



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 3 May, 2007

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
3. Announcements *{if any}*
4. Petitions *{if any}*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Adoption of the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Promotion of Maritime Safety and Security, Protection of the Marine Environment, Shipping Registration and Commercial Shipping, Maritime Labour, the Establishment of National Administration and Safety Agency and to Provide for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006: Hon. Emeka Ihedioha:
The Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Promotion of Maritime Safety and Security, Protection of the Marine Environment, Shipping Registration and Commercial Shipping, Maritime Labour, the Establishment of National Administration and Safety Agency and to Provide for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006;

A clean copy of the Report is ready for adoption;

Resolves to adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Bill, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

2. A Bill for an Act for the Establishment of the Institute for Democratic and Legislative Studies and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (SB. 118) *{Adjourned Consideration: 22/3/2007}*.

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:

(17) 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;

(j) 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;

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

(/) provide internship for scholars;

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

(/) 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

(ri) 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.

3. (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 of 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 5 years 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 reappointed 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.

Director-General of the Institute.

5. (1) There shall be for the Institute, a Rector who shall possess appropriate qualifications and cognate experience.

(2) The Rector shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces from a list of three persons recommended by the Council.

(3) The Rector shall hold office for a period of five years and may be re-appointed for another term of five years, as generally applies in similar institutions.

(4) The Rector shall be the Chief Executive and Academic Officer of the Institute and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management and operations of the Institute; and

(5) The Rector shall be responsible to the Council.

The Structure of the Institute.

6. (1) There shall be established for the Institute two (2) Schools of three (3) Departments each namely:

School of Democratic Studies:

(a) Department of Governance, Democracy and Development (GDD);

(b) Department of Public Policy Analysis and Programme (PPAP); and

(c) Department of Social Sciences and General Services (SSGS).

(2) School of Legislative Studies:

(a) Department of Legislative Practices and Procedures (LLP);

(b) Department of Sergeant-at-Arms and Security Services (SASS); and

(c) Department of Information, Publicity and Official Reporters (IPOR).

(3) Each School shall be headed by a Deputy Rector who shall be a professionally qualified person appointed through a competitive process after an open advertisement.

(4) The Rector and the Management Board may approve the creation of more Departments as it may deem necessary to achieve the objectives of the Institute.

Establishment of the Management Board.

7. (1) There shall be established for the Institute a Management Board comprising the Rector who shall act as the Chairman, two (2) Deputy Rectors, Registrar, Bursar, Librarian and six (6) Heads of Department.

(2) The Management Board shall be responsible for general administration of the Institute, particularly recruitment, discipline and promotion of staff.

(3) The Rector and Deputy Rectors shall perform such functions as their counterparts in tertiary institutions.

(4) There shall be positions of Registrar, Bursar, Librarian as contained in Clause 7 (2) whose schedule of duties shall be specified by the Council.

Academic Research Board.

8. (1) There shall be established for the Institute an Academic Board.

(2) The Academic Board shall have the Rector of the Institute as Chairman, Deputy Rectors, Heads of Department and other Senior Academic staff as members.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Academic Board shall advise the Rector on research and training programs as they relate to the objectives of the Institute and the management of Academic staff.

Appointment of staff

9. (1) Staff of the Institute other than those mentioned in the Act shall be employed according to procedure of employment as stipulated by Council.