilla recalled that he had moved 2 separate motions, on 1 November, 2017, and 13 February, 2018 respectively, on the GEM project, which Resolutions the House referred to the Committees on Finance, Industry, Commerce, Aids, Loans and Debt Management. He considered the action of the Ministry regarding the project as a breach of his privilege and that of the House, especially considering the insinuation that the Committees had stalled action on the referral because they might have been compromised. He therefore prayed the House to discharge the Committees of the referral Order and commit the matter to an Ad-hoc Committee for further legislative action, pursuant to Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (g).

Ordered: *The Committees on Finance, Industry, Commerce, Aids, Loans and Debt Management to liaise with the Clerk, House of Representatives to determine the status of the matter before the House invokes the provisions of Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (g).*

7. *A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Security Studies, Abuja; and for Related Matters (HB. 1583) — Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Institute for Security Studies, Abuja; and for Related Matters (HB. 1583) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. *A Bill for Act to Authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation, the total sum of ₦8,826,636,578,915 (Eight Trillion, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Six Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifteen Naira) only, of which ₦492,360,342,965 (Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦2,264,014,113,092 (Two Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Four Billion, Fourteen Million, One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Ninety-Two Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦4,038,557,664,767 (Four Trillion, Thirty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,031,704,458,092 (Two Trillion, Thirty-One Billion, Seven Hundred and Four Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Ninety-Two Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31 December, 2019 — Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for Act to Authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation, the total sum of ₦8,826,636,578,915 (Eight Trillion, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Six Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifteen Naira) only, of which ₦492,360,342,965 (Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty Million, Three Hundred and Forty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦2,264,014,113,092 (Two Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Four Billion, Fourteen Million, One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Ninety-Two Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦4,038,557,664,767 (Four Trillion, Thirty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,031,704,458,092 (Two Trillion, Thirty-One Billion, Seven Hundred and Four Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Ninety-Two Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31 December, 2019 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

All other Standing Committees of the House to serve as Sub-Committees.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1452) — Second Reading**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

10. **Consideration of Reports**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do Suspend Order Seven, Rule (2) (2) to enable Mr Speaker preside in the Committee of the Whole" (Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

- (i) **Ad-hoc Committee on the National Minimum Wage:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Minimum Wage Act, Cap. N61, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Minimum Wage Bill, 2019 to Prescribe a National Minimum Wage for Workers; and for Related Matters (HB. 1602) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Sulaimon Lasun Yussuff — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu 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 Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE ACT, NO.6, 1981
AS AMENDED, CAP. N61, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND
ENACT THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE BILL, 2019 TO PRESCRIBE A NATIONAL
MINIMUM WAGE FOR WORKERS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1602)

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Objective of this Bill.

The objective of this Bill is to prescribe the national minimum wage and provide for a legal framework for a seamless review of the national minimum wage within the period specified under this Bill (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Application.

The provisions of this Bill shall apply throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Employer to pay minimum wage.

- (1) As from the commencement of this Bill, every employer, except as provided for under this Bill, shall pay a wage not less than a national minimum wage of ₦30,000.00 per month to every worker under his establishment.
- (2) The National minimum wage as prescribed in Subclause (1) of this Clause shall be the minimum total amount of money an employer of labour is required to pay the lowest paid worker or employee monthly in his establishment
- (3) Any agreement for the payment of wages less than the national minimum wage as prescribed in Subclause (1) of this Clause, shall be void and of no effect whatsoever.
- (4) The National Minimum wage shall be for duration of five (5) years, after which it shall be reviewed in line with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Exemptions.

- (1) The provisions of Clause 3 (1) of this Bill shall not apply to:
 - (a) an establishment in which workers are employed on part-time basis;
 - (b) an establishment at which workers are paid on commission or on piece-rate;
 - (c) an establishment employing less than 25 persons;
 - (d) workers in seasonal employment such as agriculture; and

- (e) any person employed in a vessel or aircraft to which the laws regulating merchant shipping or civil aviation apply.
- (2) The Minister of Labour and Employment shall, through the National Labour Advisory Council and by Order Published in the Federal Government Gazette grant other exemptions as he deems necessary in the interest of the national economy, taking into consideration reports from National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission or such other body that may make representation for exemption (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Establishment of Tripartite Committee on National Minimum Wage.

- (1) There is established, a Tripartite Committee on National Minimum Wage (in this Bill referred to as the Tripartite Committee") consisting of representatives of Government; Organised Labour and Organised Private Sector, on equal representation.
- (2) The Secretariat of the Committee shall be domiciled in the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Composition of the Tripartite Committee.

- (1) The Tripartite Committee which shall be appointed by the President shall be composed as follows:
 - (a) a Chairman;
 - (b) a Secretary;
 - (c) Government's representatives consisting of the following:
 - (i) the Secretary to the Government of the Federation,
 - (ii) Head of Civil Service of the Federation,
 - (iii) Minister of Labour and Employment,
 - (iv) Minister of Finance,
 - (v) Minister of Budget and National Planning,
 - (vi) the Executive Chairman, National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission, and
 - (vii) a Governor from each of the six Geo-Political Zones to be nominated by the Governors from that Zone;
 - (d) Organised labour consisting of representatives from:
 - (i) Nigeria Labour Congress,

- (ii) Trade Union Congress,
- (iii) any such labour Centre that may be registered in accordance with the Labour Laws;
- (e) Organised Private Sector consisting of representative from:
 - (i) Nigeria Employer' Consultative Association,
 - (ii) Manufacturers Association of Nigeria,
 - (iii) Nigeria Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture,
 - (iv) Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises, and
 - (v) any such employers group that may be registered in accordance with the Labour Laws.
- (2) Without prejudice to the membership listed under Subclause (1) of this Clause, the Minister of Labour and Employment may, make recommendation for the appointment of additional members to the President (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Powers of Tripartite Committee.

Pursuant to the provisions of Clause 3 (4) of this Bill, the Tripartite Committee shall have the power to make recommendation on the National Minimum Wage (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Meetings of the Tripartite Committee.

The Tripartite Committee shall be convened by the Chairman as may be expedient, but not later than six months to the expiration of the existing National Minimum Wage, to consider a new National Minimum Wage, provided that, the proceedings and other supplementary provisions relating to the Committee shall be decided by the members (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Employer's obligations in respect of minimum wage.

- (1) An employer shall pay to the workers a wage not less than the national minimum wage subject to statutory deductions.
- (2) Any employer who fails to comply with the provisions of Subclause (1) of this Clause commits an offence and is liable on conviction to:
 - (a) pay a fine not exceeding 5% of the offenders monthly wage;
 - (b) pay all outstanding arrears of the workers' wages; and

- (c) pay an additional penalty of not less than the prevailing Central Bank of Nigeria lending rate on the wages owed, for each month of continuing violation, provided that the power to order payment on account of wages under Subclause (2) of this Clause, shall not be in derogation of the right of the worker to recover wages due to him by any other proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Employers to keep records.

- (1) An employer shall keep such records of wages or conditions of employment as are necessary to show that the provisions of this Bill are being complied with in respect of workers in his employment and to retain the records for a period of three years after the period to which they refer,
- (2) Any employer who fails to comply with the provisions of Subclause (1) of this Clause commits an offence and is liable on conviction to:
- (a) a fine not exceeding ₦75,000.00; and
- (b) an additional penalty not exceeding ₦10,000.00 for each day the offence continues (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Officers and their powers.

- (1) The Minister of Labour and Employment may authorise any officer in the civil service of the Federation to act for the purpose of this Bill, and every authorised labour officer within the meaning of the Labour Act shall be deemed to have been so authorised.
- (2) Every authorised officer shall be furnished with a letter of his authority and identification when visiting an employer's premises for the purposes of this Bill and shall, if so required, produce both documents to the employer or other person holding a responsible position of management at the said premises.
- (3) An authorised officer may —
- (a) require the production by an employer of wages sheets pay roll or other records of wages and records of conditions of employment, inspect and examine them and copy any part;
- (b) order any person or body of persons found to have contravened any of the provisions of this Bill to take remedial action within a specified period of time; and
- (c) make recommendation for the prosecution of any person who contravenes the provisions of this Bill.

- (4) An officer who is authorised in that behalf by general or special directions of the Minister may, if it appears to him that a sum is due from an employer to a worker to whom this Bill applies or to a person who has been such a worker on account of the payment to him of wages less than the national minimum wage, may institute on behalf and in the name of that worker or person, civil proceedings for the recovery of that sum and in any such proceedings, the court may make an order for the payment of costs by the authorised officer as if he were a party to the proceedings.
- (5) The power given under Subclause (4) of this section for the recovery of a sum due from an employer to a worker or other person, shall not be in derogation of any right of a worker or a person who has been a worker to recover that sum by civil proceedings (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: Monitoring and compliance.

- (1) The Federal Ministry of Labour and employment and the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission shall collaborate to monitor the implementation of the national minimum wage in line with the provisions of the Labour Act and the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission Act.
- (2) Any report of non-compliance with the provisions of this Bill discovered by the authorized officer upon routine inspection shall be forwarded to the Minister of Labour and Employment and copied to Labour Centres and employment Associations.
- (3) The Minister of Labour and Employment shall upon receipt of such report activate the machinery for enforcing compliance within 30 working days.
- (4) Monitoring of compliance with this Bill shall commence 6 months after the effective date of the commencement of this Bill (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: Enforcement.

The national minimum wage may be enforced by the aggrieved worker, Trade Unions and Minister of Labour and Employment as follows:

- (a) a worker who is paid an amount less than the national minimum wage shall be contractually entitled to whichever is the higher amount of the difference between his pay and the amount of the national minimum wage that he should have been paid;
- (b) without prejudice to the right of the worker to take his case directly to the National Industrial Court of Nigeria, the worker may file a formal complaint with the Minister of Labour and Employment;
- (c) Trade Unions may demand for compliances with the provisions of this Bill on behalf of their members, provided that, the Trade Unions shall not later than 30 days from the receipt of the workers complaint bring the claim to the National Industrial Court of Nigeria;

- (d) where an employer failed to pay the national minimum wage to a worker or a group of worker, an authorised officer from the Minister of Labour and Employment shall serve a notice of Enforcement requiring the employer to pay the arrears of the wage to the worker(s) named on the notice within 30 days, provided that, the employer shall be entitled to appeal the notice to the Minister of Labour and Employment who shall resolve the matter within 30 days of the receipt of the appeal;
- (e) the notice of enforcement shall state the following, the:
 - (i) amount owed the worker,
 - (ii) period to which the payment applies, and
 - (iii) time limit for the payment;
- (f) where an employer served with an enforcement notice fails, in whole or in part, to comply with the notice, the matter shall be referred to the National Industrial Court of Nigeria (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: Offences by the Agent.

- (1) Where an offence under this Bill is committed by an agent of the employer or by some other person, that agent or other person shall be liable to be proceeded against for the offence in the same manner as if he were the employer.
- (2) An employer who is charged with an offence under this Bill, he shall be entitled to prove that:
 - (a) the offence was due to the act or default of another person; or
 - (b) he has used all due diligence to ensure that this Bill is complied with.
- (3) Where a defendant seeks to avail himself of the provisions of Subclause (2) of this Clause —
 - (a) the prosecution as well as the person whom the defendant charges with the offence shall have the right to cross-examine him if he gives evidence and any witness called by him in support of his plea, and to call rebutting evidence; and
 - (b) the court may make such order as it thinks fit for the payment of the costs by any party to the proceedings, other than the prosecution, to any other party thereto.
- (4) Where it appears to an authorised officer that an offence has been committed in respect of which proceedings might be taken under this Bill against an employer, and the officer is reasonably satisfied that the offence of which complaint is made was due to an act or default of some other person and that the employer could establish a defence under Subclause (2) of this Clause, the officer may make recommendation for a proceedings to be taken against that other person, and in any such proceedings the defendant may be charged with

the offence and on proof that the offence was due to his act or default, be convicted for the offence for which the employer might have been charged (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: Other offences and Penalties.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Bill, a person, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ₦250,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both, where the person:

- (a) refuses or neglects to furnish the means required by an authorised officer as being necessary for any entry in the exercise of his powers under this Bill;
- (b) hinders any authorised officer in the exercise of his powers under this Bill;
- (c) refuses or neglects to produce any document or to give any information which any authorised officer in the exercise of his powers under this Bill requires him to produce or give;
- (d) makes, or causes to be made, or knowingly allows to be made, any wage sheet, record of wages or record of conditions of employment which is false;
- (e) produces or causes to be produced, or knowingly allows to be produced, any such wages sheet or record to an authorised officer in the exercise of his powers under this Bill, knowing the wage sheet or record to be false; or
- (f) furnishes any information to any authorised officer in the exercise of his powers under this Bill, knowing the information to be false (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Repeal and Savings provisions.

- (1) The National Minimum Wage Act No. 6, 1981 as amended, Cap. N61, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 is repealed.
- (2) Without prejudice to Section 6 of the Interpretation Act and notwithstanding the repeal of the enactment specified under Subclause (1) of this Clause:
 - (a) proceedings may be taken on any offence committed under the repealed Act, in same manner as if the offence has been committed under the corresponding provisions of this Bill;
 - (b) any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill, by or against any person or body arising from the repealed Act in respect of rights, interest, obligations or liabilities of the person or body aforesaid may be continued or, as the case may be, commenced and any determination of a court of law tribunal or other authority or person may be enforced to the same extent that any such proceedings, cause of action or determination would have been continued, commenced or enforced if this Bill had not been made (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"authorised officer" means an officer in the Public Service of the Federation authorized or deemed to have been authorized to act for the purpose of this Bill (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

"authorised Labour Officer" means any Public Officer serving in a Ministry or Department for which the Minister of Labour and Employment is responsible; and with the consent of the state authority, any officer in the public service of the state, for the purposes of this Bill (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

"Employer" means any person who has entered into a contract of employment to employ any other person as a worker either for himself or for the service of any other person, and includes the agent, manager or factor of that first mentioned person and the personal representative of a deceased employer (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister of Labour and Employment" means the Minister responsible for labour matters (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Minister of Labour and Employment" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister of Finance" means the Minister responsible for finance (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister of Budget and National Planning" means the Minister responsible for budget (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Minister of Budget and National Planning" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"national minimum wage" means the national minimum wage prescribed under by Clause 3 of this Bill (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

"part-time work" means work of a duration shorter than those for comparable full-time work in a sector or occupation (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "part-time work" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Piece-rate" means any type of employment in which a worker is paid according to the quantity produced regardless of time (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

"wage" means remuneration or earnings (however designated or calculated) capable of being expressed in terms of money fixed by mutual agreement or by law which is payable by virtue of a contract by an employer for work done or to be done for service rendered; and (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

"worker" means any person who has entered into or works under a contract with an employer whether contract is for manual labour or clerical work or is expressed or implied or oral or written, and whether it is a contract of service or a contract personally to execute any work or labour, but excludes the exemption contained in this Bill (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Minimum Wage Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

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

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Clause 19 as follows:

"That the Bill commences from the date of Assent" (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

(This note does not form part of this Bill but intends to explain its purports)

This Bill repeals the National Minimum Wage Act, No.6, 1981 as amended, Cap. N61, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Minimum Wage Bill, 2019 to prescribe a National Minimum Wage and provide a legal framework for seamless review of the National Minimum Wage (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Minimum Wage Act, No.6, 1981 as amended, Cap. N61, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Minimum Wage Bill, 2019 to prescribe a National Minimum Wage for Workers and for Related Matters (HB. 1602) (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Minimum Wage Act, Cap. N61, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Minimum Wage Bill, 2019 to Prescribe a National Minimum Wage for Workers; and for Related Matters (HB. 1602) and approved Clauses 1 - 19, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Economic Regulatory Authority for the Regulation of Transport Industry Sector; and for Related Matters (HB.51) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Economic Regulatory Authority for the Regulation of Transport Industry Sector; and for Related Matters (HB.51) 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 Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMMISSION
AS AN INDEPENDENT MULTI-MODAL ECONOMIC REGULATORY AUTHORITY
FOR THE REGULATION OF TRANSPORT INDUSTRY SECTORS; AND
FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 51)

PART I — PURPOSE, APPLICATION AND SCOPE OF THE ACT

Clause 1: Objectives, Application and Scope of the Act.
The Objectives of this Bill are to:

- (c) provide an economic regulatory framework for the regulated transport sector;
- (d) provide mechanism for monitoring compliance of government agencies and transport operators in the regulated transport sector with relevant legislation and advise Government on matters relating to economic regulation of regulated transport sector (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Power to declare a Regulated Transport Sector.

- (b) the non-existence of economic regulation specific to that sector (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Functions and Powers of the Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall:
 - (a) create an economic regulatory framework for the provision of transport services and facilities;
 - (b) ensure the implementation of Government's economic regulatory policies on transport and execute all such other functions and responsibilities as are given to the Commission under this Bill or any relevant transport sector legislation;
 - (c) enforce and supervise economic regulatory provisions of all relevant legislation on a regulated transport sector (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Consultation.

- (3) The Prescribed Agency shall consult with the Commission in:
- (4) A Prescribed Agency shall ensure that consultation occurs as early as practicable in respect of any matters pertaining to its functions under this Bill or its sector legislation (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Role of the Minister.

- (2) The Commission shall comply with and implement the government economic policy on transport and shall at all times be independent in the performance of its functions.
- (6) Notwithstanding subsection (5), the Minister in consultation with the President shall constitute an Interim Management Committee to take charge of the take-off of the Commission, pending the appointment of substantive members of the Commission by the President (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Qualification for Membership of the Commission.

- (1) The Chairman and Commissioners shall be appointed on the basis of being persons of recognised qualification, expert knowledge and experience in one or more of the following fields (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**Clause 19: Fund of the Commission.**

- (2) The Fund shall consist of:
- (d) a proportion of the proceeds from royalties collected by an authority empowered to collect royalty from transport service providers not exceeding 5% of what is collected from service providers, concessionaires, leases and licensees, accruing to the Commission;
- (f) a charge of 1% freight (tariff stabilisation fee) on all import to and export from Nigeria including wet and dry cargo (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — REGULATIONS**Clause 26: Regulatory functions and powers.**

- (1) The Commission may perform and exercise such functions and powers as may be conferred upon it by any sector legislation including the power to make determinations for or with respect to:
- (e) other economic regulatory matters.
- (2) In performing its economic regulatory function over government agencies and service providers, the Commission shall:
- (a) monitor the government agencies and service providers to ensure they comply with applicable economic regulations; and (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 28: Regulation of tariffs.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the Commission may make guidelines and policies and any relevant regulation on tariffs in respect of facilities and services in a regulated transport sector.
- (5) (c) specifying an amount determined by reference to quantity, location, period or other specified factor relevant to the rate or supply of transport service and facility;
- (e) monitoring the tariff levels of prescribed transport service and facility;
- (f) the cost of complying with relevant legislation applicable to the regulated transport industry; and (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 31: Approval of tariffs or charges by the Commission.

- (3) (c) the cost of complying with relevant legislation applicable to the regulated transport industry (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION

Clause 34: Requirement for regulatory licensing or certification.

- (2) The licence or certificate under this section relates only to matters concerning the economic regulatory functions of the Commission and may be issued to a person or class of persons operating a transport facility or providing transport services in a regulated transport sector only.
- (3) The Commission shall grant licence or certification to any transport operator or service providers for economic matters in the manner prescribed by the sector legislation for the purpose of transport services and facilities in that sector and every licence or certificate shall be in such form and for such period, and may contain such conditions as the sector legislation may determine (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 36: Recommendation from government agencies in regulated transport sector.

- (1) The Commission shall, before the grant of a regulatory licence or certificate under this Part, where it deems it relevant, refer the application to, and obtain written recommendation on each application from any relevant government agency (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 36 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 49: Application for deregistration.

- (4) (c) that has wound up or dissolved, in case of a corporate entity (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 49 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 50: Regulatory Powers over regulated transport industry.

- (1) The Commission may exercise such other powers as may be conferred on the Commission by a transport sector legislation or other empowering instrument (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 50 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 52: Commission's power on competition matters.

- (2) In relation to the Commission's power on competition matters, the Commission may, where appropriate, investigate, report and make recommendations to the relevant agencies (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 52 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 57: Regulatory powers conferred by sector legislation.

- (3) (a) monitor government agencies and other service providers to ensure they comply with applicable regulations; and (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 57 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 58: Power to make and publish regulations and guidelines.

- (2) (a) provide for industry specific economic regulations performance standard taking into consideration the peculiarities of the individual regulated sector;
- (5) The Commission shall ensure that regulatory decision making has regard to the relevant legislation applicable to the regulated transport industry (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 58 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XI — DIRECTIVES

Clause 60: Issuance of directives.

- (3) After the expiration of the notice specified in subsection (2), the Commission shall take into consideration any reason provided by the person before making a decision in relation to the relevant conduct or activity of the person or failure or omission to take such steps or measures required under this Bill, a sector legislation or subsidiary legislation (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 60 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 61: Matters to consider in issuing directives.

- (2) (b) infrastructure erected in order to legal or regulatory requirements;
- (c) satisfy legal or regulatory management services that is required by law (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 61 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 74: Major Accident Investigation.

- (1) The President may, whenever he deems it necessary and in the event of a major accident within a regulated transport sector, appoint any person to sit as a tribunal, panel or commission of inquiry as authorised by him to:
- (a) conduct investigations and public enquiries into such accidents and incidences as the President shall determine;
 - (b) establish the causes of such accidents;
 - (c) identify safety deficiencies as evidenced by the occurrences;
 - (d) record the findings of the investigation;
 - (e) recommend corrective action, including, if applicable, the issuance or amendment of any regulations in order to prevent a recurrence of similar accidents; and

- (f) make recommendations of any action to be taken in response or against any person or agency.
- (2) The Tribunal, Panel or Commission of Inquiry set up or appointed by the President shall have powers to:
 - (a) issue a summons requiring the attendance of any person or the production of any evidence at a hearing of such a tribunal, panel or commission of inquiry;
 - (b) administer the prescribed oath;
 - (c) examine witnesses; and
 - (d) order the seizure of anything which may be material to the investigation.
- (3) A person required to appear before the Tribunal, Panel or Commission of Inquiry is entitled to be represented by a legal practitioner of his choice.
- (4) A hearing conducted under this section shall be open to the public if the President is satisfied that it is in the public interest, but the Tribunal, Panel or Commission of Inquiry may, on its own initiative or at the request of any party, order that the proceedings be conducted in private.
- (5) At the conclusion of the investigation, the Tribunal, Panel or Commission of Inquiry shall present a report to the President.
- (6) A report presented to the President under subsection (5) shall be published in a white paper within six months of its submission to the President.
- (7) A report published under this section may be used as evidence in court in any proceeding that may arise in respect of any regulated transport sector accident or incidence that was investigated.
- (8) A person appointed under subsection (1) shall not, directly or indirectly, as owner, shareholder, director, officer, member, partner or otherwise:
 - (a) be engaged in a regulated transport sector undertaking or business;
 - (b) be engaged in any transport regulated agency; or
 - (c) have an interest in a regulated transport sector undertaking, business or an interest in the manufacture or distribution of regulated transport sector plant or equipment except where the distribution is merely incidental to the general merchandising of goods.
- (9) A person appointed under subsection (1) shall not carry on any activity that is inconsistent with the discharge of his duties under this Bill (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Leave out the provisions of Clause 74 (Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

PART XVI — REVIEW OF DECISIONS

Clause 88: General records of decisions.

Any decision taken by the Commission on any matter brought before it is the subject of records which shall be kept by the Commission and such records shall, when required for publication or other disclosure, be made available (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 88 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 91: Judicial review of decision.

- (1) Subject to section 90 of this Bill and (2) and (3) of this section, an aggrieved person may apply to the Court for a judicial review of the Commission's decision or other action.
- (3) A person shall not apply to the Court for a judicial review unless that person has first exhausted the provisions of section 90 (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 91 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

**Clause 107: Legislation of a regulated transport sector.
Third Schedule.**

- (3) Upon the commencement of this Bill, the Nigerian Shippers Council as the interim economic regulator for the ports and its relevant and qualified staff, together with such number of persons employed by such other Legacy Agency as may be required by the Commission, are transferred to the Commission and deemed to form the initial staffing of the Commission in line with the provisions contained under this Bill in so far as it affects matters under this Bill.
- (6) (b) any employee of the Legacy Agency to become an employee of the Commission (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 107 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 109: Repeals and consequential amendments.

- (2) Upon the Commencement of this Bill, the Nigerian Shippers' Council, as the interim economic regulator for the ports and its relevant and qualified staff, shall, together with such number of persons employed by such other Legacy Agency as may be required by the Commission, be transferred to the Commission and be deemed to form the initial staffing of the Commission in line with the provisions contained under this Bill in so far as it affects matters under this Bill and in particular as set out in the Fourth Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Leave out the provision of Subclause (2) of Clause 109 (Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Clause 110: Consequential amendment.

- (1) The Federal Highways Act (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 110 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 111: Interpretation.

"appeal" means an appeal under section 92 of this Bill (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"Legacy Agency" means any agency, parastatal, or department of the Federal Government which existed before the commencement of this Bill, with powers and functions which include economic regulation whenever the functions and powers of such an agency, parastatal or department falls within the scope of the functions and powers of the Commission and such functions or powers are substantially transferred to the Commission; provided that the agency, parastatal or department ceases to exist by virtue of a repeal or amendment to its Act, and is declared by the President to be deemed as a Legacy Agency (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"licence" means an authorisation from the Commission granting access to provide transport and related service in the regulated transport sector and "licensed" is interpreted accordingly (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

"licenced service provider" means a person licensed to provide a transport and related service (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

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

"publication of any information by the Commission" under this Bill or its subsidiary legislation, except otherwise specified in any particular section of this Bill, is sufficiently effected if it is posted at the Commission's website and published in at least one widely circulating national newspaper (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "publication of any information by the Commission" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"publication of any information by a licensee" under this Bill or its subsidiary legislation, except otherwise specified in any particular section of this Bill, is sufficiently effected if it is (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "publication of any information by a licensee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"royalty" means fees or dues received by a Prescribed Agency from an operator in consideration for permitting such operator to render services in a regulated transport sector (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that Clause 111 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Sections 9 (3), 12 (1) (f), 17 (5)

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

1. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, no member or staff of the Commission shall have a direct or indirect financial interest or investment in any part of the Federal regulated transport sector or is engaged in any activity whether for remuneration or otherwise for the benefit of any party involved in any business related to the regulated transport sector in Nigeria throughout the tenure of his office or employment with the Commission unless such an interest is formally disclosed to the President, through the Minister and the President is satisfied that the interest or activity is passive and does not interfere with the person's impartial discharge of his duties.

Transfer of Employees of the abolished Nigerian Shippers' Council to the Commission and the terms of Employment under the Commission

11. Upon the commencement of this Bill, the transferred employee of the abolished Nigerian Shippers' Council are deemed to be the staff of the Commission (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill establishes the National Transport Commission as an independent multi-modal regulatory authority in the transport industry sectors to promote the implementation of the national transport policy and provide for an efficient economic regulation of the transport sector (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-modal Economic Regulatory Authority for the Regulation of Transport Industry Sectors; and for Related Matters (HB. 51) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Economic Regulatory Authority for the Regulation of Transport Industry Sector; and for Related Matters (HB. 51) and approved the Report.

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

11. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Minimum Wage Act, Cap. N61, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Minimum Wage Bill, 2019 to Prescribe a National Minimum Wage for Workers; and for Related Matters (HB. 1602) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Minimum Wage Act, Cap. N61, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Minimum Wage Bill, 2019 to Prescribe a National Minimum Wage for Workers; and for Related Matters (HB. 1602) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader*).
- Agreed to.*
- Bill read the Third Time and passed.*
12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Economic Regulatory Authority for the Regulation of Transport Industry Sector; and for Related Matters (HB.51) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Economic Regulatory Authority for the Regulation of Transport Industry Sector; and for Related Matters (HB.51) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader*).
- Agreed to.*
- Bill read the Third Time and passed.*
13. That items 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the Order Paper be set down to the next legislative day. (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).
- Agreed to.*
14. **Adjournment**
That the House do adjourn till 12.30 p.m. (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader*).
- The House adjourned accordingly at 12.33 p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker