



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 8 May, 2007

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

PRESENTATION OF BILL

National Inland Waterways Agency **Bill**, 2007 (HB. 307) (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) ~ *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Special Ad-Hoc Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission;**
Hon. Alex Ukam:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Repeal and Re-Enact the Federal Road Safety Commission Act (as Amended) to Establish the Federal Road Safety Commission with Responsibility for Traffic Management, Preventing and Minimising Accidents on Highways and clearing Obstructions **on** any part of the Highways and for Educating Drivers, Motorists and Other Members of the Public generally on the proper use of Highways and to Provide for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2007".
2. **Special Ad-Hoc Committee on the On-going Retrenchment Exercise of Officers and Men of the Nigeria Police Force;**
Hon. Abubakar Bawa Bwari;
"That this House do receive the Report of the Special *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the On-going Retrenchment Exercise of Officers and Men of the Nigeria Police and the circumstances surrounding the exercise".
3. **Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Justice:**
Hon. Saudatu Sani:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Enforcement of the United Nations Conventions on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Purposes Connected Therewith 2007 (**HB. 302**)".
4. **Committee on Commerce:**
Hon. M. S. Dikko:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for An Act for-the Establishment of the National Consumer Credit Regulatory Commission (NCCRC) for the General Regulation of Consumer Credit and Information in Nigeria, Registration of Credit Bureau and Credit Providers, Promotion of Fair Access to Consumer Credit and Economic Empowerment of Nigerians, Prohibition of Unfair Credit Marketing Practices and Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 (HB. 259)".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Consumer Protection Council Act, No. 66 of 1992 to Modify its Composition, widen its Functions and Powers in Order to Provide for a Broader and More Effective Council; and for Related Matters, 2006 (SB. 26) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

2. Joint Committee on Banking and Currency and Justice:
Hon. Clever Ikisikpo:
"That this House do resume consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on Banking and Currency and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Central Bank of Nigeria Act 1991 and to Re-Enact the Central Bank of Nigeria Act and for Matters Connected Therein, 2006 (HB. 250) and approve the Recommendations Therein" (*Adjourned consideration: 3/5/2007*).
3. 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:

(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;

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

(j) 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

(n) 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;^ 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

(0) 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 terra of 4 years;

(p) 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 (/) 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.

(2) Staff of the Institute shall be entitled to benefits under the Pension Reform Act 2004 of Nigeria.

(3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) of this Section shall prevent the employment of a person to any office on temporary or permanent basis on terms which preclude the grant of pension.

Staff regulation.

10. (1) The Council may, subject to the provision of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the employees of the Institute and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such regulations may provide for —

(a) the appointment, promotion and disciplinary control (including dismissal) of employees of the Institute; and

(b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of public officers shall be applicable, with such modification as may be necessary, to the employees of the Institute.

(2) Staff regulation made under subsection (1) of this section, shall not have effect until approved by the Governing Council of the Institute and; when so approved shall be officially Gazetted but the Council shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine.

Financial Provisions.

11. (1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Act.

(2) At the beginning of every budget year, Government shall approve a budget for the Institute.

(3) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established for the Institute:

(a) sums appropriated from the Federal budget for the fiscal year;

(b) gifts and donations and contributions from national and international institutions and philanthropic persons and organizations;

(c) fees charged for services rendered by the Institute.

Powers to accept gifts.

12. (1) The Institute may accept gifts and bequests upon such terms that do not compromise its capability to fulfil its objectives and sustain its non-partisan policy.

(2) The Institute may with approval in writing of the Council, and subject to other guidelines and policies of the Federal Government, borrow such money needed for the exercise of its functions as the Management Board may determine under the Act, provided that such borrowing shall be made on terms that do not compromise the independence and competence of the Institute.

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 Appier 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, 2007.

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.

4. Joint Committee on 'Communications and Justice:

Hon. Lekan Mustapha:

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

5. Committee on Rules and Business:

Hon. Ita Enang:

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Rules and Business on the Review of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 10/10/2006*).

**6. Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Justice:
Hon Saudatu Sank**

"That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Justice on a Bill for an Act to make Provisions 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) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 14/3/2007*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 8 May, 2007	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Pensions (<i>Meeting with AGFand Budget Office</i>)	Tuesday, 8 May, 2007	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex