



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 24 September, 2019

1. The House met at 11.09 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 19 September, 2019.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
The following Members-elect took and subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law:
 - (i) Jafaru Suleiman Ribadu (*Yola North/Yola South/Gire Federal Constituency*); and
 - (ii) Ogewu David Agada (*Obi/Oju Federal Constituency*).
5. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from Nameti Aniefiok Ndem, on his dismissal from the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF), was presented and laid by Hon. Emmanuel Effiong Ukpong-Udo (*Ikono/Ini Federal Constituency*);
 - (ii) A petition from Balogun & Balogun Chambers, on behalf of Gabriel Enuma and 2 others on the alleged extra judicial killing of Chinedu Obi by officers of the Nigeria Police Force, Sango, Ogun State, was presented and laid by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**(i) Need for Special Intervention in the Protracted Security Situation in Nigeria:**

Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno (*Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 for Special Intervention in the Protracted Security Situation in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria, in the recent time, has witnessed unprecedented level of insecurity which has made national security a major concern for the Government;

Also notes the efforts of the Government of President Muhammadu Buhari at curtailing insecurity in Nigeria, as well as other measures aimed at deterring or containing potential attacks;

Aware of the interaction between the Leadership of the House of Representatives and the Security Chiefs on Monday, 22 September, 2019, on the deteriorating security situation in the country;

Appreciates the efforts of the security agencies in curbing the menace of insecurity despite the challenges they face;

Cognizant of the need for new strategies to ensure that insecurity in Nigeria is reduced to the barest minimum;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to establish a Special Security Fund for national security, apart from allocation from Appropriation Act;
- (ii) mandate the Leadership of the House of Representatives to interface with Parliaments of other countries, especially the Congress of the United States of America with a view to overcoming all regulations that bar Nigeria's security agencies from purchasing arms and ammunitions from those countries and the United States of America (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on Civil Society and Development Partners to investigate the operations of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) so as to ascertain their sources of funding, their bases of operations and locations” (*Hon. Ndudi Elumelu — Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria in the recent time, has witnessed unprecedented level of insecurity which has made national security a major concern for the Government;

Also noted the efforts of the Government of President Muhammadu Buhari at curtailing insecurity in Nigeria, as well as other measures aimed at deterring or containing potential attacks;

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- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Civil Society and Development Partners to investigate the operations of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) so as to ascertain their sources of funding, their bases of operations and locations (**HR. 91/09/2019**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Defence, Army, Air Force, Navy, and Police Affairs.

- (ii) ***Need for the Federal Government to Prioritize Funding of Counter-Insurgency Operations in the Country:***

Hon. Satomi Ahmed (*Jere 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 for the Federal Government to Prioritize Funding of Counter-Insurgency Operations in the Country:

The House:

Notes the general state of insecurity in the country ranging from insurgency, militancy, banditry, herdsmen-farmers clashes, cattle rustling, pipeline vandalism, hooliganism, cultism and extrajudicial killings;

Also notes that the Nigerian Armed Forces is carrying out various operations and counter-insurgency initiatives aimed at combating terrorism, deadly herdsmen, cattle rustling, kidnapping, oil theft, pipeline vandalism, and armed robbery across the country;

Aware that such operations exist in all the six geopolitical zones of the country, with Operation Lafia Dole in the North-East which handles the overall Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Insurgency Operations with expanded scope, scale and depth comprising three divisions and then five states dovetailing into other specialized operations like Operation Crackdown, Operation Gama Aiki, and Operation Safe Corridor;

Also aware of several counter-insurgency operations by the Armed Forces including Operations Safe Haven, Sharan Daji, Harbin Kunama, Delta Safe (formerly Pulo Shield), Crocodile Smile, Mesa, Safe Conducts, Quick Response Squad, 777, Whirl Punch, etc;

Further aware that since the inception of the current administration, the security budget of the nation comprising allocations for the Ministries of Defense and Interior, and the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA) is structured to address the aforementioned internal security threats;

Observes that budget allocation for the security sector was ₦932 billion in 2014, ₦969 billion in 2015, ₦1.063 trillion in 2016, ₦1.142 trillion in 2017, ₦1.323 trillion in 2018 and has minimally increased in the 2019 budget;

Also observes that the policy framework guiding the Federal Government's security budget decision is to ensure that security operatives are properly equipped and well-motivated to combat insurgency, reintegrate Internally Displaced Persons and rebuild communities which have been adversely affected by the insurgency especially in the North-East;

Concerned about the daily reported cases of officers and men of the Nigerian Armed Forces being killed by insurgents in Borno State and other parts of the North-East;

Worried by the rate at which men of the armed forces lose their lives in the fight against insurgency in the North East particularly the report that six soldiers, including a colonel were recently reported killed in an ambush by the Boko Haram insurgents in Borno State;

Also worried that the Nigeria Armed Forces are still not well armed compared to the fire power of the Boko Haram insurgents;

Cognizant of the claim by the Federal Government that Boko Haram and insurgency in the North East have been technically defeated having reclaimed all the 14 Local Governments initially controlled by the insurgents in Borno State;

Acknowledges the urgent need to properly fund the counter-insurgency operations in the country to be timely and on target, taking into account the welfare needs and challenges of the men at the frontlines and their families;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to provide sufficient funding of the counter-insurgency Operations in the country a priority; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Defence to ensure that appropriated funds are judiciously applied to security needs (*Hon. Satomi Ahmed — Jere Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Also noted that the Nigerian Armed Forces is carrying out various operations and counter-insurgency initiatives aimed at combating terrorism, deadly herdsmen, cattle rustling, kidnapping, oil theft, pipeline vandalism, and armed robbery across the country;

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Resolved to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to provide sufficient funding of the counter-insurgency Operations in the country a priority; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Defence to ensure that appropriated funds are judiciously applied to security needs (HR. 92/09/2019).

7. Presentation of Report

Ad-hoc Committee on the Legislative Agenda:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Legislative Agenda of the 9th House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2019-2023)" (Hon. Julius Ihonybere — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provisions for Sanctions to Punish Erring Revenue Generating Agencies, enhance the Revenue Profile and Remittances into the Federation Account, facilitate National Development; and for Related Matters (HB. 111) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. Need to Curtail Nylon and Plastic Pollution

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that over 15% of the solid waste generated in major cities across the country are from nylons' and plastics;

Worried that due to inadequate supply of drinking water in most homes, households resort to sachet and plastic bottled water thereby generating large volume of waste;

Concerned that burning of nylon and plastic wastes cause air pollution due to the release of poisonous gases into the air which jeopardizes public health and depletes the ozone layer;

Also notes that organic waste poses a lesser hazard to the environment due to its easy decomposition while inorganic wastes like nylons and plastics constitute serious environment hazards because it takes more than 30 years for nylon and plastic to decompose;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to carry out a sustainable campaign on the dangers of Nylon and Plastic waste, and to, as a matter of urgency, initiate a programme for collection and recycling of nylon and plastic waste across the nation; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Environment to Investigate the circumstances surrounding the non-implementation of Plastic Policy of the Federal of Environment in Collaboration with States and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Chukwuma Umeoji — Aguata Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that over 15% of the solid waste generated in major cities across the country are from nylons' and plastics;

Worried that due to inadequate supply of drinking water in most homes, households resort to sachet and plastic bottled water thereby generating large volume of waste;

Concerned that burning of nylon and plastic wastes cause air pollution due to the release of poisonous gases into the air which jeopardizes public health and depletes the ozone layer;

Also noted that organic waste poses a lesser hazard to the environment due to its easy decomposition while inorganic wastes like nylons and plastics constitute serious environment hazards because it takes more than 30 years for nylon and plastic to decompose;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to carry out a sustainable campaign on the dangers of Nylon and Plastic waste, and to, as a matter of urgency, initiate a programme for collection and recycling of nylon and plastic waste across the nation; and
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Environment to Investigate the circumstances surrounding the non-implementation of Plastic Policy of the Federal of Environment in Collaboration with States and report back within four (4) weeks (**HR. 93/09/2019**).

10. Completion of the Ibadan Inland Dry Port in Erunmu, Egbeda Local Government Area of Oyo State and other Inland Dry Ports in the Country

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. Need to Investigate Sterling Oil Exploration and Energy Production Company Limited (SEEPCO's) Non-Compliance with Nigeria Local Content Act
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the enactment of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act of 2010 (otherwise called the Local Content Act) was a milestone in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry;

Also notes that the Local Content Act was enacted to provide a Legal Framework for increased Nigerian's participation in all the activities connected with exploration, exploitation, development, transportation and sale of crude oil and gas resources in the Nigerian oil and gas industry;

Further notes that the Local Content Act specifies 70% use of indigenous labour, materials and resources in all oil and gas projects in the Nigerian oil and gas sector;

Aware that Sterling Oil Exploration and Energy Production Company Limited (SEEPCO), an Indian company with businesses in 6 continents and several countries such as India, USA, China, Japan, Europe, Middle East and South East Asia, ventured into Nigerian oil and gas market in 2005 and is presently, successfully producing crude oil in the Niger Delta;

Observes that most of the human and material resources and services being utilized by SEEPCO in the Niger Delta region and particularly, in Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency are mostly Indians;

Informed that the Local Content Act prescribed that the minimum Nigerian content requirement in any project, service or product specification to be executed in the Nigerian oil and gas industry shall be consistent with the level set-out in the Schedule to the Act;

Cognizant that the neglect over the years by the Nigerian Content Monitoring Board that is saddled with responsibility to monitor, supervise and coordinate the Local Content Act, has grossly defeated the purpose of the prescribed minimum thresholds for Nigerian participation in the activities within the Nigerian oil and gas industry;

Also aware that Section 16 l(c) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 enjoins the Federal Government to "manage and operate major sectors of its economy," thereby avoiding foreign domination of the economy;

Resolves to:

Mandate Committees on Petroleum Resources(Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream)and Nigerian Content and Monitoring Development to investigate the level of utilization of the Local Community and the Nigeria human and material resources by SEEPCO in Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency of Delta State and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Prayer and *insert* the following:

"Mandate Committees on Local Content, Petroleum Resources(Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the level of utilization of the Local Community and the Nigeria human and material resources by SEEPCO in Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency of Delta State and report back within four (4) weeks" (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the enactment of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act of 2010 (otherwise called the Local Content Act) was a milestone in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry;

Also noted that the Local Content Act was enacted to provide a Legal Framework for increased Nigerian's participation in all the activities connected with exploration, exploitation, development, transportation and sale of crude oil and gas resources in the Nigerian oil and gas industry;

Further noted that the Local Content Act specifies 70% use of indigenous labour, materials and resources in all oil and gas projects in the Nigerian oil and gas sector;

Aware that Sterling Oil Exploration and Energy Production Company Limited (SEEPCO), an Indian company with businesses in 6 continents and several countries such as India, USA, China, Japan, Europe, Middle East and South East Asia, ventured into Nigerian oil and gas market in 2005 and is presently, successfully producing crude oil in the Niger Delta;

Observed that most of the human and material resources and services being utilized by SEEPCO in the Niger Delta region and particularly, in Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency are mostly Indians;

Informed that the Local Content Act prescribed that the minimum Nigerian content requirement in any project, service or product specification to be executed in the Nigerian oil and gas industry shall be consistent with the level set-out in the Schedule to the Act;

Cognizant that the neglect over the years by the Nigerian Content Monitoring Board that is saddled with responsibility to monitor, supervise and coordinate the Local Content Act, has grossly defeated the purpose of the prescribed minimum thresholds for Nigerian participation in the activities within the Nigerian oil and gas industry;

Also aware that Section 161(c) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 enjoins the Federal Government to "manage and operate major sectors of its economy," thereby avoiding foreign domination of the economy;

Resolved to:

Mandate Committees on Local Content, Petroleum Resources(Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the level of utilization of the Local Community and the Nigeria human and material resources by SEEPCO in Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency of Delta State and report back within four (4) weeks (HR. 94/09/2019).

12. Call on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to Implement Section 78 (7) (ii) of the Electoral Act, 2010

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

13. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps in Order to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding, Patriotism for Peaceful Co-existence; and for Related Matters (HB.12) (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 National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps in Order to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding, Patriotism for Peaceful Co-existence; and for Related Matters (HB.12)" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 NATIONAL ORIENTATION AGENCY ACT, CAP. N46, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR AN OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR HARMONY CORPS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE INTER-ETHNIC INTEGRATION, MEDIATION, PEACE-BUILDING, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, PATRIOTISM, FOR PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 12)

Clause 1: Amendment of the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N100, LFN, 2004.
The National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N46, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set under this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Insertion of new sections 11A - 11W.
The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 11, new sections "11A"-11W":

"11A. Establishment of the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps of Nigeria.

- (1) There is established the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as "the Harmony Corps"), which shall be under the supervision of the Director-General of the Agency;
- (2) The Harmony Corps shall be headed by a General Coordinator who shall report to the Director-General of the Agency.

11B. Objectives of the Harmony Corps.

The objectives of the Harmony Corps are to:

- (a) cooperate with the Federal, State and Local government in the eradication of anti-social behaviours of the youth, such as street trading/hawking; urinating along streets across the nation, cultism, prostitution, examination malpractices and drug abuse;
- (b) spread the virtues of Universal Basic Education (UBE) by ensuring that children remain in their Schools during school hours;
- (c) participate in conflict resolution and promote total harmony, unity and tolerance among our communities;
- (d) highlight the need for peaceful co-existence among Nigerians irrespective of tribe or religion;
- (e) promote mutual understanding, teach and indoctrinate the youths into accepting Nigeria as one nation of one people destined to live together as one family;

- (f) promote peace activities and dialogue through publications, including books, newspapers, magazines and journals and through television and radio programmes, etc.;
- (g) embark on supportive intelligent assignment for small and large scale industries in order to checkmate the issuance of fake receipts by unscrupulous Persons;
- (h) assist the relevant agencies of government to ensure compliance with tax payment laws by individuals and corporate entities in Nigeria;
- (i) promote Partnership, Education and Peace-Building in all the sectors of national development; and
- (j) ensure that the proper National Flag is hoisted in all public offices, government establishments, public and private schools nationwide.

11C. Office of the Harmony Corps General Coordinator.

- (1) There shall be the Office of the Harmony Corps General Coordinator, who shall be —
 - (a) the Chief Executive Officer of the Corps; and
 - (b) shall be a person possessing sound knowledge of the Initiative's mission and administration of matters relating to the advancement of unity, peace and harmony in Nigeria.
- (2) The President shall, on the recommendation of the Board, appoint the General Coordinator who shall:
 - (a) exercise general supervision and control over members of the Harmony Corps, the Zonal and State Harmony Corps, and the other staff of the Harmony Corps;
 - (b) direct the activities of the Harmony Corps, including training and education, workshop, public awareness campaign to be carried out by the members of the Harmony Corps;
 - (c) manage the financial affairs of the Harmony Corps; and
 - (d) be free to deploy the human and material resources of the Harmony Corps in accordance with this Bill in order to achieve results and ensure the attainment of the objects of this Bill.
- (3) The Harmony Corps General Coordinator is vested with the power to delegate functions to any capable Senior Officer, in the ranks of Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator, Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator, Harmony Corps State Coordinators, Harmony Corps State Deputy Coordinators, Harmony Corps State Assistant Coordinators, Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent, Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent, Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (I) and Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (II) to perform such functions on behalf of the General Coordinator anywhere within the Federation.

- (4) The Office of the Harmony Corps General Coordinator shall be assisted by other appointed Staff Officers/Personnel and ensure effective, efficient and smooth running of the day to day administration and operation of the Harmony Corps.
- (5) The Harmony Corps General Coordinator shall be answerable to the Director-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

11D. Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator (HCDGC).

- (1) There shall be three (3) Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinators shall be in Charge of the various Directorates and Departments of the Harmony Corps, as may be determined from time to time.
- (2) All Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinators shall be appointed by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator on the advice of the Board of Trustees.
- (3) A Deputy General Coordinator appointed shall exercise powers as may be delegated/assigned to him/her only within the Directorate or Department of the Corps.
- (4) All Harmony Corps Deputy-General Coordinators shall be assisted by other appointed staff or officers.

11E. Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator (HCAGC).

- (1) There shall be Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinators who shall hold appointment under the Office of each Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator, Directorate or Department in each Zonal Command as may be demarcated under this Bill and the Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator shall be the officer in charge of the Zone.
- (2) The Assistant General Coordinator shall be appointed by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator on the advice of the Board of Trustees.
- (3) Any Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator appointed under the Office of Harmony Corps General Coordinator or at the National Headquarters, shall exercise powers as may be assigned to him within the Directorate or Department under the Office of the Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator or any other Special assignment that he may be called to perform.
- (4) Any Zonal Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator appointed to Head the Zonal Commands, shall exercise powers as may be delegated or assigned to him only within the designated and specified area of jurisdiction.
- (5) All Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinators shall be assisted by other staff and officers.

11F. Harmony Corps State Coordinators (HCSC).

- (1) There shall be in each State of the Federation and, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), the Office of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator as the Chief Executive Officer of the State or FCT Command.
- (2) The Harmony Corps State Coordinators shall be appointed by the General Coordinator on the advice and approval of the Board of Trustees.
- (3) A Harmony Corps State Coordinator appointed, shall exercise powers as may be assigned to him by the General-Coordinator only within that State.
- (4) The Harmony Corps State Coordinator shall be assisted by other appointed staff, officers or Personnel to ensure effective, efficient and smooth running of the administration and policy or mandate of the Harmony Corps in the State of appointment.
- (5) The Harmony Corps State Coordinator is vested with the power to delegate functions to any capable staff or officer in the ranks of Harmony Corps Deputy Coordinator, Harmony Corps Assistant Coordinator, Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent, Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent and Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent to perform such functions on behalf of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator within the State of appointment.
- (6) The Harmony Corps State Coordinator shall be answerable to the Harmony Corps General Coordinator.

11G. Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent (HCCS).

- (1) There shall be the position of the Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent who shall oversee designated and specified area of jurisdiction, referred to as Area Command.
- (2) The Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent shall be appointed by the Harmony Corps State Coordinator on the approval of the Zonal Coordinator to perform delegated functions on behalf of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator.
- (3) The Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent shall be answerable to the Harmony Corps State Coordinator.
- (4) The Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent shall be assisted by staff and officers of the Harmony Corps.

11H. Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent (HCDS).

- (1) There shall be the position of the Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent who shall be the administrative head of each designated and specified area of jurisdiction referred to as Division.
- (2) The Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent Officers shall be appointed by the Harmony Corps State Coordinators on the approval of the Zonal Coordinator to perform functions within the area of jurisdiction on behalf of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator.

- (3) The Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent shall be assisted by staff, officers or personnel of the Harmony Corps.

11I. Approved terms and Conditions of Service.

- (1) The Principal Officers of the Harmony Corps shall, in the performance of their functions be governed by the approved terms and conditions of service provided that, any exercise of such powers prior to the approval and application of the conditions of service, shall be governed by the Standing Orders of the Harmony Corps.
- (2) Subject to the provision of this Bill, a person may be recruited into the Harmony Corps if he —
- (a) is not less than eighteen 18 or not more than 25 years of age;
 - (b) is in possession of a minimum Certificate of Education and/or qualification of a Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent and above;
 - (c) is not less than 167.64 centimeters and 162.56 centimeters tall for men and women, respectively;
 - (d) in the case of men, has not less than 86.36 centimeters chest measurement when fully expanded;
 - (e) is of good character and is physically fit; and
 - (f) has signified in writing, his willingness to serve as a member of the Harmony Corps.
- (3) Every member of the Harmony Corps, if posted, shall be liable to serve in any State of the Federation.
- (4) Every member of the Harmony Corps shall upon recruitment, be trained for a period of six months or a specified number of additional months for professional training or course (for Professionals only) and thereafter be issued a Certificate of Appointment by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator.
- (5) Every member of the Harmony Corps recruited under this Bill shall serve for a period of 35 years or is 60 years of age, whichever comes first, except where duly disengaged in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

11J. Powers, Privileges and Immunities of the Corps.

A member of the Harmony Corps recruited under this Bill, shall, when on duty and in uniform, have the powers, privileges and immunities of a Harmony Corps officer protected by law under any law in Nigeria relating to universal peace.

11K. Functions and Powers of the Corps.

The Harmony Corps shall be the responsibility for:

- (a) promoting inter-ethnic integration, cohesion, mutual understanding, patriotism and solidarity among Nigerians at home and in Diaspora, despite their tribal or ethnic differences;
- (b) advocating and inculcating among Nigerian citizens, true spirit of nationalism, love and respect for the Nigerian constitution, transparency, loyalty and faithfulness to the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at all times;
- (c) engendering and maintaining brotherliness, peaceful co-existence and communal peace among Nigerians at home and in Diaspora;
- (d) controlling intra-city road traffic and removal of all perceived obstructions blockades or obstacles that may create hold up and congestion on the road;
- (e) assisting appropriate Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government or organizations in handling environmental challenges, management, protection and conservation of Nigeria's ecosystem and the natural resources;
- (f) supporting relevant agencies of government in public enlightenment programmes and educate Nigerians on the importance of immunizations, sanitation, election and electioneering programmes;
- (g) promoting self-reliance, safety and security of Nigerians and upholding the principles of fairness, fundamental human rights and equal justice;
- (h) organising programmes, including, regular conferences, organized fora, symposia, workshops, educational programmes on cultural values and peace, sense of unity and social integration, peace building, mediation, conflict resolution for national integration and development;
- (i) liaising with the traditional institutions to promote the concept of cultural values, societal integration, religious harmony and national unity;
- (j) imparting the attributes of social justice on Nigerians and actively support all efforts that seek to promote and advance peace-building, thereby fostering a culture of national unity, peace and security, obedience to constituted authorities, imbibing the culture of religious tolerance and peaceful co-existence in Nigeria;
- (k) assisting pedestrians to cross major roads safely and encourage Pedestrians to use the foot pedestrians bridges, where available;
- (l) assisting the law enforcement agencies in protecting lives, properties and road infrastructures round the cities and urban towns from intentional damage by aggrieved individuals and groups; and
- (m) undertaking such other activities as may be directed by the government and the Ministry.

11L. Establishment of Administrative and Operations Departments.

- (1) In order to facilitate the proper performance of the functions and the exercise of the powers conferred on the Harmony Corps by this Bill, there shall be established for the Corps, the following administrative and operations departments:
 - (a) the Department of Zonal and State Coordination;
 - (b) the Inter-Faith Harmony, Peace and Security Department;
 - (c) the Department of Human Resources;
 - (d) the Department of Finance and Administration;
 - (e) the Department of Procurement and Supply;
 - (f) the Legal and Corporate Services Department;
 - (g) the Department of Training and Operations;
 - (h) the Department of Community Relations and Social Responsibility; and
 - (i) the Department of Cultural, Inter-Religious and Traditional Matters.
- (2) The composition, duties and powers of the administrative and operations departments, established under subsection (1), shall be as may be determined by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator, subject to the approval of the Baard.

11M. Appointments, Recruitment, Etc. of Officers and other Ranks of the Corps.

- (1) The Baard is responsible for drawing up programmes for the recruitment and training of members of the Harmony Corps in order to enhance their knowledge, diligence and efficiency in the performance of their functions under this Bill.
- (2) Members of the Harmony Corps recruited in accordance with the provision of subsection (1), shall bear such insignia as may be assigned to them by the Baard, and without prejudice to this subsection, the ranks and insignia for members of the Harmony Corps for the time being, shall be as specified in the Second Schedule to this Bill.
- (3) The qualification for appointment and recruitment of the officers and other members of the Harmony Corps and the procedure for their promotion to various ranks, shall be in accordance with the rules made by the Baard for that purpose.

11N. Accouterments, Immunity, and Protection of Members of the Harmony Corps.

The Harmony Corps shall provide for every serving member, such accouterments as it may consider necessary, for the proper performance of

11F. Harmony Corps State Coordinators (HCSC).

- (1) There shall be in each State of the Federation and, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), the Office of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator as the Chief Executive Officer of the State or FCT Command.
- (2) The Harmony Corps State Coordinators shall be appointed by the General Coordinator on the advice and approval of the Board of Trustees.
- (3) A Harmony Corps State Coordinator appointed, shall exercise powers as may be assigned to him by the General-Coordinator only within that State.
- (4) The Harmony Corps State Coordinator shall be assisted by other appointed staff, officers or Personnel to ensure effective, efficient and smooth running of the administration and policy or mandate of the Harmony Corps in the State of appointment.
- (5) The Harmony Corps State Coordinator is vested with the power to delegate functions to any capable staff or officer in the ranks of Harmony Corps Deputy Coordinator, Harmony Corps Assistant Coordinator, Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent, Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent and Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent to perform such functions on behalf of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator within the State of appointment.
- (6) The Harmony Corps State Coordinator shall be answerable to the Harmony Corps General Coordinator.

11G. Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent (HCCS).

- (1) There shall be the position of the Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent who shall oversee designated and specified area of jurisdiction, referred to as Area Command.
- (2) The Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent shall be appointed by the Harmony Corps State Coordinator on the approval of the Zonal Coordinator to perform delegated functions on behalf of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator.
- (3) The Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent shall be answerable to the Harmony Corps State Coordinator.
- (4) The Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent shall be assisted by staff and officers of the Harmony Corps.

11H. Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent (HCDS).

- (1) There shall be the position of the Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent who shall be the administrative head of each designated and specified area of jurisdiction referred to as Division.
- (2) The Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent Officers shall be appointed by the Harmony Corps State Coordinators on the approval of the Zonal Coordinator to perform functions within the area of jurisdiction on behalf of the Harmony Corps State Coordinator.

- (3) The Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent shall be assisted by staff, officers or personnel of the Harmony Corps.

11I. Approved terms and Conditions of Service.

- (1) The Principal Officers of the Harmony Corps shall, in the performance of their functions be governed by the approved terms and conditions of service provided that, any exercise of such powers prior to the approval and application of the conditions of service, shall be governed by the Standing Orders of the Harmony Corps.

- (2) Subject to the provision of this Bill, a person may be recruited into the Harmony Corps if he —

- (a) is not less than eighteen 18 or not more than 25 years of age;

- (b) is in possession of a minimum Certificate of Education and/or qualification of a Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent and above;

- (c) is not less than 167.64 centimeters and 162.56 centimeters tall for men and women, respectively;

- (d) in the case of men, has not less than 86.36 centimeters chest measurement when fully expanded;

- (e) is of good character and is physically fit; and

- (f) has signified in writing, his willingness to serve as a member of the Harmony Corps.

- (3) Every member of the Harmony Corps, if posted, shall be liable to serve in any State of the Federation.

- (4) Every member of the Harmony Corps shall upon recruitment, be trained for a period of six months or a specified number of additional months for professional training or course (for Professionals only) and thereafter be issued a Certificate of Appointment by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator.

- (5) Every member of the Harmony Corps recruited under this Bill shall serve for a period of 35 years or is 60 years of age, whichever comes first, except where duly disengaged in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

11J. Powers, Privileges and Immunities of the Corps.

A member of the Harmony Corps recruited under this Bill, shall, when on duty and in uniform, have the powers, privileges and immunities of a Harmony Corps officer protected by law under any law in Nigeria relating to universal peace.

11K. Functions and Powers of the Corps.

The Harmony Corps shall be the responsibility for:

- (a) promoting inter-ethnic integration, cohesion, mutual understanding, patriotism and solidarity among Nigerians at home and in Diaspora, despite their tribal or ethnic differences;
- (b) advocating and inculcating among Nigerian citizens, true spirit of nationalism, love and respect for the Nigerian constitution, transparency, loyalty and faithfulness to the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at all times;
- (c) engendering and maintaining brotherliness, peaceful co-existence and communal peace among Nigerians at home and in Diaspora;
- (d) controlling intra-city road traffic and removal of all perceived obstructions blockades or obstacles that may create hold up and congestion on the road;
- (e) assisting appropriate Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government or organizations in handling environmental challenges, management, protection and conservation of Nigeria's ecosystem and the natural resources;
- (f) supporting relevant agencies of government in public enlightenment programmes and educate Nigerians on the importance of immunizations, sanitation, election and electioneering programmes;
- (g) promoting self-reliance, safety and security of Nigerians and upholding the principles of fairness, fundamental human rights and equal justice;
- (h) organising programmes, including, regular conferences, organized fora, symposia, workshops, educational programmes on cultural values and peace, sense of unity and social integration, peace building, mediation, conflict resolution for national integration and development;
- (i) liaising with the traditional institutions to promote the concept of cultural values, societal integration, religious harmony and national unity;
- (j) imparting the attributes of social justice on Nigerians and actively support all efforts that seek to promote and advance peace-building, thereby fostering a culture of national unity, peace and security, obedience to constituted authorities, imbibing the culture of religious tolerance and peaceful co-existence in Nigeria;
- (k) assisting pedestrians to cross major roads safely and encourage Pedestrians to use the foot pedestrians bridges, where available;
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 - (d) the Department of Finance and Administration;
 - (e) the Department of Procurement and Supply;
 - (f) the Legal and Corporate Services Department;
 - (g) the Department of Training and Operations;
 - (h) the Department of Community Relations and Social Responsibility; and
 - (i) the Department of Cultural, Inter-Religious and Traditional Matters.
- (2) The composition, duties and powers of the administrative and operations departments, established under subsection (1), shall be as may be determined by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator, subject to the approval of the Baard.

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- (2) Members of the Harmony Corps recruited in accordance with the provision of subsection (1), shall bear such insignia as may be assigned to them by the Baard, and without prejudice to this subsection, the ranks and insignia for members of the Harmony Corps for the time being, shall be as specified in the Second Schedule to this Bill.
- (3) The qualification for appointment and recruitment of the officers and other members of the Harmony Corps and the procedure for their promotion to various ranks, shall be in accordance with the rules made by the Baard for that purpose.

11N. Accouterments, Immunity, and Protection of Members of the Harmony Corps.

The Harmony Corps shall provide for every serving member, such accouterments as it may consider necessary, for the proper performance of

the functions conferred under this Bill, and without prejudice to the provisions of this section, such accouterments shall include uniforms, identification cards, raincoats, motor-cycles, motor cars, two-way mobile radio, telephone sets and other necessary equipment and such other items stipulated in the First Schedule.

11O. Establishment of Fund and Expenditure.

- (1) There is established and maintained by the Baard, a fund into which shall be paid and credited:
 - (a) the take-off grant for the Harmony Corps;
 - (b) donations from donor agencies, international organizations and annual subventions, received from the Government of the Federation;
 - (c) all fees and charges for services rendered by the Harmony Corps to the public; and
 - (d) all other sums which may, from time, accrue to the Harmony Corps.
- (2) The Baard shall apply the proceeds of the Fund at its disposal for the:
 - (a) cost of administration and operations of the Harmony Corps and other activities undertaken thereof;
 - (b) payment of fees, allowances and expenses of the members of the Harmony Corps and any Committee set up by the Baard;
 - (c) payment of salaries, allowances and benefits of officers, staff and other members of the Harmony Corps;
 - (d) maintenance of any property vested in the Board or under its administration;
 - (e) training of members of the Harmony Corps within and outside Nigeria, and other research programmes carried out by the Harmony Corps; and
 - (f) overall or any of the functions of the Harmony Corps under this Bill.

11P. Establishment of Investigating Panel.

- (1) There is established the Harmony Corps Investigating Panel (in this Bill, referred to as "the Panel") charged with the duty of:
 - (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any matter brought before it where it is alleged that an officer or a member of the Harmony Corps has misbehaved or breached any of the Codes of conduct in his capacity as an officer or of the Harmony Corps;

- (b) deciding whether the matter should be referred to the Disciplinary Committee; and
 - (c) presenting a report containing its recommendations to the Disciplinary Committee in respect of any matter brought before it.
- (2) The Board shall constitute the Panel, which shall consist of three members of the Board and two other persons who are members of the Harmony Corps, but are not members of the Board at the time of their appointment.
- (3) The Panel may make rules, not contained in this Bill, as to its procedure for carrying on an investigation into any matter brought before it.

11Q. Establishment of Disciplinary Committee.

- (1) Without prejudice to the powers of the Board to set up committees for the conduct of its affairs under this Bill, there is established the Harmony Corps Disciplinary Committee (in this Bill referred to as the Disciplinary Committee charged with the duty of:
 - (a) maintaining discipline among officers and members of the Harmony Corps; and
 - (b) considering and determining any matter of gross misconduct by any officer or member of the Harmony Corps.
- (2) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chairman and four other members of the Harmony Corps.
- (3) The Disciplinary Committee shall have a Secretary and such other number of staff as the Chairman of the Board may determine.
- (4) The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to summon a meeting of the Committee, at any time to consider and determine any report of indiscipline by any officer and member of Harmony Corps.
- (5) The Disciplinary Committee may make standing rules for its proceedings under this Bill.

11R. Codes of Conduct for Members of the Initiative.

- (1) The Board is responsible for setting out the Codes of Conduct for officers and members of the Harmony Corps, which may not be published in the Federal Government Gazette, but shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all officers and members of the Harmony Corps, in such a manner as it may be determined.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection ("the Codes of Conduct set out by the Board shall take cognizance of matters relating to the conduct and comportment of officers and members of the Harmony Corps in public places, their dealings with members of the society and attitude to the discharge of their duties.

11S. Offences and Punishment.

- (1) Where a member or officer of the Harmony Corps breaches, contravenes or violates any of the Codes of Conduct of the Harmony Corps or any other law in force in the Federation, the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to recommend:
 - (a) suspension of the officer or member of the Harmony Corps from duty without pay for a specified period;
 - (b) demotion in rank of the officer or deferment of promotion for a specified period;
 - (c) dismissal from the service of the Harmony Corps; or
 - (d) combination of the punishments.
- (2) In the case of the contravention or violation of any law in force in the Federation by an officer or a member, the Disciplinary Committee shall, in addition to issuing a recommendation for his dismissal, recommend that the offender be handed over to the appropriate authority for prosecution.
- (3) Every recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee under this section shall not have force, unless approved by the Board.

11T. Rules and Regulations.

- (1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such rules and regulations, which in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provision of subsection (1), the Board shall may make regulations generally for carrying out the objectives of this Bill and, in particular, shall make regulations relating to:
 - (a) the rank, salaries and allowances of the officers and members of the Harmony Corps;
 - (b) the hours of duty, schedule of work and leave of officers or members of the Harmony Corps;
 - (c) the procedure and terms of appointment and recruitment of officers or members of the Harmony Corps;
 - (d) subject to the provisions of this Bill, the qualification for appointment of officers or members of the Harmony Corps or any ranks, and the procedure for promotion to any such rank;
 - (e) the maintenance of discipline among members of the Harmony Corps; and
 - (f) any other matter for which the Board has powers or which is incidental or supplementary to the provisions of this section.

11U. Retirement and Resignation.

- (1) An officer or a member of the Harmony Corps recruited under this Bill shall be retired upon attaining 35 years in Public Service or upon attainment of 60 years of age, whichever comes first.
- (2) Subject to the provision of subsection (1), a member of the Harmony Corps may resign his or her position by a notice in writing, addressed to the Harmony Corps General Coordinator, indicating his intention to resign his appointment on a date mentioned in the notice (at least 28 days from the date on which the notice is given).
- (3) On receipt of the notice and upon the Harmony Corps General Coordinator consenting in writing to same, the appointment of the member of the Corps shall be determined accordingly.
- (4) A member of the Corps disengaged in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, shall be issued Certificate of Discharge.

11V. Remuneration and Allowances.

- (1) Every member of the Harmony Corps employed pursuant to this Bill, shall be entitled to basic salary as may be determined by the authority, including-
 - (a) hazard allowance;
 - (b) medical allowance;
 - (c) transport allowance;
 - (d) torch light allowance;
 - (e) meal subsidy allowance;
 - (f) kits (uniform) allowance;
 - (g) insurance scheme;
 - (h) housing scheme; and
 - (i) leave allowance.
- (2) A member of the Harmony Corps is also entitled to benefit from the National Health Insurance Scheme, (NHIS).

11W. Service Number of Members.

- (1) Every officer or member of the Harmony Corps recruited under this Bill, shall be issued a Service Number with the letters "CSN" and all members of the Harmony Corps deployed in the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall have their names and numbers appear on the register and data bank kept for that purpose, by the Board.
- (2) Every officer or member of the Harmony Corps to whom a Harmony Corps number has been allocated in accordance with subsection (1) shall while on duty, wear such Harmony Corps Service Number (for Rank and File only) and name tag on the Chest top pockets of his uniform.

- (3) To ensure the provisions of logistics and enhance the performance of the Harmony Corps, the Board shall liaise with the Federal, State and Local Government to provide for:
- (a) vehicles, trucks, cars and buses for official uses;
 - (b) motorcycles (speed Bike), helmets and riding kits;
 - (c) communication equipment/gadgets;
 - (d) medical Equipment;
 - (e) reflective equipment kits, Jackets, Batons and other logistics for traffic control/directing/dispensing;
 - (f) uniform kits, Iron buttons customized with "GIHN", Leg Anklets and Boots, Beret and Belt, Rain Boot, Rain Coat and a round Jungle hat;
 - (g) other necessary logistics gadgets as may be required from time to time.
- (4) A person who, before the coming into force of this Bill, holds an office in the Harmony Corps shall, at the commencement of this Bill, be deemed to have been appointed by the Board under this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Orientation Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

UNIFORMS, FLAG AND EMBLEM

1. (1) The Harmony Corps shall have and maintain the following design of Uniforms, Flag and Emblem;
- (a) a pair of Trousers for men and Skirt for women with Purple Shirt and Beret, Jungle cap or 'P' cap, a Sky-Blue Line yard for Field control or action uniform or normal daily duty;
 - (b) the Liberty Uniform shall be a complete starched khaki trousers and Shirt with Sky-Blue collar, background Shoulder flap with design pips (for Officers only) or "GIHN" (for Rank/File only) on it, with the Service Colours at the beginning of the flaps and a pair of leg anklets, belt and Beret, Jungle cap or 'P' cap with the service Colour-designed feathers on the caps, a line yard and the designed hand badge for general dressing;

- (c) the Ceremonial Uniform shall be a complete outfit (a pair of trouser and a jacket), for officers only and the Officers' trouser shall have the service colours adorn the sides. The jacket shall be designed with ceremonial line yard, rank and a belt, a cap with the service designed-colours on it and a pair of black shoes, white hand gloves and a sword by the side;
 - (d) for the Rank and File, the Ceremonial uniform shall be a pair of trouser and a jacket and the trouser shall have the Service colours adorn on the sides. The Jacket shall have a Conical shaped design at the arms, down the sleeves, a ceremonial line yard and white hand gloves, with a pair of black boots and anklets, purple belt, a 'p' cap with the service colour-designed feathers on it for ceremonial functions;
 - (e) the Provost Uniform shall be a complete starched khaki trouser and a Shirt with Sky-Blue collar, a pair of White Leg Anklets, Belt, white crossed belt, white line yard and a beret or white 'p' cap or a jungle cap, with the service colours-designed feathers on it, a badge with the inscription "GP" (Initiative Provost) and the hand badge and a neck moflag with the service colours and the emblem on it, for Provost Personnel only;
 - (f) in addition, a special track suit is designed for Harmony Corps sports personnel, the track suit is purple in colour with the service colour adorn the sides of the trouser and the sleeves of the jacket, running from the neck or shoulders down the arms and round the neck flap and hand or wrist. The Service emblem is also printed on the breast position of the jacket;
 - (g) a special cardigan for Harmony Corps personnel use is also there, it is purple in colour with the Harmony Corps colours running across the 'V' neck, the arms and the down end of the cardigan, to be worn in cold environment or atmosphere; and
 - (h) a hand badge, chest badge are also designed for personnel use to show-case the beauty of the Harmony Corps uniform outfits.
- (2) Officers Uniform from the rank of Harmony Corps Assistant Coordinator (HCAC) and above would always have a collar designed Corgem attached to it in accordance with the prevailing lay down ethics of senior officers' rights, with other Paramilitary Organisations in the country.
- (3) The 'GIHN' cap designs of Officers shall be as follows:
- (a) Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent (HCCS) would always have a silver designed cord in a single crescent form at the front handle, without a wreath surrounding the Harmony Corps emblem and in all the caps worn by these category of senior officers;
 - (b) from the rank of Harmony Corps State Coordinator (HCSC), Harmony Corps State Deputy Coordinator (HCSDC) and the Harmony Corps State Assistant Coordinator (HCSAC) the 'GIHN' cap would always have a designed gold shells in a single crescent form at the front handle with a single wreath surrounding the Harmony Corps emblem and in all the caps worn by these category of senior officers;
 - (c) from the rank of Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator (HCAGC) and the Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator (HCDGC) the 'GIHN' cap would always have a designed goldshells in double crescent form at the

front handle with double wreath surrounding the service emblem and in all the caps worn by these category of officers.

- (d) for the Harmony Corps General Coordinator (HCGC), the 'GIHN' cap would always have a designed gold shells in double crescent form at the handle with triple wreath surrounding the Service emblem and in all the caps worn by the Harmony Corps General Coordinator (HCGC).
- (4) The Flag shall be Green, Sky-Blue and Purple Colours, arranged horizontally from either sides.
- (5) The Emblem of the GIHN shall be the Peace and Harmony sign of "Peace and Harmony" represented with cross 'PH' circled, with two batons on top, connected by a cord, with an Eagle sitting on the cord. Underneath a wreath with the ensigned "Peace and Harmony".
- (6) Any regulation made under subsection (1), need not be published in the Federal Government Gazette but the Board shall cause same to be brought to the notice of all members (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 11

RANKS STRUCTURE

1. (1) The different ranks of superior officers of the Harmony Corps, the precedence and the insignia of each of such rank, shall be as prescribed below:
 - (a) Harmony Corps General Coordinator the device of the Federation, two star and crossed tip staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;
 - (b) Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator — the device of the Federation, one star Star and crossed tip staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;
 - (c) Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator — the device of the Federation, one Bar and crossed trip staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;
 - (d) Harmony Corps State Coordinator — the device of the Federation, and crossed tips taved surrounded by a Laurel wreath;
 - (e) Harmony Corps State Deputy Coordinator — a star, and crossed tip staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;
 - (f) Harmony Corps State Assistant Coordinator — crossed tip staves surrounded by a laurel wreath;
 - (g) Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent — the device of the Federation and a star;
 - (h) Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent — the device of the Federation;

- (i) Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (I) — 3 stars arranged vertically;
 - (j) Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (II) — 2 stars arranged vertically (Substantive rank);
 - (k) Harmony Corps Inspector (I) — one star (on probation/on trial); and
 - (l) Harmony Corps Inspector (II) — one star surmounting a white band on the shoulder trap.
- (2) The different ranks of the Senior non-commissioned officers of the Harmony Corps, the precedence, and the insignia of each of such rank shall be as prescribed below:
- (a) Chief Inspector — 4 horizontal bars arranged vertically;
 - (b) Principal Inspector — 3 horizontal bars arranged (Substantive) vertically;
 - (c) Inspector — 2 horizontal bars arranged vertically (on probation);
 - (d) Cadet Inspector — one epaulette and two horizontal bars (2nd 6 months in training) arranged vertically;
 - (e) Cadet Inspector — one epaulette (1st 6 months in training).
- (3) The different ranks of the Junior non-commissioned officer of the Harmony Corps, the precedence and the insignia of each of such rank shall be as prescribed below:
- (a) Sergeant — 3 chevrons, worn points down; and
 - (b) Corporal — 2 chevrons, worn points down.

RANKS SYSTEM OF THE CORPS WITH INITIALS

1. Harmony Corps General Coordinator (HCGC);
2. Harmony Corps Deputy General Coordinator (HCDGC);
3. Harmony Corps Assistant General Coordinator (HCAGC);
4. Harmony Corps State Coordinator (HCSC);
5. Harmony Corps State Deputy Coordinator (HCSDC);
6. Harmony Corps State Assistant Coordinator (HCSAC);
7. Harmony Corps Chief Superintendent (HCCS);
8. Harmony Corps Deputy Superintendent (HCDS);
9. Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (HCAS-I);
10. Harmony Corps Assistant Superintendent (HCAS-II);
11. Harmony Corps Inspector (HCI -I);
12. Harmony Corps Inspector (HCI-II);

13. Harmony Corps Inspector (HCI-III);
14. Harmony Corps Cadet (HCC-I);
15. Harmony Corps Cadet (HCC-II); and
16. Harmony Corps Cadet (HCC-III) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill Seeks to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, N100, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN), 2004 to provide for an operational framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps to among other things, Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual understanding, Patriotism, for peaceful Co-existence and for Related Matters (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N46, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps in Order to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding, Patriotism, for Peaceful Co-existence and for Related Matters (HB. 12) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps in Order to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding, Patriotism for Peaceful Co-existence; and for Related Matters (HB. 12) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat, and other Supporting Fields; and for Related Matters (HB. 13) (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 Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat, and other Supporting Fields; and for Related Matters (HB. 13)" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 EAR CARE CENTRE, KADUNA FOR THE PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT (ENT) DISEASES, CO-ORDINATION OF RESEARCH IN EAR, NOSE AND THROAT CHALLENGES, TRAINING OF SPECIALIST IN EAR, NOSE AND THROAT, AND OTHER SUPPORTING FIELDS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Establishment, etc. of the National Ear Care Centre***Clause 1: Establishment of the National Ear Care Centre.**

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14. Harmony Corps Cadet (HCC-I);
15. Harmony Corps Cadet (HCC-II); and
16. Harmony Corps Cadet (HCC-III) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

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Agreed to.

Long Title:

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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 National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps in Order to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding, Patriotism for Peaceful Co-existence; and for Related Matters (HB.12) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat, and other Supporting Fields; and for Related Matters (HB. 13) (Committee of the Whole):***

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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)*

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- (c) by resolution of the Board:
 - (i) that he has become unfit to continue as a member of the Board by reason that the member has become incapable by reason of mental or bodily infirmity of discharging his duties; or
 - (ii) that he has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without leave of the Board; or
 - (iii) he has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty, fraud or moral turpitude.
- (5) Where the office of a member becomes vacant, another person representing the same interest, shall be appointed for the remainder of the term for which the vacating member was appointed.
- (6) Any member of the Board other than an *ex-officio* member may, by notice to the Board, resign his appointment (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Duties of the Board.

- (1) The Board shall be the governing body of the Centre and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the Centre, including its public relations.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it shall be the duty of the Board to construct, equipment and operate -
 - (a) the hospital, including the zonal Centres, which is to provide comprehensive services, teaching and clinical research in Otolaryngology;
 - (b) such training schools and similar Institutions as the Board considers necessary for providing the Centre at all times with adequate and sufficient qualified staff, including Otolaryngology, ENT technicians, nurses and members of other allied professions and calling, relevant to the practice of Otolaryngologist.
 - (c) such clinics, units, out-patient departments, laboratories, research or experimental stations and other like institutions, as the Board may consider necessary for the efficient functioning of the Centre.
- (3) The duty of running the Centre conferred by the foregoing subsection shall include, the duty of providing proper courses of instruction for students; but the Board shall not have power to award degrees, but the Board shall not be prevented from arranging for students to attend courses at or take higher qualifications awarded by other institutions not controlled by the Board.
- (4) The Board shall ensure that the standards of treatment and care for patients provided at all establishments controlled by the Board are maintained and the standards of training at those establishment, do not fall below those usually provided by similar establishment of Internationally high repute.

- (5) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power to do anything, which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Powers of the Board in relation to management, etc of the Centre Staff.

The Board shall be responsible for laying down general policies and guidelines relating to the management of the affairs of the Centre, including the management of the hospital and the provision of facilities relating to the training of all categories of ENT personnel and it shall be the duty of the Medical Director to execute such policies and to keep within such guidelines (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: The Medical Director.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Medical Director shall be appointed or removed from his office by the President.
- (2) The Medical Director shall hold office for four year period in the first instance and shall be eligible for reappointment for terms not exceeding three years on each occasion.
- (3) Subject to this section, the Medical Director shall hold office on such terms as to emoluments or otherwise as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (4) The Medical Director shall, in relation to the Board, take precedence over all other members of the Centre, except the Chairman of the Board and any person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Board.
- (5) The Medical Director shall be the Chief executive officer of the Centre and in addition to any other function conferred on him by this Bill, have the general function of directing the day-to-day activities of the Centre (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Appointment, etc., of other staff.

- (1) The senior members of the clinical, administrative and technical staff of the Centre shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of a Committee, to be known as the Appointments and Promotions Committee, set up under the provisions of paragraph 4 (3) of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) The Board shall from among the officers appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section select, on the recommendation of the Medical Director, a person to act both as the Secretary to the Board and to the education Committee.
- (3) The power to appoint all other categories of staff to hold or act in offices in the Centre (including power to make appointments on promotion and transfer and to confirm, dismiss or exercise other disciplinary control over persons holding or acting in such offices), shall be exercised by the Medical Director

acting on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee, constituted under paragraph 4 (b) of the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Composition of the Education Committee.
The Education Committee shall consist of —

- (a) the Medical Director, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) the heads of the departments of the Centre, responsible for training; and
- (c) the persons for the time being holding such offices in the Centre, as the Medical Director may specify (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Functions of the Education Committee.
The Education Committee shall have responsibility for the running of the academic affairs of the Centre including —

- (a) the organisation and control of courses of study at the Centre and of the examinations held in connection with those courses;
- (b) determining the requisite qualifications for admission into any of the courses offered by the Centre;
- (c) determining the duration of the training period; and
- (d) effecting the affiliation of the Centre with Universities and Institutions, for the award of degrees, diplomas or fellowship to students, on the successful completion of the relevant courses (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Candidacy for admission.
Where a candidate offers himself for admission as a postgraduate medical student under this Bill, he shall satisfy the Board that he is a registered Medical Practitioner or that he is on the temporary or provisional register of Medical Practitioners of the Nigeria Medical Council (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Power of the Minister to give directions.
The Minister may give to the Board directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual person or case), with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with the directions, but no direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the duties of the Board under this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Financial provision

Clause 14: Fund of the Centre.

The Board shall establish and maintain a fund into which it shall pay —

- (a) such sums as may be provided, from time to time, by the Government of the Federation or of a State for the Centre; and
- (b) all sums accruing to the Centre by way of fees, gifts, testamentary disposition, contributions from philanthropic persons or organisations or other entities (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Power to borrow.

Except with the approval of the Minister, the Centre shall not have power to borrow money (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Annual estimates and expenditure.

The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister, not later than 31 September in each financial year, an estimate of the income and expenditure of the Centre during the next succeeding financial year (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Accounts and Audit.

The Centre shall keep proper Accounts and audit in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its accounts to be audited as soon as may be, after the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate by a firm of auditors appointed, as respects that year, by the Board from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Fees for services.

The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, prescribe the scale of fees chargeable for hospital services provided by the Centre (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The Centre may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift.

- (2) The Board shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Board under this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Discipline of students.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Medical Director that any student of the Centre has been guilty of misconduct, the Medical Director may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by regulations, direct that —
- (a) the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Centre or make use of such facilities of the Centre as may be so specified; or
 - (b) the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
 - (c) the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) the student be expelled from the Centre.
- (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal from the direction to the Board; and where such an appeal is brought, the Board shall, after causing inquiry to be made in the matter as the Board considers appropriate, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Board thinks fit.
- (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of the foregoing subsection, shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (4) The Medical Director may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Centre as he may nominate.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Centre otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (6) The power of the Medical Director to give direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of any enactment relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists, nurses or members of any other profession or calling (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Removal and discipline of clinical, administrative and technical staff.

- (1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or technical staff of the Centre, other than the Medical Director, should be removed from his office or employment, the Board shall require the Medical Director to —
- (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Board; and
 - (c) if the person in question so requests within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements —
 - (i) for a Committee to investigate the matter and to report on it to the Board; and
 - (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Board, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Board may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of the Board.
- (2) The Medical Director may, in a case of misconduct by a member of staff, which in the opinion of the Medical Director is prejudicial to the interest of the Centre, suspend any such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.
- (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Board; and for the purposes of this section:
- "Good cause" means —
- (a) a conviction for any offence which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Board, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
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- (4) Any person suspended shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension, consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to —

- (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so, on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him); or
 - (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Board shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension; or
 - (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case such person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been withheld), as the Board may determine, and in any case where the Board, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall, before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision, come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.
- (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Board from making regulations for the discipline of students and all other categories of employees of the Centre, as the Board may prescribe.
- (7) Regulations made under subsection (6) of this section, need not be published in the Federal Gazette, but the Board shall bring them to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Discipline of junior staff.

- (1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Medical Director may suspend him for not more than three months and forthwith shall direct the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotion Committee appointed under the provisions of paragraph 3 (b) of the Schedule to this Bill —
- (a) to consider the case; and
 - (b) to make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Medical Director.
- (2) In all cases under this section the officer shall be informed of the charge against him and shall be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself.
- (3) The Medical Director may, after considering the recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss, terminate, retire or down-grade the officer concerned.

- (4) Any person aggrieved by the Medical Director's decision under subsection (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Board to reconsider his case, and the Board's decision thereon shall be final (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Miscellaneous

Clause 23: Exclusion of discrimination on account of religion, race, etc.

No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition to becoming or continuing to be a student at the Centre, the holder of any appointment or employment at the Centre or a member of anybody established by virtue of this Bill; and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the Centre, by reference to any of those matters:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the Centre from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the aforementioned persons, where such person wilfully refuses or fails, on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the Centre reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 24: Annual report.

The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, through the Minister, not later than 30 June in each year, a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the activities of the Board during the immediately preceding year and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Centre for that year and of the auditors' report thereon (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: Interpretation.

In this Bill:

"the Board" means the governing Board of the Centre, established under section 4 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

"Centre" means the National Ear Care Centre, established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

"functions" includes powers and duties (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

"the Minister" means the Minister responsible for health matter (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

"Student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board, for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

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

Clause 25: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the National Ear Care Centre (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

SCHEDULE

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

(Section 4 (6))

Proceedings of the Board

1. Subject to the provisions of this Bill and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for decisions of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of the members of the body and for the person presiding to have a second or casting vote), the Board may make Standing Orders regulating the proceedings of the Board or any Committee thereof.
2. The quorum of the Board shall be three which shall include the Chairman and two other members; and the quorum of any Committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.
3. (1) Subject to the provisions of any Standing Orders of the Board, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman; and if the Chairman is required so to do by notice given to him by not less than four other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen days of the date of the receipt by him of the notice.

- (2) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman of the Board shall preside and if the Chairman is absent, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.
- (3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as a member for such period as it thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph, shall not be entitled to vote and shall not count towards a quorum.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Board shall be summoned by the Minister, who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at that meeting.

Committees of the Board and Education Committee

4. (1) The Board may appoint one or more Committees to carry out on behalf of the Board such of its functions as the Board may determine, but a decision of a Committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.
- (2) The Education Committee may appoint one or more Committees to carry out on behalf of the Education Committee such of its functions as the Education Committee may determine, but a decision of a Committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Education Committee.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Schedule, the Board shall appoint the following Committees —
 - (a) Appointments and Promotions Committee, which shall —
 - (i) consist of not less than five members, including the Medical Director, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee;
 - (ii) be charged with the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment and promotion of the clinical, administrative and technical staff of the Centre and have a quorum of three members;
 - (b) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee, which shall have the powers set out in Section 22 of this Bill.

Employees of the Centre

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

Miscellaneous

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

Education Committee

9. The provisions of this Schedule shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the education Committee; but in relation to the quorum thereof, it shall be as may be determined by the education committee (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Disease in Nigeria (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat Challenges, Training of Specialist in Ear, Nose and Throat, and Other Supporting Fields; and for Related Matters (HB. 13) (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat, and other Supporting Fields; and for Related Matters (HB. 13) and approved Clauses 1 - 26, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

14. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 25 September, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birninwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.56 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker