



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 15 March, 2007

- 1. Prayers
- 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
- 3. Announcements (if any)
- 4. Petitions (if any)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

- 1. Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Youth Development and Justice:
Hon. Saudatu Sani:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Youth Development and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Make Provision for the Prohibition of Sexual Relationship between Persons of the Same Sex, **Celebration of Marriage by them and for Other Matters Connected Therewith**, 2006 (HB. 246)".
- 2. Committee on Marine Transport:
Hon. Emeka Ihedioha:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria and Charged with the Responsibility amongst others, of Determining the Standards of Knowledge and Skill to be Attained by Persons seeking to be Registered Members of Freight Forwarders of Nigeria in accordance with the Provisions of the Act, and for Related Purposes 2007 (HB. 128)".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria (ISPON), 2007 (SB. 39) - *Second Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Act, 2003 in Order to Enhance its Capacity to Provide Protection, Crisis Resolution and Security to Public Infrastructures; and Related Matters, 2007 (HB. 305) — *Second Reading*:

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 3. Special Ad-Hoc Committee:
Hon. Alex Nwofe:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Special Ad-Hoc Committee on the Crisis in the Oyo State House of Assembly and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 8/3/2007*).

Recommendations :

- (0) That the two factions of the Members of the Oyo State House of Assembly should hold a joint sitting in the Chambers of Oyo State House of Assembly with Honourable Adeolu Adeleke presiding as the Speaker;
- (ii) - That the Official Mace in the possession of the group of 18(19) Honourable Members should be used for the joint sitting;
- (iii) That the Honourable Members of the Oyo State House of Assembly reserve the right to effect any change of leadership of the House but that this must be done strictly following due process of law;
- (iv) That upon failure of Members of the Oyo State House of Assembly to resume in a joint sitting to transact legislative business within a reasonable time after this resolution have been communicated to them, the Committee recommends, as a last measure, the invocation of section **11**, subsection 4 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 which empowers the National Assembly to take over the functions of any State House of Assembly when it is unable to perform its functions by reason of the situation prevailing in that State;
- (v) The Police should give Members of the Oyo State Legislature, adequate and non discriminatory protection to perform their legislative functions.

4. Joint Committee on Appropriations, Finance, and Justice:**Hon. Farouk Lawan:**

"That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Appropriations, Finance and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Prudent Management of the Nation's Resources, Ensure Long Macroeconomic Stability of the National Economy, Secure Greater Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operations Within a Medium Term Fiscal Policy Framework, and the Establishment of the Fiscal Responsibility Council to Ensure the Promotion and Enforcement for the Nation's Economic Objectives and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB. 203) and approve the Recommendations therein" (Laid: 8/2/2007).

5. Committee on Appropriations:**Hon. Farouk Lawan:**

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on the Inadvertent Omission of the National Copyright Commission from the 2007 Budget Proposal and approve the Recommendations therein" (Laid: 13/2/2007).

6. Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development and Justice:**Hon. Osita Izunaso:**

"That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Fire Administration and Fire Authority and for Related Matters, 2005 (HB. 198) and approve the Recommendations therein" (Laid: 27/2/2007).

7. Committee on Communications:**Hon. Lekan Mustapha:**

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Communications on a Bill for an Act to Establish Digital Storage Centres, Electronic, Communications and Transactions; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 232) and approve the Recommendations therein" (Laid: 28/2/2007).

8. A Bill for an Act for the Establishment of the Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (SB. 76) (*Committee of Whole: 7/3/2007*).

A BILL FOR AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRATIC AND
LEGISLATIVE STUDIES AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Provisions of the Proposed Bill

*Committee of
Whole*

PART I—ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRATIC
AND LEGISLATIVE STUDIES

Establishment of the Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies.

1. (1) The Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies is hereby established.

(2) The Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies (hereinafter called "the Institute") shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

(3) The Institute shall be located in Abuja.

Functions and Objectives of the Institute

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Institute shall be charged with the responsibility of conducting quality academic and professional research, training and advocacy on democratic governance and legislative practice and procedures. In furtherance of this vision the Institute shall do the following:

(2) In order to realize its objectives, the Institute shall have power to:

(a) conduct periodic short and refresher courses for National and State legislators, legislative staff, committee secretaries and political aides on democracy and good governance;

(b) provide research reports for legislations for either chamber of the National Assembly, their Committees or the drafting units of the National Assembly;

(c) produce independent policy responses to legislations or policies pending before either chamber of the National Assembly;

(d) initiate and encourage legislative drafting courses in tertiary institutions in Nigeria and abroad;

(e) encourage private sector participation and collaborate with national and international organizations on research and training on issues relevant to its mandate;

(f) run and maintain quality and world class libraries and database on the legislative system and democratic governance;

(g) be involved in teaching, training and research on political culture and political development among others;

(h) develop training curricula for schools and tertiary institutions on democracy, legislative practice and procedures, political culture, civics, ethics and political development;

(i) provide training courses on democracy, legislative practice and procedures, political culture and political development;

f) provide internship for scholars;

(k) engage visiting scholars/fellows to participate in its academic research programmes;

(l) provide endowments to enhance the training and teaching offered to its clients;

(m) initiate and execute any project that would help to generate ideas and policies for good governance; and

in) award appropriate professional certificates and testimonials according to the training and teaching offered to its clients.

(3) The Institute shall not through its program, or policies endorse any candidate or any political party for elective office or campaign on behalf of any religious, ethnic or cultural organization.

Governing Council of the Institute/Governing Council of the Institute.

(1) There is hereby established for the Institute a Governing Council (hereinafter called "Council").

(2) The Council is vested with the powers to make decisions and formulate general policies for the guidance of the Institute.

(3) The Council shall consist of the following members:

(a) a part-time Chairman who shall be an experienced legal officer or any eminent Nigerian considered suitable for the office of Chairman;

(b) the Rector, who shall be a professional in the field of Political Science or Law and shall have at least 12 years cognate experience in tertiary institutions;

(c) the President of Nigerian Political Science Association (NPSA);

(d) the President Nigerian Society of International Affairs (NSIA);

(e) the President of National Council of Women Societies, Nigeria (NCWS);

(f) a representative from each of the six (6) geopolitical zones of the country — each representative shall have at least 5yrs cognate experience in legislation and governance;

(g) a representative of the Clerk of the National Assembly;

(h) a representative of the National Assembly Service Commission; and

(i) a representative of the Parliamentary Senior Staff Association of Nigeria.

(2) (a) The Chairman shall hold office for a period of 4 years and may be re-appointed for another term of 4 years;

(b) The Rector shall serve as the Secretary to the Council.

Appointment of Council Members.

4. (1) The members of the Council shall be appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, subject to the confirmation of the Senate.

(2) The members of the Council shall hold office for one term of 4 years; and may be appointed for one more term only.

(3) The office of Chairman, Rector or any member of the Council under this Bill shall become vacant if:

(a) he resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President. Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces;

(b) the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Institute for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect subject to Senate approval;

(c) he is a victim of protracted ill-health or he is severely incapacitated by accident and confirmed by constituted medical board;

(d) he suffers death;

(e) found guilty of financial impropriety; or

(f) he is declared bankrupt.

Establishment of funds for the Institute.

13. The Institute shall manage its fund in accordance with rules made by the Management Board with the general direction of the Council, and without prejudice to the power to make rules under this section, the rules shall contain provisions specifying;

(a) the manner in which the assets or funds of the Institute are to be held;

(b) the keeping of proper accounts and records for the purpose of the fund in such manner as may be safe and effective.

Application of the funds of the Institute.

14. The Institute shall apply its fund to the cost of administration of the Institute, including but not limited to, payment of salaries, gratuities, allowances and fees and the payment of other contracts, consultancies and purchases made for the benefit of the Institute

Estimates of Incomes and expenditure of the Institute.

15. The Rector shall, not later than 30th of September each year, present to the Council for approval an estimate of the expenditures and incomes of the Institute for the next fiscal year.

Annual Budgets of the Institute.

16. The Chairman of Council shall not later than 30th September each year or other date stipulated by law or administrative policy, submit to the National Assembly an estimate of the expenditure and incomes of the Institute approved by the Council for the next fiscal year for incorporation in the Budget of the Federation-

Financial Reports of the Institute.

17. (1) The Rector shall submit to the National Assembly quarterly reports of the Finances of the Institute.

(2) The Chairman of Council shall present yearly report of the activities of the Institute to the National Assembly.

Miscellaneous.

18. (1) The Institute may, subject to the provisions of the Land Use Act and any other applicable law, lease, rent or howsoever acquire an interest in land and other properties and build and maintain offices and premises for its activities.

(2) For the purpose of its administrative and business activities, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply with such modification as necessary to promote the effective realization of the objectives of the Institute.

(3) Subject to provisions of this Act the Council shall have powers to issue subsidiary rules relating to legal liabilities and indemnities of officials and staff of the Institute.

(4) Members of the Council may receive allowances as applies in government agencies and Institutes or as may be stipulated by the Council in accordance with applicable Federal Government regulations.

Interpretation

19. In this Act, except the context otherwise permits —

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Governing Council; "Institute"

means the Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies; "Rector"

means the Chief Executive of the Institute;

"Party" means a political party registered under the electoral law in Nigeria and has participated in national elections.

Citation

20. The Act may be cited as the Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies Bill 2006.

SCHEDULE**SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE INSTITUTE***Proceedings of the Council*

1. Subject to this Act and other applicable laws, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings.
2. The Council shall meet whenever summoned by the Chairman, or if required to do so by at least 4 members of the Council and shall meet 4 times a year on consultation with the Secretary of the Council who shall issue 14 days notice of meeting in writing.
3. The Chairman shall preside at the meeting of the Council but if the Chairman is absent, the members present at the meeting may appoint one of them to preside.
4. The quorum for the Council shall be formed whenever the Chairman and four (4) other members are present at a scheduled meeting. In the absence of the Chairman, six (6) members including the Secretary shall form a quorum. Decisions shall be by simple majority.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee Rules and Business</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.		Thursday, 15 March, 2007	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Internal Affairs	Thursday, 15 March, 2007	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 14 Assembly Complex
3.	Special <i>Ad-Hoc</i> Committee on EFCC (<i>Meeting with EFCC Chairman</i>)	Thursday, 15 March, 2007	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 22 Assembly Complex
4.	Marine Transport	Thursday, 15 March, 2007	12.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 02 Assembly Complex